



## November 2018 Newsletter

# Ballarat Welcome Centre



BRMC is in the final stage of negotiating relocation of the Ballarat Welcome Centre to Barkly Square in 2019.

Be sure to check our December Newsletter, website and social media for updates about an Open Day, 2019 markets and events.

## Forthcoming Events

- **7 Nov** - Liveable Diversity Regional Roundtable
- **9 Nov** - The Liveable Diversity Summit (Melbourne)
- **14 Nov to 9 Dec** - Her Place Exhibition
- **17 Nov** - Migrant Morning Tea
- **18 Nov** - House of Welcome Garden Party
- **20 Nov** - BRMC Annual General Meeting
- **22 Nov** - BRMC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon
- **25 Nov** - Monument Quilt Workshop
- **March 2019** - Interkultura



## Events in Review

- Women of the World
- Anti-Racism Action Plan Workshop
- Garage Sale
- WEstjustice Employment Law Community Education Showcase
- General Meeting and Dinner
- National Unity Week Community Welcome Dinner
- Book Launch: La Nostra Storia - The Story of Italians in Ballarat
- Diwali - The Festival of Lights
- Interfaith Friendship Walk
- BOAA ART 2018

## Opportunities

- Good Governance
- VMC-ABC Internship Program
- Interpreters Training and Scholarships
- Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund
- Run for a Cause 2018
- My Health Record
- Saver Plus
- Gambler's Help
- Talking Democracy Kit

## Liveable Diversity Regional Roundtable

**Ballarat Welcomes Metropolis Delegates on Wednesday 7th November**



Victorian regional experiences and stories will be presented and visitors will be invited to bring their experience and perspectives to the discussion.

**Date:** Wednesday 7th November at 11am

**Venue:** Ballarat Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

## The Liveable Diversity Summit

**Melbourne, Friday 9th November**

The panellists and contributors have a wealth of experience and knowledge of international and domestic migration and diversity. You are welcome to attend this Summit.



**Date:** Friday 9th November at 9.30am

**Venue:** Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000

**Cost:** The event is free but places are limited and registration is essential.

**Register here:** [shop.monash.edu/liveable-diversity-summit.html](http://shop.monash.edu/liveable-diversity-summit.html)

## Her Place Exhibition



Her Place Women's Museum Australia is proudly supported by the Victorian Government.  
This exhibition has been supported by the City of Ballarat.

### Eureka Centre

102 Stawell Street South, Ballarat

14 November - 9 December 2018

Open 7 Days, 10am - 5pm

This FREE exhibition honours the lives and contributions of women throughout Victoria.

Presented for the first time in Ballarat, Her Place tells the stories of ten women from across Victoria who have contributed to Australian society in a broad range of ways.

It celebrates the work, achievements and historical significance through video interviews, biographical accounts and personal artefacts.

Many of the women featured in the exhibition have been inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

### Official Launch: Wednesday 14th November, 6pm - 8pm

Official launch by the Hon Jaala Pulford MLC

Minister for Agriculture

Minister for Regional Development

RSVP: Friday 9 November, 2018

Book here: [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=440550&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=440550&)

### Professional Development: Thursday 22nd November, 4pm - 5pm

FREE Professional Development workshop for Primary and Secondary Teachers, Educators, Students and Parents/ Carers of students.

This workshop will focus on:

- Respectful Relationships Education
- Integration of Gender Equality strategies into your classroom and curriculum

Book here: [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=440562&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=440562&)

FREE curriculum-linked education resources are also available.  
To access, go to [herplacemuseum.com](http://herplacemuseum.com)

## Migrant Morning Tea

17th November - 10am to 12pm at the Ballarat Library



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

HAVE FUN  
MEET NEW PEOPLE  
BE SOCIAL  
SHARE STORIES

# MIGRANT MORNING TEA

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
10AM-12PM  
BALLARAT LIBRARY  
DOVETON STREET NORTH

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MEE-LING #5327-8085  
CHRISTINE #0459-812-854  
IC DESK LIBRARY #5338-6850

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## House of Welcome Garden Party

House of Welcome is hosting a garden party to support refugees, and local people and families, who are seeking asylum. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea of cakes and sandwiches served in a garden setting while you are entertained.

Special guest speaker, Celtic band and Irish dancers, singers and musicians, plant sales, mini auctions, face painting, lucky dips and more.

**Win a family holiday for up to 6 people for 3 nights in lovely Victor Harbour, SA.**

Tickets available now and on the day.



## GARDEN PARTY

supporting refugees, and local people and families, who are seeking asylum.

