



February 2019 Newsletter

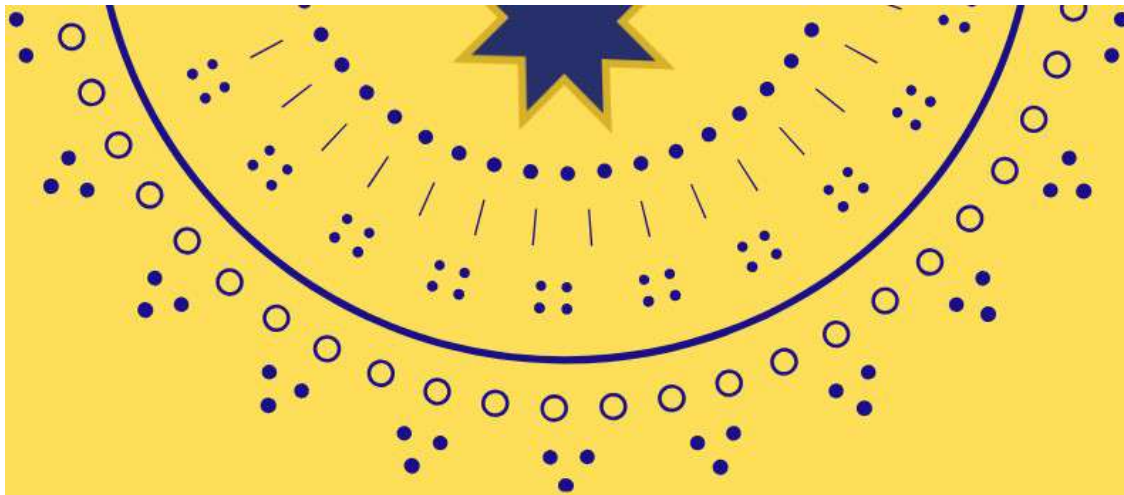
Ballarat Welcome Centre

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year.

BRMC has re-opened and we are settling into the new office space at 25-39 Barkly St.

We warmly welcome you to join BRMC on the 15th February to our first Twilight Market (members mini market) at Barkly Square. You will have a chance to see our new location and the opportunities it brings to you, and learn about some events to come this year.

We look forward to seeing you there, hearing your ideas, listening to your stories and sharing food with you!



BALLARAT WELCOME CENTRE

TWILIGHT MARKET

5PM- 7PM | 15 FEBRUARY

25-39 BARKLY STREET BAKERY HILL, VIC 3354
PARKING VIA 17 PRINCES STREET SOUTH BAKERY HILL, VIC 3354



Ballarat Regional
Multicultural Council Inc.

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Ballarat Welcome Centre Fundraising Campaign Launch

On Friday 1st February 2019 BRMC celebrated the launch of the Ballarat Welcome Centre Fundraising Campaign on at the Ballarat Town Hall, including the announcement of our first Intercultural Variety Concert fundraising event.

Ballarat Regional
Multicultural Council

Intercultural Variety Concert 2019

Saturday 16 March

| 7.30pm

Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts

Geoffrey Williams' Daylesford Soul

Choir

Little Brass Band

Chinese Drummers

Lion Dancers

Traditional Indian Performers

Filipino Dancers

Ballarat Grammar Pipe Band

Piano duets

Christine Heald and Prudence Hare

Enduring Classics

'Liza Minelli'

Tickets \$30 / \$25 Concession / \$15 Child u18
Funds raised will directly support the Ballarat Welcome
Centre to purchase a grand piano for intercultural music
events

Tickets available online at www.wcpa.com.au

Buy Tickets

The campaign will raise funds for the new Ballarat Welcome Centre piano and a "piano-meter" will measure donations made. You can buy a piano key for \$250.

The launch was attended by the City of Ballarat Mayor Samantha McIntosh, VMC Commissioner Sonia Vignjevic, Councillor Belinda Coates, BRMC EO Ann Foley, BRMC Chair Chez Dichiera, Bernard Capicchiano, Bronislaw Sozanski, Maria Sozanski and

members of the City of Ballarat Cultural Diversity Team.



Chinese New Year



BRMC sends best wishes for the Chinese New Year with good health, good luck and happiness throughout 2019.

