



## Welcome Centre

We are now moving towards the end of the year and what a fantastic year it has been so far. We have invited members to a meeting and dinner on 25th October to discuss and plan for 2019. The Ballarat Welcome Centre will be closing on 7th December and there are plenty of activities scheduled until then.

The Welcome Centre is currently hosting a number of BOAA ART exhibitions. BOAA is the largest ever showcase of living Australian artists and the six week event is taking place between 21 September - 6 November 2018.

## Forthcoming Events

- Women of the World
- Anti-Racism Action Plan Workshop
- Garage Sale
- WEstjustice Employment Law Community Education Showcase
- General Meeting and Dinner
- Diwali - The Festival of Lights
- Interfaith Friendship Walk
- Metropolis Conference Visit
- House of Welcome Garden Party
- Annual General Meeting
- Interkultura



## Events in Review

- WEstjustice Employment Law Train the Trainer Program
- New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program NECLP 2018
- Sweet Mona's and Chime Choir Concert
- Ballarat Italian Association Commedia Dell'Arte

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## Projects and Events

## Good Governance

Helping community organisations be their best.

BRMC will be the local host in 2019 for the Good Governance Program.

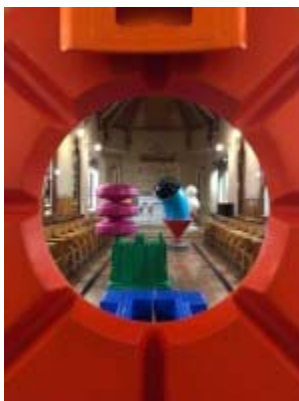
The initiative matches trained volunteers skilled in governance with small community organisations. These volunteers act as mentors over 12 months, working with the entire governing committee to empower the organisation.

Good Governance is hosted by community leaders such as local councils and community development organisations, and it's free for community groups to take part. Mentors work directly with your organisation, making sure you get the individualised support your organisation needs to overcome challenges and reach your goals.

Are you interested in taking part in Good Governance as a participating group or mentor? For more information contact Ann at the BRMC Office on 03 5383 0613 or email [info@centreforparticipation.org.au](mailto:info@centreforparticipation.org.au)

## BOAA Exhibition

Biennale of Australian Art (BOAA) is touching down in Ballarat. A wide range of exhibitions are being hosted at the Ballarat Welcome Centre throughout BOAA ART 2018.



Louise Paramor - VIC



Micheila Petersfield - TAS



Winsome Jobling -  
NT

Artists exhibiting at the Ballarat Welcome Centre:

- [Louise Paramor](#) - Victoria
- [Winsome Jobling](#) - Northern Territory
- [Danish Quapoor](#) - Queensland
- [Suze Van Der Beek](#) - Tasmania
- [Nicci Haynes](#) - Australian Capital Territory
- [Jenny Crompton](#) - Victoria
- [Matjanka \(Nyukana\) Norris](#) - South Australia
- [Deanne Gilson](#) - Ballarat
- [Micheila Petersfield](#) - Tasmania



**21st September to 6th November**

Opening hours: 10am to 5pm

145 Victoria St, Ballarat East - enter King St side

To find out more about BOAA visit [www.boaa.net.au](http://www.boaa.net.au)

# Women of the World!

You are invited to join us for our version of  
a Spring Carnival celebration for...



## Women of the World!



Enjoy a picnic in the garden.



Bring your hat, hijab or headscarf to decorate for our Spring Carnival fun fashion parade!  
Join our discussions about Australian law and relationships.

**Saturday 13th October, 9.30am to 4pm**

Ballarat Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

This is a FREE event suitable for women aged 16+

Please RSVP by Wednesday 10th October – maximum of 30 can attend.

Ph: Lesley 03 5338 9156 or email [shiree@bchc.org.au](mailto:shiree@bchc.org.au)

## Anti-Racism Action Plan Workshop

You are invited to attend the Anti-Racism Action Plan - Regional Community-based Initiatives Development Workshop.

The Anti-Racism Action Plan will explore how diverse communities can experience racism and racial discrimination and the ways in which the Victorian Government can prevent and better respond to these experiences.

This workshop is facilitated by the Australian Multicultural Foundation in partnership with Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council.

Participants are encouraged to attend the morning workshop and lunch if you cannot attend the full day.

