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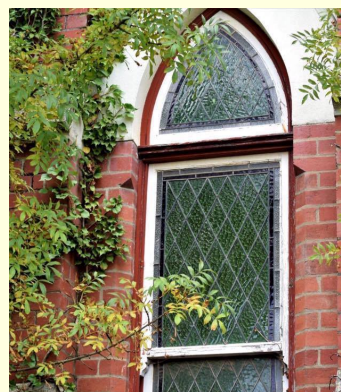
AT THE BALLARAT WELCOME CENTRE

Welcome Centre

Winter greetings to you from BRMC and the team at the Ballarat Welcome Centre. The Centre is warm and active and we invite inquiries and bookings from members and the community. Here are a few updates from the Welcome Centre and notice of forthcoming events in June

Upcoming Events:

Refugee Week
Migrant Morning Tea
Ballarat R.A.R. Guest Speaker
Coco Sounds
Yoga Classes



Past Events

Victorian Multicultural Commission
Community Conversations
Flamenco Dance Lessons
Heritage Weekend
Bus Trip to the Heights Heritage
House and Garden

Projects and Events



atmosphere.

For more information contact Teresa
on 03 53383 0613

HEART SPACE

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

Currently Heart Space is open every
Monday and Thursday from 10am to
2pm.

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

Members Events

Multicultural Events from our members

Lucky Door Prizes

Giveaways

Present...

Italian Republic Day Celebration
Festa della Repubblica

DATE & TIME
Saturday 2nd June 2018
5.00pm to 9.00pm

VENUE
HOUSEY HOUSEY
12 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat Central
3 Course Meal Provided, with Drinks additional at bar prices.

ENTERTAINMENT

An Italian band with 40s, 50s and 60s styles of Tango, Polka and classic Italian music!

COST

Members:	Adult \$35.00	Children \$15.00 (3yrs-12yrs)
Non Members:	Adult \$50.00	Children \$25.00 (3yrs-12yrs)

BOOKINGS
www.trybooking.com/VFGY or www.trybooking.com/372656
Contact: Evie on 0438 290 751 or : cedichiera@bigpond.com

GENERAL ENQUIRIES
Contact: Frank on 0412 547 569 or email: framar25@bigpond.com

Ballarat Italian Association

Ballarat Italian Association is celebrating
Italian Republic Day on Sat 2nd June
5.00 – 9.00 pm at Housey Housey, 12
Armstrong Street North.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/VFGY

General Enquiries:

framar25@bigpond.com

Australian – Croatian Association Stjepan

Radic Ballarat

Is organizing :

Celebration of the Croatian National Day on **Sunday**

17.06.2018 at 12.00 noon

612 Kline Street, Ballarat

Honorable Guests Representatives :

General Consul of the Republic of Croatia from
Melbourne



There will be a scrumptious lunch and great Live Music by Ivica Fonti.

Spit Roast : \$ 30 Pensioners \$ 25

Children under 12 free

For reservations please call : Andrew Horvat

Ph: 03 53569208

Mob : 0419 115 347

Join them - have a good time and feel like home!

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: Orientation Training

The first session of Orientation Training for the 2018 batch of Community Volunteer Tutors was held on 5 May 2018. 20 English Classes Tutors and 4 Homework Club Tutors joined the program



We thank to our fantastic team of tutors and clients for their hard work, time, effort and energy towards making their English tutoring sessions joyful and effective.



The activities at the Orientation Training were:

1. Cultural Competence
2. Adult Learning Styles
3. Session Planning
4. The fun element in Language Learning

SENIOR SERVICES



Multicultural Tucker

The cuisine at our May MCT took us to the beautiful Island of Malta! 75 of our seniors enjoyed a three course meal and were entertained by the vibrant Joe Parks on the piano accordion.

Our seniors will be enjoying a Hungarian Menu on **Wednesday 13th June!**

Enquiries:
Call Teresa 53830163

Social Hub

The last Social Hubs have been a lot of fun for the participants and the BRMC Staff. The seniors have created lovely jewelry, birds out of clay or decorated terracotta pots. Join the next Social Hub, it is a space where creativity comes to life! It is at 145 Victoria Street, East Ballarat, at 1:30 pm to 3 pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 19 June

Tuesday 17 July

Tuesday 14 August

Enquiries:
Call Teresa 53830163



Health and Wellbeing Days

Our next Health & Wellbeing Day will be held on Wednesday 27th June from 10am here at The Ballarat Welcome Centre.

