



Ballarat Regional
Multicultural Council Inc.



Hello from BRMC

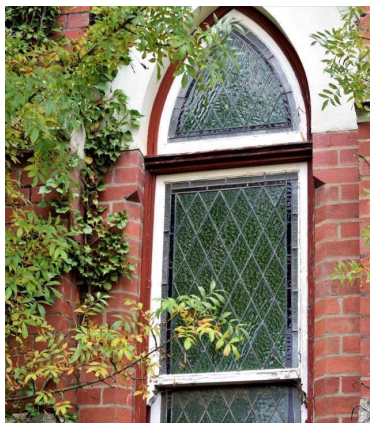
AT THE BALLARAT WELCOME CENTRE



Welcome Centre

Ballarat Welcome Centre is busy and invites inquiries and bookings from members and the community. Here are a few updates from the Welcome Centre

Our final Twilight Market on Friday, 16th of March will launch Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Fest. Please come along and enjoy the evening together. More information is found below.



Heart Space drop in and social centre has opened and you are invited to drop in and visit or inquire about volunteering opportunities. More information is found below.

Architecture Studio Project: Melbourne University Architecture Students will be onsite this weekend to explore design and place making at the Ballarat Welcome Centre. They will provide a presentation at 6:30 on Monday 19 March 2018. You are welcome to Join us for the presentation and discussion.

Artist in Residence at the Ballarat Welcome Centre, **Andrew McIlroy**, will be working in his studio, from March until August 2018. To learn more about Andrew and to view his work visit www.andrewmcilroy.com

Still Life Drawing Classes - Paulo Adiang will run classes on Sunday's at the Welcome Centre. 12 noon until 3pm commencing 11th March 2018. All Welcome!

Coco Sounds commenced choir classes at the Welcome Centre in February 2018. They run three classes per week:

Mini Mona's Choir - children's community choir who perform accapella and accompanied contemporary, world and gospel music for kids aged 18 months to 18 years.
Mondays 4 - 5.30pm

Hanz On Drumming - percussion group open to the community. Focussing on African and Latin rhythms and grooves.
Thursdays 6 - 7pm

Thursday Night Choir - focuses on developing your harmony and rhythmic skills and of course having fun. Sing songs from around the world and of course our own backyard, in a relaxed atmosphere.
Thursdays 7 - 8pm

For more information visit: www.cocosounds.com

Projects and Events

Begonia Festival Parade: Join the BRMC Multicultural float

Begonia Festival Parade will be held on the 12th of March 2018, at Lake Wendouree.

The Begonia Parade is an iconic community event with more than 10,000 people coming to watch local businesses, schools and community groups unite to celebrate Ballarat's diversity and community spirit.

BRMC will be having a Multicultural Float at the parade this year.



Where: Botanical Gardens, Lake Wendouree

Assembly Time: 9 am for rehearsal and judging

Parade Time: 11 - 11.50 am

Meeting point: South garden, corner of Wendouree Pde and Carlton St

Costumes: Traditional dress or Association's uniform and drums, music, flags, colour

Parking: Parking at North Gardens

Date: Monday, 12th March 2018

Contact: Deruka Dekuek

Contact Details:

Office: 03 5383 0613

Mobile: 0411 603 170

Email: d.dekuek@brmc.org.au

Ballarat Welcome Centre - Twilight Market



March Twilight Market

The Ballarat Welcome Centre (previously Sacred Heart Convent) is hosting the final Twilight

Market for the daylight saving period on Friday, 16th March 2018 5:30 - 8pm.

This is a family friendly event celebrating community. There will be multicultural market stalls, entertainment, food, convent tours and much more!

If you would like to have a stall or perhaps perform at one of these markets please contact us at welcome@brmc.org.au or call the office on 03 5383 0613.

A community event not to be missed! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

HEART SPACE



The Ballarat Welcome Centre now has a drop in centre for everyone to enjoy.

Currently Heart Space is open every Thursday from 10am to 2pm and soon to be opened on Mondays.

Come and take a look, enjoy a free tea or coffee, internet access or simply relax and enjoy the warm and inviting atmosphere.

For more information contact Teresa
on 03 53383 0613



Ballarat Ubuntu Breakfast

Be a part of creating a more harmonious community where diversity is celebrated and everyone is welcomed and accepted.

Please join us at a breakfast and learn how Ubuntu philosophy can contribute to a culture of encounter, dialogue, belonging, mutual acceptance and empathy in an increasingly polarized and fragmented world.

Tuesday 20th March 8.30 - 9.30am at the Ballarat Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

For more information contact reception on 03 5383 0613.



Riturnella & Kavisha Mazzella Concert

Presented by the Ballarat Italian Association and BRMC

Kavisha Mazzella AM is an ARIA award winning singer songwriter who has also explored her heritage through Italian traditional song since the late eighties.