Date: **Monday 15th October**

Morning Session: 10am to 12.30pm (community information and discussion)

Afternoon Session: 12.30pm to 3.30pm (planning)

Venue: Green Room, Ballarat Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

RSVP: Deruka Dekuek by Wednesday 10th October [d.dekuek@brmc.org.au](mailto:d.dekuek@brmc.org.au) or 03 5381 0613

## Garage Sale

Saturday 20th October, 9.30am to 1pm

The Ballarat Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Enquiries: 0438 871 503



**The "no trash,  
but plenty of treasures"**

# Garage Sale

Saturday October 20th,  
9.30am to 1pm.  
The Welcome Centre  
145 Victoria St,  
Ballarat East.

Women's clothing (mostly size 12), shoes and accessories. Kitchen & homewares, linen, children's clothing, camping gear, art and photography books, DVDs and loads more!

A fundraiser for:  
- refugee & immigrant women setting up an exciting new Ballarat business - "A Pot of Courage", following on from the success of their book "It Takes Courage", and  
- the BRASSN - Ballarat Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Network

Enquiries: Ph 0438 871 503

**w/g** women's health  
GRAMPIANS

**BRASSN**  
BALLARAT REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT NETWORK

**Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council**  
**BRMC**

## WEstjustice Employment Law Community Education Showcase

BRMC has been proud to be the local partner with WEstjustice in delivering employment training on employment law.

Eight community leaders and community workers from newly arrived and refugee communities living, working and studying in the Ballarat and Wimmera region have been undertaking the 2018 WEstjustice Employment Law Train the Trainer program. This program is run with the generous support of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship.



Come along to the Showcase to hear more about the program, meet the community



leaders, learn about employment laws in Australia and be introduced to the tailored education resources and legal services available to assist newly arrived and refugee communities to improve employment outcomes.

**Tuesday 23rd October, 2pm to 4pm**

Ballarat Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

This event is free and light refreshments will be available.

Please register on Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/employment-law-community-education-showcase-westjustice-tickets-49932551606](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/employment-law-community-education-showcase-westjustice-tickets-49932551606)

If you have any questions please contact Tarni Perkal on [tarni@westjustice.org.au](mailto:tarni@westjustice.org.au) or 03 8387 1607

## General Meeting and Dinner

Members are invited to attend a general meeting and dinner.

**Thursday 25th October at 6.30pm**

Ballarat Welcome Centre

Green Room, 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Please RSVP to [events@brmc.org.au](mailto:events@brmc.org.au)

## Metropolis Conference Visit

**Wednesday 7th November**

BRMC will host international delegates and guests of Settlement Services International at the Ballarat Welcome Centre.

## Annual General Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday 20th November, 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

Ballarat Welcome Centre - 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Formal notices will be sent soon.

## Interkultura

A free regional amateur football tournament for people from all backgrounds.

Teams of 8 - 12 players. Age groups 12 - 15 yrs and 16 yrs - open.



Date: March 2019 (exact date to be confirmed in the near future)

Location: Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility

Registration by invitation only.

Please submit expressions of interest to Elisabeth: [interkultura@brmc.org.au](mailto:interkultura@brmc.org.au)  
or 03 5383 0613

## Heart Space

The Ballarat Welcome Centre drop-in centre is here for everyone to enjoy.

Currently Heart Space is open every **Monday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm** at 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East (enter King St side).

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

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## Member Events

Multicultural Events from our members

### Diwali - The Festival of Lights

Diwali, The Festival of lights is one of the biggest festivals celebrated in India and around the world.

This Diwali celebration is for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. Come along with family and friends to get together and enjoy a day dedicated to cultural programs, food and much more.

Date: **Saturday 27th October**

Time: 5pm to 9pm

Venue: Coinda Centre, 10 Learmonth Road, Wendouree

Book tickets online: [www.trybooking.com/YBNT](http://www.trybooking.com/YBNT)

Individual: \$6

Children under 12 years: Free

### Interfaith Friendship Walk

Held by the Ballarat Interfaith Network & Jewish Christian Muslim Association.



Come along and spend an afternoon walking together in friendship and goodwill between Ballarat's Mosque, Jewish Synagogue and Greek Orthodox Church.

Beginning at the Islamic Mosque in Elsworth St East, Canadian we will walk together to the Ballarat Hebrew Congregation Synagogue Bakery Hill and then the Greek Orthodox Church Humffray St North. Through prayers of peace, reflection and informative talks, we will learn about some of the history and traditions of each of the places we visit.