Presentations on Respectful relationships from Senior Rights Victoria and My Aged care by Scott Kerr will be given.

Craig Lee from Ballarat Community

Health will guide our seniors to participate in some light physical activities. We will serve a healthy morning tea and light lunch.

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

Coco Sounds

Four 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.

Monday's 4-5:30pm

Mini Hanz On Drumming – Group drumming and percussion for kids from primary to secondary ages.

Thursdays 4:30 until 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.

Thursday's 7-8pm

<http://cocosounds.com/>

Yoga Classes



Join the Yoga Classes with Shani in the Welcome Centre and help yourself starting in the day fit and balanced.

45 minute classes on
Mondays: 7am; 6pm
Wednesdays: 7am
Fridays: 7am

Artist in Residence

Andrew McIlroy is currently painting in the Welcome Centre. He will be with us until September 2018 and will exhibit at the forthcoming Biennale of Australian Art.

If you are interested to find out more about Andrew, make sure to visit his website:

www.andrewmcilroy.com

Look Out for Opportunities for You!

Ballarat Health Services Consultation Sessions

Our region is growing and the BHS know they need to adapt and expand their services and facilities to meet the health needs of our changing population. They are developing a Masterplan to determine the health infrastructure requirements for the next 30 years, looking at what acute and sub-acute services will be needed now and into the future. BHS have been working with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to understand the viability and possibilities of the Queen Elizabeth Centre site on Ascot Street and the Base Hospital site.

BHS Master Planning Consultation – have your say

- The way delivering healthcare is changing and the physical sites need to adapt to this
- BHS need your ideas, suggestions and questions about what the future of healthcare in Ballarat looks like
- Combined, the Queen Elizabeth Centre and Base Hospital sites provide a full range of health advice and care: from speech pathology to accident and emergency, weight management to cancer treatment.

More information on each session is on the Eventbrite listings:

Lederman Hall **5th June 3.30 – 5.00pm**

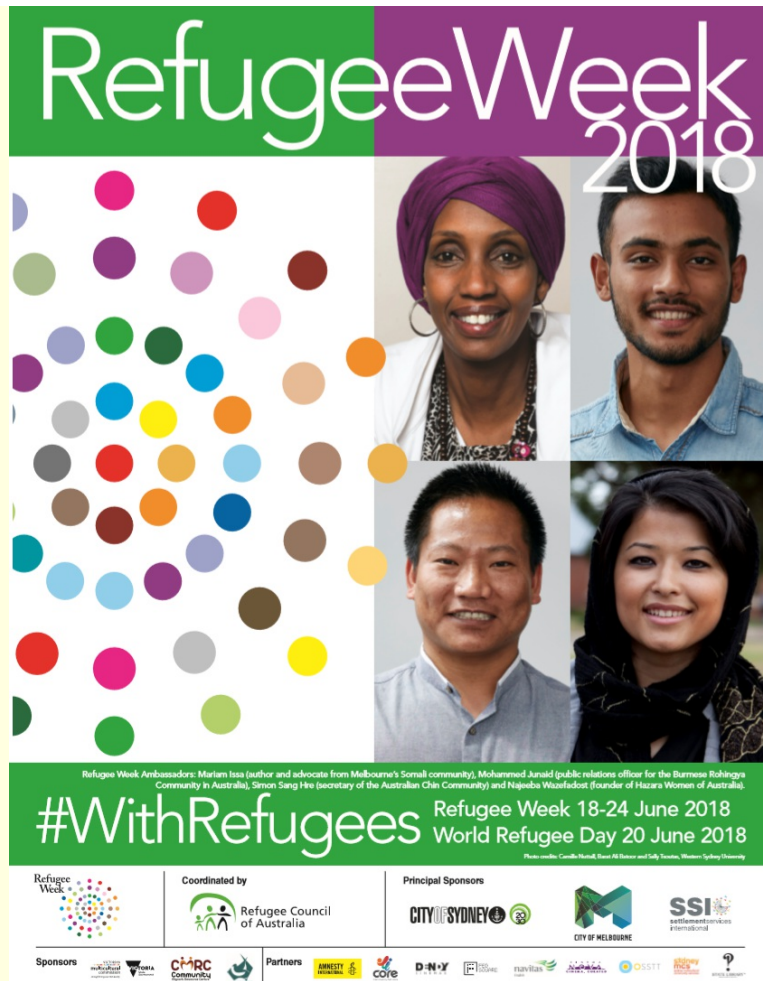
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bhs-master-planning-community-consultation-1-tickets-46275814206>