Special Guest Speaker

Celtic Band and Irish Dancers

Singers and Musicians



**Start time:** 2pm, Sunday 18th November

**At 4pm:** Drawing of the Family Holiday in Victor Harbour, SA

**Where:** 30 Waller Ave, Newington

**Entry:** \$20

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

## BRMC Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 20th November 2018

**Time:** 6.00pm for refreshments and 6.30pm for AGM Business

**Venue:** Ballarat Welcome Centre Green Room, 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 21st November 2017
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Executive Officer's Report
7. Election of Executive Committee Members for 2018/2019
8. Appointment of Auditor for 2018/2019

Following the AGM business please join members and friends for light refreshments, guest speakers and entertainment.

**Guest Speakers:** Mandy Macdonald and Mark Schultz - Write your own story.

Please respond to [admin@brmc.org.au](mailto:admin@brmc.org.au) or 03 5383 0613 by 15th November to confirm your attendance and any specific food requirements for catering purposes.

## BRMC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon



We are delighted to invite all BRMC volunteers to a luncheon on **Thursday 22nd November from 1pm - 3pm** at the Ballarat Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria Street.

BRMC take this opportunity to express our appreciation. It's going to be a great day with wonderful food and live music!

Please RSVP by 15th November to Teresa at [teresa@brmc.org.au](mailto:teresa@brmc.org.au) or 03 5383 0613.

[View Luncheon Invitation](#)

## Monument Quilt Workshop

In recognition of International Day to Stop Violence Against Women, a workshop is being hosted to create a fabric square, inspired by the US Monument Quilt Project initiated by art collective, FORCE: Upsetting rape culture.

During the workshop, you will have a chance to work with a supportive community to add your personal experience to the quilt, and join the movement to create a public, healing space. You can sew, paint, write, or even iron your story or message of support onto a piece of red fabric. This is a free 3 hour workshop, supported by City of Ballarat through the curating program for Backspace Gallery. No experience is required.

**Date:** 25 November 2018

**Time:** 10am - 1pm (Morning Tea provided)

**Cost:** Free

**Who:** Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Abuse and Supporters

**Where:** Coco Room, Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East

**Facilitator:** Art therapist, Monica Finch



The squares will be exhibited in March 2019 at BEYOND 50%: ART AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, an exhibition that explores art made for social change.

Numbers are limited so please RSVP to [beyond50percent@gmail.com](mailto:beyond50percent@gmail.com), phone Felicity on 0407 227 865 or book online at [www.cachecurating.com/events/monument-quilt-workshop](http://www.cachecurating.com/events/monument-quilt-workshop)

## Interkultura



BRMC, in partnership with Ballarat City Football Club and Melbourne Victory FC are planning a free amateur intercultural football (soccer) tournament for early March 2019. Teams will be invited from western and regional Victoria for this inaugural event. Originally planned for October 2018, please look out for more information as the date draws closer.

For more information please contact Elisabeth on 03 5383 0613 or [interkultura@brmc.org.au](mailto:interkultura@brmc.org.au)

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## Events in Review

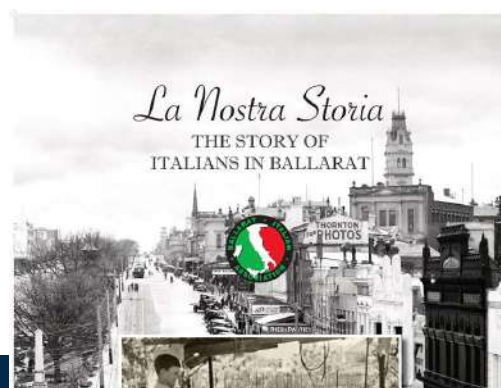
### Multicultural Events from our members

## Book Launch: La Nostra Storia - The Story of Italians in Ballarat

BRMC EO, Ann Foley, was delighted to attend and witness the launch of La Nostra Storia, an important chronicle of the Italian contribution to regional Victoria.

The Ballarat Italian Association is commemorating their ancestral history with a new book, La Nostra Storia - The Story of Italians in Ballarat, launched on 26th October at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute.

Author and Journalist Jan McGuinness skilfully weaves the stories of more than fifty individual



settlement experiences into the growth and development of Ballarat since the Eureka Rebellion.

"La Nostra Storia is a story of adventure, success and resilience. It is a story of contribution and creativity, successful immigration and intercultural enrichment."  
- *Chez Dichiera (President of the Ballarat Italian Association)*



The book is available for purchase in Ballarat book shops.

## Diwali - The Festival of Lights

BRMC congratulates The Ballarat Indian Association on its 2018 Diwali celebrations that took place on Saturday 27th October 2018. The event was a fantastic success with lively music, performances, Bollywood dancing, food and more enjoyed by the community of Ballarat. More than 350 people took part in the celebrations, which featured more than 100 performers.