- Water will be available en-route.
- A brief Community Safety address will be given by Ballarat Community Police.
- At the walks' conclusion, refreshments will be served at the Greek Orthodox Church.

### **Sunday 28th October, 2pm to 5pm**

Meeting Place & Planned Walking Route:

2.00pm - Islamic Mosque, 116 Elsworth St East, Canadian

3.30pm - Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, Cnr Princes & Barkly St South, Bakery Hill

4.20pm - Greek Orthodox Church, 116 Humffray St North

5.00pm - Conclusion

For catering purposes, please register your attendance at: <http://bin-icma-friendshipwalk.eventbrite.com.au> or contact Margaret on 0400 650 234

## **House of Welcome Garden Party**

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea of cakes and sandwiches served in a garden setting while you are entertained. Plant sales, mini auctions, face painting, lucky dips and more.



When: **Sunday 18th November at 2pm**

At 4pm: Drawing of the family holiday in Victor Harbour, SA

Where: 30 Waller Ave, Newington

Entry: \$20

For enquiries contact 0401 175 045 / 03 5332 2103 / [annekav123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annekav123@yahoo.co.uk)

# 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.

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](mailto:d.dekuek@brmc.org.au)



### Volunteer Tutors Needed

Deruka is looking for Volunteer Tutors in Physics, Chemistry and Biology for Homework Club.

If you are interested or know anyone that can help, please contact BRMC on 03 5383 0613.

## Senior Services

### Multicultural Tucker

The cuisine at our September MCT took us to Croatia MCT September 2018 the beautiful country of Croatia! A total of 92 attendees (including 82 Seniors) enjoyed a three course meal designed by one of our Croatian Seniors, and were entertained by the vibrant Joe Parks on the piano accordion.

The October Multicultural Tucker is only a few days away. Our seniors will be enjoying a Filipino Menu on **Wednesday 10th October!**

To find out more about Tucker or if you are eligible for Senior Services, contact Teresa on 03 5383 0163.

### Social Hub

Our Social Hub continues to remain popular! Our Seniors enjoyed the choice of activities on offer: from painting, clay sculpting to making jewellery.





We invite you to come along to the next Social Hub - it is a space where creativity comes to life!

Located at the Ballarat Welcome Centre in Heart Space - 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East.  
1.30pm to 3pm on the following dates:

**Tuesday 16th October**

**Tuesday 20th November**

If you have any enquiries please call Teresa on 03 5383 0163

## Health and Wellbeing Day

We held a successful Health & Wellbeing Day on 6th September, with nearly 30 Seniors attending. There were two excellent presentations on Living with Dementia by Dementia Australia and Stroke Awareness. Two of our Seniors were empowered to share their experiences of having a stroke and the impact on their lives.

Health and Wellbeing Day  
September 2018

Our last Health & Wellbeing Day for 2018 will be held on **Wednesday 28th November** from 10am here at the Ballarat Welcome Centre, with presentations from the CFA and the Ballarat Library. We will serve a healthy morning tea and light lunch.

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

## Mini Bus Trip

In 2017, Senior Services identified a need to develop a new service for consumers who live with mobility limitations and are not eligible to attend Senior Services Bus Trips for consumer safety reasons.

We held the first of these trips on 26th September with 6 eligible Seniors. The itinerary involved a tour of the Creswick Woollen Mills with morning tea on arrival, and a fashion parade, followed by lunch at the Creswick Farmers Arms.



Mini Bus Trip September 2018

For more information, please call Teresa on 03 5383 0163.

## Telelink - various cultural groups

This service provides vital social interaction for isolated Seniors from the comfort of their home, enabling them to connect to others by phone for a friendly conversation. We currently run a Maltese and Filipino Telelink service, and are planning to expand to other cultural groups including Hungarian.

If you know someone who might benefit from this service or you would like more information please contact Teresa on 03 5383 0163.

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## Yoga Classes

Specialising in Hatha, Vinyasa and Sports Recovery, definitely no experience needed. Classes will suit beginner and intermediate yogis, all classes are relaxing, easy going and fun.

Classes are **\$10** and **\$7** for members of BRMC and CMY, students and Sebastopol Football Club members.

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/878511605664592/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/878511605664592/)

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## Look Out for Opportunities for You!

### Your Life Your Way - A Self Advocacy Feast

Are you a person from an ethnic background with a disability or do you support a person with a disability from an ethnic background?

Join Diversity and Disability (DnD) a Self Advocacy group for people with disability from different cultures to talk about self advocacy and you.