OR

Lederman Hall **5th June 5.30 – 7.00pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bhs-master-planning-community-consultation-2-tickets-46275891437>

For further information please contact Lee-Anne Sargeant on 5320 6660 or Lee-anne.sargeant@bhs.org.au



Refugee Week – Events and Times

"When history looks back will it to be see them standing alone or will it see we were standing?"

Refugee Week takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20 June. The ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution.

During the Refugee Week 17-23 June 2018, you are able to join a lot of interesting events in Ballarat.

Saturday, 16 June:

Migrant Morning Tea, 10 - 12am, no cost

Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria Street, East Ballarat

For Questions call Deruka 53830613

"See my Humanity" Refugee Art Exhibition Launch, 2 - 4pm, no cost

Pearces Park, Crn Barkley & Gladstone Streets, Golden Point

For Questions call Maureen 0419178152

Sunday, 17 June:

Interfaith Film - "Serenades", 4.30 - 6.15pm, no cost
Ballarat Central Uniting Church, 103 Lydiard Street, Ballarat Central
For Questions call Maureen 0418383802

Monday, 18 June

Civic Flag Raising Ceremony, 11 - 11.30am, no cost
Ballarat Town Hall, Queen Victoria Square

2018 Annual Refugee Week Launch, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Ballarat Town Hall, Trench Room
By Invitation

Wednesday, 20 June

House of Welcome Luncheon, 12.30pm, 20\$ entry
Nazareth House, 218 Mill Street, Lake Wendouree
For Questions call Carmel, 0401175045

Welcome Film Festival Launch - "Human Flow", 6.30pm, Tickets 20\$
Regent Cinema Theatre, 49 Lydiard St, North Ballarat
Bookings Essential: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/5022>

Ballarat R.A.R. Guest Speaker, 7.30 - 9pm, no cost
Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria Street, East Ballarat
For Questions call Margaret 0402498644

Thursday, 21 June

Ecumenical Service with Interfaith Prayers, 5.30pm Service, 6.30pm
Refreshments, no cost
Cathedral Church of Christ the King, 49 Lydiard Street S, Ballarat

Saturday, 23 June:

"It Takes Courage" Book Launch, 1 - 3pm, no cost
Ballarat Art Gallery, 40 Lydiard Street N, Ballarat
Bookings Essential: <https://it-takes-courage.eventbrite.com.au>

Welcome Film Festival: "The Staging Post", 3.30pm Welcome,
Tickets 20\$, for Members 15\$
Regent Theatre, 49 Lydiard Street N, Ballarat
Bookings Essential: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/5022>

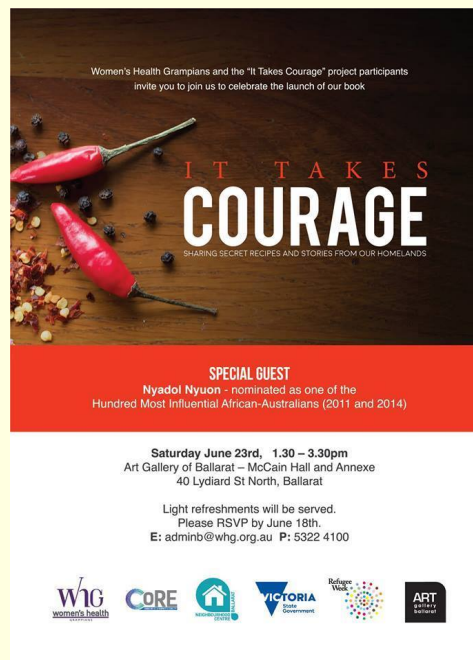
Ballarat City Football Club - Diversity Round 2018, 10\$ Adults, 5\$ Children
5.30pm VIP Celebration, 5.45pm Opening Ceremony, 6pm Game Start

Morshead Park Stadium, Pleasant Street, Redan

The Yoga Classes of Shani are also happening in Refugee Week each day at 7am, for more information read it under "Quick Program Updates".