The trio will play songs from Kavisha's recent recording of traditional folk songs from all parts of Italy and spanning 600 years of love and betrayal as well as her original songs.

Wednesday, 21st March 6.30pm for 7pm start

The Chapel at the Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria St, Ballarat

Tickets: \$20 / person

Concession card holders: \$15

Children under 12: Free

Book: www.trybooking.com/TZUO

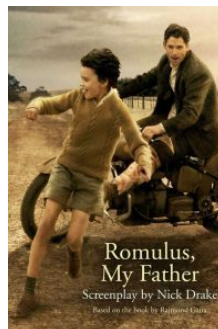


Migrants Morning Tea

Saturday, 17th March at 10am - 12pm
Victoria Park Inclusive Playspace

Welcome to migrants who are keen to have fun, meet new people and be social.

For more information contact:
Mee-Ling Doon, Federation University
03 5327 8089
Deruka Dekuek, BRMC
03 5383 0613
Multicultural Information Place, Ballarat Library
03 5338 6850



Multicultural Film Festival

Presented by the Ballarat Italian Association

The Film Festival will be held at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute - 117 Sturt St, Ballarat.

Film Program:

Saturday, 17th March 2018

10am - Romulus My Father (Australian 2007, 104 min)

1pm - Lemon Tree (Palestinian - Israel 2008, 106 min)

Sunday, 18th March 2018

11am - The Noble Family (Mexican 2013, 108 min)

2pm - The Colour of Paradise (Iranian 2008, 88 min)

**African Cultural Festival**

The Ballarat African Association held a festival of celebration and will be following up with a series of workshops in March and April.

The series of workshops will focus on significant issues affecting the African community and the ways in which they can be addressed.

For inquiries please contact Isaac Moses 0401 684 702

HARMONY FEST

Celebrating Cultural Diversity Week



Promoting the theme All of Us, Harmony Fest 2018 will explode across the city in a celebration of rich cultural diversity. This 10-day community extravaganza of fun, flavour, music and special events will take centre stage from 16 - 25 March.

View the Harmony Fest 2018 Program Here:

http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/media/4230519/harmony_fest_program_2018.pdf

Harmony Fest 2018 celebrations are a chance to learn more about Ballarat's Intercultural community.

Chalk Art Rendition of the Harmony Mandala

The City of Ballarat is kicking off its 2018 Cultural Diversity Week activities a little bit early with an invitation to one and all to contribute to creating large-scale chalk-art renditions of our iconic Harmony Mandala from Friday, 9 March - Sunday, 25 March in the heart of the Ballarat CBD: Alfred Deakin Place at Camp Street, alongside Backspace Gallery behind the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Tuesday - Sunday, from 10am - 1pm and from 3pm - 6pm, ALL ARE WELCOME to join in colouring in this symbol for community diversity and inclusion!

All materials are provided, it's free, and a skilled artist will be on hand to help guide you through the process.

If you're coming as part of a group of more than a half-dozen, contact Deborah Klein on 0407 478 943 or deborahklein@ballarat.vic.gov.au to arrange a convenient time.

Is it just you and a few friends? Then come on down anytime we're open to help bring colour and life to our vision of a unified community committed to harmony through diversity.

We're looking forward to having you join us!



Global Conversation Café Launch

Do you love learning new languages or want to improve your English conversation skills? Are you keen to meet new people in your community? Join us for the launch of the Global Conversation Café.

Chat in different languages, make new connections, and share culture, food and interests in an informal environment.

Featuring a live cultural performance by the Filipino community. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Tuesday, 20th March, 4pm at the Ballarat Library

Places are limited, registration is essential!

Please register [here](https://globalconversationcafe.eventbrite.com.au) or call the Ballarat Library on 5338 6850.



Rock the Block Culture Fest

Rock the Block is a youth-led culture festival that aims to celebrate Ballarat's rich cultural diversity and young local talents.

This free street party will feature four hours of stage performances including headline acts Indigenous HIP HOP Projects and Bortier Okoe & Band as well as local artists Rhiannon Simpson, Butterfunkt and EMBE!

The event will include a range of activities, creative workshops and delicious food offerings.

Sunday 25th March 3pm - 7pm
Federation University, SMB Campus (Lydiard St)



Spot The Arab

The City of Ballarat and Backspace Gallery warmly invite you to join in an exploration of identity through the photographs of John McRae with the opening of his exhibition 'Spot the Arab'.

Spot The Arab, by internationally renowned artist John McRae, is an exhibition that reflects upon issues of religion, race, gender, orientation, nationality and freedom. Visitors are invited to assess and guess the cultural and ethnic backgrounds of the portrait sitters, contemplating who is an Arab, who is not, and what those assumptions mean.

www.johnmcræ.com/spot-the-arab

Opening Thursday, 1st March 6 - 8pm
Backspace Gallery
Huyghue House at Alfred Deakin Place and Camp Street, Ballarat



For more information follow [Harmony Fest on Facebook](#)
or get in contact with Elizabeth Hardiman on lizhardiman@ballarat.vic.gov.au



The Australian National Busking Championships

Saturday, 24th March 2018

This event is all focused on the busker's and allows the public to engage with these talented performers, last year 65 Buskers performed and we are expecting 100 this year with \$10,000 of prize money up for grabs over 7 categories, and in particular a special multicultural award.