#### Shepparton

When: Wednesday 10th October, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: Shepparton Masonic Centre, 161 Welsford St, Shepparton

How to book in: Call Janet on 0418 114 558 or email [janetcurtain@hotmail.com](mailto:janetcurtain@hotmail.com)

#### Broadmeadows

When: Friday 19th October, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Where: Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre, 1093 Pascoe Vale Rd, Broadmeadows

How to book in: Call Maryanne on 0414 759 175 or email [maryanne75@live.com.au](mailto:maryanne75@live.com.au)

Call Julie on 0401 398 208 or email [julie\\_s@mrcnorthwest.org.au](mailto:julie_s@mrcnorthwest.org.au)

## National Unity Week Community Welcome Dinner



Welcome to Australia invites you to join their flagship National Unity Week Melbourne event on 26th November.

In partnership with the Welcome Dinner Project, they are hosting a Community Welcome Dinner at their home in Melbourne, Siteworks. The dinner will provide an opportunity for people from all walks of life and different cultures to eat together, share delicious food, make new connections and celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

Each adult should bring a favourite dish or one traditional to their culture to share, “pot luck style”, with the other people who will be seated at their table. Guests will be asked to share a short story about their dish as a way of introducing themselves to their table mates.

Featuring entertainment from the Djirri Djirri Dance Group and Tamil Arts Australia, this will be a beautiful night and one not to be missed!

Date and Time: **Friday 26th October, 6pm to 9pm**

Location: Siteworks - 33 Saxon St, Brunswick

Entry is FREE and everyone is invited. Places are limited, so register now to book your seat!

REGISTER HERE NOW: [wlcmmelb.me/eattogethermelbourne](http://wlcmmelb.me/eattogethermelbourne)

We are also encouraging groups and communities to host their own Eat, Walk, Learn or Play Together events, so if you would like to find out more, and register your own event, please visit [nationalunityweek.org.au](http://nationalunityweek.org.au)

## Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund

Applications now open

The Victorian Government is inviting applications for its new \$9.5 million Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund.

Culturally diverse community groups, organisations and regionally based associations are encouraged to apply for projects that build new facilities, improve or restore existing infrastructure, or increase security and improve accessibility for communities.

The new funding stream will offer large and small grants to support projects commencing in the 2018-19 financial year.

This includes an opportunity for community groups to apply for up to \$10,000 towards the purchase or upgrade of depreciating assets such as fridges and microwaves.

### How much?

There are two streams of funding available:

- Small - Requests between \$500 - \$100,000 will be considered for minor fitouts or upgrades to existing community facilities.
- Large - Requests between \$100,001 - \$750,000 will be considered for major upgrades of existing facilities or towards the construction of new facilities.

### Who?

To be eligible for funding, an organisation must:

- Be a not-for-profit entity registered under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) or the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)
- Have a current Australian Business Number (ABN)

### When?

**Applications close 11.59pm, Friday 22 February 2019.**

Applications and expressions of interest can be submitted at any time allowing organisations to undertake sufficient planning of their projects.

### Where?

Find out more about the program and eligibility, or make an application at [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund)

## Saver Plus

Saver Plus assists individuals and families on lower incomes to build assets and improve financial capability, and has supported thousands of lower income earners to develop a lasting savings habit.



Saver Plus will match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs. *To join Save Plus you must meet criteria.*

For more information contact Sue Ogilvie on 03 5333 8602 or [sue@bgt.org.au](mailto:sue@bgt.org.au)  
Website: [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

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## Top Past Events

- WEstjustice Employment Law Train the Trainer Program
- New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program (NECLP) 2018
- Sweet Mona's and Chime Choir Concert
- Commedia Dell'Arte
- Migration Law Seminar
- My Health Record information and awareness sessions

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## 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 [welcome@brmc.org.au](mailto:welcome@brmc.org.au) or [info@brmc.org.au](mailto:info@brmc.org.au)

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## BRMC Contact Details

Phone: 03 5383 0613

Email: [info@brmc.org.au](mailto:info@brmc.org.au)

Book spaces: [welcome@brmc.org.au](mailto:welcome@brmc.org.au)

Address: 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East VIC 3350



BRMC Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/brmc.ballarat](http://www.facebook.com/brmc.ballarat)

Watch this space for our new website launching soon - [www.brmc.org.au](http://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 find the perfect position to suit them.

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

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



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