## 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





## Volunteer Tutors Needed

**We need tutors for 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



At our October MCT clients enjoyed a delicious three-course Filipino menu that was generously prepared by members of the Filipino community, and the fortunate people who celebrated birthdays in October were treated to a beautiful massive cake baked by a Filipina client.

In total we had over 100 attendees that included 91 Seniors.

The November Multicultural Tucker is only a few days away - **Wednesday 14th November** - and will feature German cuisine!

To find out more about Tucker or if you are eligible for Senior Services, contact Teresa on 03 5383 0613.

### MCT Newsflash!

#### Multicultural Tucker is MOVING TO A NEW VENUE

Venue will now be the **Victoria Bowling Club** (231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East).

**November MCT will be held at the new venue.**

For more information or bookings call Teresa on 03 5383 0613

### Multicultural Tucker - Xmas Tucker

**Wednesday 12th December**

\$10 per person, bookings essential - call Teresa on 03 5383 0613.

## Health and Wellbeing Day

Join us for our Health & Wellbeing Day on **Wednesday 28th November**, starting at 10am 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.

[View November Flyer](#)

## 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 0613.

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# Look Out for Opportunities for You!

## Good Governance

**Helping community organisations be their best.**

In 2019 BRMC will be the local host 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 Hemraz at the BRMC Office on 03 5383 0613 or email [info@centreforparticipation.org.au](mailto:info@centreforparticipation.org.au)

## VMC-ABC Internship Program

**Applications now open**

The Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) is calling on young journalists and storytellers from culturally diverse backgrounds to apply for the VMC-Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Internship Program.

Funded by the Victorian Government and coordinated by the VMC in partnership with ABC, the paid internship program will help young people with on-the-job training across the state over 12 weeks, including rotations in ABC's metro news production, metro radio and regional teams.

This internship will also serve as an important platform to report on issues for culturally diverse communities, talk about their experiences and bring perspective to media narratives to better reflect Victoria's diversity.

VMC will also offer additional support to each successful candidate with a skills audit and the establishment of career development goals, as well as supervision and mentoring opportunities.

Find out more and make an application or forward to a budding young storyteller you know - [jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1362149](https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1362149)

**Applications close Monday 12 November 2018.**

## Interpreters Training and Scholarships

The Victorian Government supports training opportunities for interpreters and translators to improve the supply, quality and use of language services for Victorians.

### 2019 Interpreter Scholarship Program

The Victorian Government is offering scholarships to students who are accepted into the 2019 Diploma of Interpreting or Advanced Diploma of Interpreting at RMIT University to study interpreting in one of the following languages:

#### Diploma of Interpreting

Albanian, Amharic, Assyrian, Burmese, Chin Haka, Dinka, Hazaragi, Hindi, Indonesian, Karen, Macedonian, Malay, Nepali, Nuer, Oromo, Polish, Punjabi, Samoan, Somali, Swahili, Tamil, Thai, Tigrinya, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese

Find out more about the [Diploma of Interpreting](#)

Download a copy of the [Diploma of Interpreting Guidelines](#)

#### Advanced Diploma of Interpreting

Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Polish, Spanish, Tamil, Turkish, Vietnamese

Find out more about the [Advanced Diploma of Interpreting](#)

Download a copy of the [Advanced Diploma of Interpreting Guidelines](#)

## Professional Development Program for Interpreters and Translators

The Victorian Government has engaged Monash University to deliver the 2017-2019 Professional Development Program (PDP) for Interpreters and Translators.

The PDP provides opportunities for practicing interpreters and translators to extend their skills, and meet the professional development requirements to revalidate their accreditation with the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI).

The PDP comprises short courses delivered in specialist areas such as: interpreting for health, mental health, education, family violence, and legal settings, as well as interpreter ethics and stress management.

Find more information about upcoming courses and make an application at [artsonline.monash.edu.au/translation-interpreting/short-courses/](http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/translation-interpreting/short-courses/)

## 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.

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)

## Run For a Cause 2018

### Interested in Volunteering?

Ballarat Foundation proudly presents Run for a Cause 2018 to be held on Sunday 18th of November. The cause this year will be food security in Ballarat.

Over 200 community volunteers are needed to make the 2018 Run for a Cause a successful event.

Volunteers to assist with road marshalling, drink stations, medallion presentations, and promotion of the event. All volunteers will be provided with appropriate training and



recognition for their efforts, as well as generous offers from our sponsors.

No experience is necessary, and we invite volunteers of all ages and physical abilities as we need assistance in a variety of roles.

If you would like to be involved, express your interest and register here:

[run4ac.org/register-as-a-volunteer/](http://run4ac.org/register-as-a-volunteer/)

## My Health Record

In 2018, all Australians with a Medicare Card will receive a My Health Record, unless they opt out.