This is a community event run by a not-for-profit organisation with 100% of any funds raised being returned to the community via various charities, including, but not limited to, the #SayNO2familyviolence campaign.

We would like to encourage entertainers to enter the championships and represent their cultural background in music/ dance that could be performed on the streets of Ballarat.

Please refer to our website for more details and also registration to enter the Championships
www.buskingballarat.com.au

Quick Program Updates

SETTLEMENT SERVICES



Diversity Homework Club

Diversity Homework Club provides homework support for primary and secondary school students in a supervised venue with trained tutors.

Our Diversity Homework Club is always looking for tutors and students to join in.

Homework Club gets together every Wednesday at the Ballarat Library 4.00pm - 5.30pm during school terms.

If you would like to attend or enquire please contact Deruka Dekuek on 03 5383 0613 or email d.dekuek@brmc.org.au



Community Volunteer Tutors

- The New Year has started beautifully with many new clients registering to be assisted with their English language skills.



- Several community volunteer tutors have offered to contribute their time and services to help migrants with language difficulties.



- Some tutors have had their introductory meetings with their students and are well into planning their lessons.
- All the new tutors will attend an Orientation workshop in March.

SENIOR SERVICES

Special Announcement

Teresa Azzopardi of Senior Services will be acting manager until the position is filled permanently, following the departure of Helen-Lloyd Potter. We thank Helen and wish her well.

Natalie Athayde has joined the Senior Services team two days per week and has been working on Service Plans which is a government requirement for all clients accessing our services. Welcome Natalie!

For more information on senior services please contact Teresa.

Office number: 03 5383 0613

Email: teresa@brmc.org.au



Multicultural Tucker

Our first MCT for 2018 was a great success, with a Valentine's Day theme and a delicious summer menu!

Our senior clients will be exploring a Greek menu on Wednesday 14th March with Mini Spanakopita and Greek Salad, Moussaka served with lemon-roasted potatoes and a delicious Galakitboureke for dessert!

Multicultural Tucker is held every second Wednesday of the month. Around 80 people each time have enjoyed the three-course meal, live entertainment and other treats.



Boat Trip

The first outing for the BRMC Senior's Trip for 2018 was held on Wednesday, 28th February.

What a lovely day in the sun, enjoying one of the many beautiful attractions in Ballarat on the Begonia Princess, Wendouree Lake.



Senior's Social Hub

Social Hub is held every third Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm - 3pm. It is a space where creativity comes to life!

Last month we decorated terracotta pots and shared a lovely afternoon tea. If you would like to come along to the next Social Hub on 20th March, contact our office for more information.

Gold coin entry at the Ballarat Welcome Centre
145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East



Health and Wellbeing

Join us on our next Health & Wellbeing Day on Wednesday, 28th March for fun and friendship. BRMC's Health & Wellbeing Day runs from 10am - 3pm at Mount Xavier Golf & Bowling Club, Fortune Street, Ballarat East.

Enjoy a delicious, healthy morning tea and lunch, and various activities.

\$5 per person, bookings essential on
03 5383 0613.

BRMC's Upcoming Events

Twilight Market

Friday, 16 March 2018

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Ballarat Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East

Enquiries: welcome@brmc.org.au

Senior's Social Hub

Tuesday, 20th March 2018

Multicultural Tucker (Bookings Essential)

Wednesday, 14th March 2018

Health and Wellbeing

Wednesday, 28th March 2018

For bookings or more information contact Teresa on 03 53383 0613

SHARE Forum:

Date: Thursday 22 March 2018

Place: Ballarat Welcome Centre

10-3: Employment Link Up

Enquiries: sec@brmc.org.au 03-5383-0613

REMINDER

It is helpful if we receive RSVP for activities and events. This helps us to deliver a quality service for all. RSVP: 03 5383 0613 or email events@brmc.org.au or info@brmc.org.au



BRMC's Contact Details

We are contactable by **phone** 03 5383 0613 or **email** on info@brmc.org.au and to book spaces on welcome@brmc.org.au.

You can also visit our **Facebook page**: www.facebook.com/brmc.ballarat

Watch this space for our new website launching soon

www.brmc.org.au

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at BRMC or know someone that does please contact

info@brmc.org.au or admin@brmc.org.au. We have various positions available.

**Kind regards,
from BRMC at the Ballarat Welcome Centre**

©2018 Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council | 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East 3350

Like

Web Version

Preferences

Forward

Unsubscribe

Powered by **Mad Mimi®**
A GoDaddy® company