Family Violence Prevention:

For more information about the event on **Thursday 21 June** in Ballarat Community Health Centre please contact Tashkah: tashkahl@bchc.org.au



It Takes Courage

Announcing the "It Takes Courage" - Book Launch!

This book was conceived and developed through a project of the Grampians Communities of Respect and Equality (CoRE) Alliance, which seeks to achieve a safe, equal and respectful society for everyone.

The It Takes Courage project set out to empower women from refugee, immigrant and Aboriginal backgrounds to share their lived experiences through food and culture.

This book is a unique collection of recipes and stories that embodies humanity, love and survival. It respects and celebrates diversity and highlights what unites us.

The launch is on **Saturday 23 June**, if you want to join, get tickets on: <https://it-takes-courage.eventbrite.com.au>

Suicide Prevention Workshop

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Midlands Golf Club – Heinz Lane, Ballarat North VIC 3350 on **Wednesday 11 July 2018 from 9am – 1.30pm.**

The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide, and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. The training is open to community members aged over 18 years. There is no charge to attend the workshop and Morning Tea will be provided. Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance as well as support materials after the workshop.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-half-day-workshop-ballarat-vic-tickets-46555243988>

New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program Ballarat 2018

The New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program offers a rich development experience with long-lasting benefits for participants and the wider community. Late applications may be accepted up until 7 June. Inquiries to welcome@brmc.org.au

Program launch: Friday 27 July, evening

Program days 9:30am-3:30pm (all sessions):

Saturdays 28 July, 18 August

8, 15 & 22 September

6 & 20 October

Program evenings:

Thursday 16 August; Friday 14 September | 6:00pm-9:00pm

Program graduation:

Saturday 20 October

Top Past Events

A Community Conversation in Ballarat

16 May 2018

The Victorian Multicultural Commission held a community consultation in the Welcome Centre. Over 80 community members attended to discuss critical issues with the Commissioner, Sonia Vigniviec and her staff team.



Flamenco Dance Lessons

19 & 20 May 2018

Aya Kitaoji of Senes Flamenco spent a weekend in the Welcome Centre, teaching Flamenco to beginners. It was a great and spinning experience for all dancers and we are sure the magical spark of Flamenco jumped over to the participants



Heritage Weekend

26 & 27 May 2018

The Heritage Weekend in the Welcome Centre was a great success. 102 people of all ages went on tours and 44 enjoyed a morning tea together. "Sisters of Mercy", BRMC and Ammon Beyerle from Here Studio architects guided the visitors through the convent and past students told some interesting stories about their time in the grown old house. The quote of a visitor sums it up perfectly: "It feels like a reunion, bringing everyone together!"



Bus Trip

Our seniors were delighted to visit The Heights Heritage House and Garden in Newtown Geelong on Tuesday 29th May. We spent a lovely day exploring The Heights, which was erected in 1854 and is the largest dwelling of its kind in Victoria. The Heights was prefabricated in Hamburg, Germany.

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



Update about the Welcome Centre

The improvements all around our convent continue and we are happy bringing the building back to its former glory.

Some current work:

The old carpets from second floor in the central corridor were being removed. Initial drawings of a commercial kitchen and an all access bathroom have been submitted.

Furthermore we are working on new emergency plans.

The Melbourne University Architect Students are in final stages of their Master Plans for the convent. We are really looking forward to their presentations and await great changes.



BRMC 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

We often need a helping hand and are very grateful for every volunteer. We have various positions available and everyone can get a perfect fitting task to help people.

At the moment we have a lot of volunteers, who are helping at the reception or attending events. If you are interested in volunteering at BRMC or know someone that does please contact info@brmc.org.au or admin@brmc.org.au.

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

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