SCoA is working with the Australian Digital Health Agency to make sure Australia's newest residents are aware of the My Health Record and their rights with respect to opting out of having a My Health Record created for them this year.

Once they have a Medicare card, any migrant (including eligible temporary visa holders) will automatically receive a My Health Record later this year, unless they choose to opt-out. It is therefore crucial that new arrivals understand the implications of having a My Health Record and the option of opting out.

Following recent developments, including efforts to enhance privacy features of the My Health Record and supporting legislation, the federal government has extended the opt-out period to 15 November 2018.

It is important that anyone who chooses to opt out does so before that date, however if a person later decides they do not want to have a record, they can always cancel their record.

### What information is available?

We encourage all members and stakeholders to visit the My Health Record website for up-to-date information - [www.myhealthrecord.gov.au/](http://www.myhealthrecord.gov.au/)

### Settlement Sector Webinar

In October 2018, SCoA and the Australian Digital Health Agency hosted a webinar specifically for the settlement sector. You can access a recording of the webinar here - [youtu.be/53XbsFX7zYo](https://youtu.be/53XbsFX7zYo)

## 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 Saver 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)

## Gambler's Help

If you or someone you care about is experiencing problems with gambling, help is available. All Gambler's Help services are free and confidential.

There are many ways to get support including:

- Face to face counselling - Available on a one-off or ongoing basis. Contact CAFS Ballarat on 03 5337 3333
- Financial counselling - Financial counsellors can help you address financial problems related to gambling. Contact CAFS Ballarat on 03 5337 3333
- Phone support - You can call Gambler's Help 24 hours a day, seven days a week for information, advice and counselling. Call 1800 858 858
- Online support - Email or chat live with a counsellor 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visit [gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://gamblinghelponline.org.au)
- Peer Support - Support from others who have gone through similar issues. Call 1800 858 858
- Help yourself - Self-help tools can help you build your confidence and work through your concerns in your own time, at your own pace. Visit [gamblershelp.com.au](http://gamblershelp.com.au)

## Talking Democracy Kit

Ensure your students have right vocabulary to navigate the November 2018 State election with the Victorian Electoral Commission's free educational resource Talking Democracy.

This civic education kit aims to build students' awareness and understanding of Australian democratic processes.

Produced in partnership with Carringbush Adult Education, the Talking Democracy kit revolves around a conversation between English language student, Mohammad, and Sonia from the Victorian Electoral Commission. It explores how to enrol and vote correctly.

This dialog is in video and written format and supported by detailed learning guides for teachers and students. Topics covered include:

- keywords and concepts associated with the electoral process
- the three levels of government in Australia
- voter eligibility - that all Australian citizens aged 18 and over must enrol and vote
- how to enrol to vote
- how to update your details if you move address or change your name
- how to vote correctly

Talking Democracy is suitable for use in a wide range of educational contexts, including for students of English as an Additional Language (EAL), schools, colleges, neighbourhood houses and other community learning settings.

Access the kit at [www.vec.vic.gov.au/SchoolsAndCommunity/TalkingDemocracy.html](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/SchoolsAndCommunity/TalkingDemocracy.html)

To request a hard copy, contact our Education and Inclusion Team on 131 832 or email [education@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:education@vec.vic.gov.au)



## 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 5383 0613

## Yoga with Shani

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

BRMC yoga classes will commence next term.

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

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

## Share Your Events in Ballarat Times News Group

Do you have any events that you would like to share in the Community Corner section of the Ballarat Times News Group paper? Community Corner is for not-for-profit and community groups.

All events must be submitted on a weekly basis for consideration.

Deadline for submissions is 11am Thursday before publication.

Email your submissions to [alistair@timesnewsgroup.com.au](mailto:alistair@timesnewsgroup.com.au)

## 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)



Volunteering

We often need a helping hand and every volunteer is valued. We have various positions available and everyone can find the perfect position to suit them.

Currently we are looking for **Home Visiting** volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering at BRMC, or know someone who is, please contact Teresa on 03 5383 0613 or [teresa@brmc.org.au](mailto:teresa@brmc.org.au)

Visit our website for more information: [www.brmc.org.au/get-involved](http://www.brmc.org.au/get-involved)

## BRMC Contact Details

### Ballarat Welcome Centre

145 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Phone: 03 5383 0613

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

### BRMC Facebook Page

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

**Our new website is now live!**

Visit [www.brmc.org.au](http://www.brmc.org.au)



## Thank You

A big thank you to BRMC Staff, Volunteers, Executive Committee, Members, Partners and everyone who has supported us throughout 2018. We acknowledge and value your time, assistance and dedication.