The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place.

The Pig is associated with the Earthly Branch (地支 - dì zhī) hài (亥), and the hours 9 - 11 in the night. In terms of yin and yang (阴阳 - yīn yáng), the Pig is yin. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth. Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well.

Forthcoming Events

- **15 Feb** - Members Mini Twilight Market at Ballarat Welcome Centre
- **8 Mar** - Dark Side of the Rainbow Workshop
- **12 & 13 Mar** - Welcome Reception and Rural and Regional Migration Forum
- **15 Mar** - Twilight Market at Ballarat Welcome Centre
- **16 to 25 Mar** - Cultural Diversity Week Harmony Fest Program
- **16 Mar** - Intercultural Welcome Lunch

- **16 Mar** - BRMC Intercultural Variety Concert at Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts
- **21 Mar** - Ecumenical Harmony Week Service at Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King
- **24 Mar** - ROCK the BLOCK 2019
- **12 Apr** - Twilight Market at Ballarat Welcome Centre

Events in Review

- Ballarat Welcome Centre Fundraising Campaign Launch
- Interkultura
- World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebrations
- Art Bikes Ballarat

Quick Program Updates

- Migration and Settlement Services
- Migrant English Program
- Senior Services

Opportunities & Items of Interest

- Begonia Festival Parade - **Join BRMC**
- Good Governance
- Victorian Community Care Education and Training Service Webinars
- 2018-2019 Community Impact Grants Program
- Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund
- The Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program
- Saver Plus
- Gambler's Help
- Financial Literacy

Forthcoming Events

Dark Side of the Rainbow

Friday 8th March 2019, 9am - 4pm

Professional Development Day hosted by Ballarat & Grampians Community Legal Service.

For more information and to buy tickets visit myothercloset2019.weebly.com

DARK SIDE OF THE RAINBOW

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Understanding the LGBTI+ Community and Family Violence

Friday March 8, 2019

9am - 4pm

The training incorporates a performance of the emotional and acclaimed show
My Other Closet, The Cabaret

Event information can be found at:

<https://myothercloset2019.weebly.com/>

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Rural and Regional Migration Forum

Tuesday 12th March 2019, 5.30pm - 7pm

Welcome Reception at Horsham Town Hall

Wednesday 13th March 2019, 9am - 4pm

RURAL AND REGIONAL
MIGRATION FORUM

**12 & 13
MARCH 2019**

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Horsham Town Hall

Welcome Reception
Tuesday, 12 March
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Rural and Regional Migration Forum
Wednesday, 13 March
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Invitation and program to follow

SAVE THE DATE

Intercultural Welcome Lunch

Saturday 16th March 2019, 11am - 1pm



Previously a 'migrant morning tea', this lunch encourages mingling, networking and friendships.

Location: Sebastopol Library, 181 Albert Street, Sebastopol VIC 3356

This is a free community event.

Bookings essential: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/harmony-fest-2019-intercultural-welcome-lunch-tickets

Ecumenical Harmony Week Service

Save the Date

Thursday 21st March 2019, 5.30pm

Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Ballarat

Events in Review

Interkultura

BRMC and Ballarat City Football Club (BCFC) partnered to support pathways to participation and engagement for emerging migrant and refugee communities from Ballarat, Bendigo, Nhill, Horsham, Shepparton, Melton, Geelong & Dandenong through an inaugural, friendly football tournament, INTERKULTURA.

The tournament was held on Saturday 9th February 2019 at the Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility.



Congratulations to INTERKULTURA 2019 Champions... Australian Rohingya Soccer Club and well done to all the other teams who made the inaugural tournament a fantastic success on and off the pitch.

Article from The Courier: [Soccer promoting community inclusion for migrant communities](#)

World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebrations

Member Event

On Monday 4th February 2019 the Ballarat Interfaith Network began celebrations for World Interfaith Harmony Week with a flag raising event, opposite the Ballarat Town Hall.

Article from The Courier: [Ballarat Interfaith Network begins Harmony Week](#)



Art Bikes Ballarat

BRMC designed and created this fantastic piece of art in collaboration with talented artist and engineer Zlatko Balazic for Art Bikes Ballarat.



Art Bikes Ballarat enlivened the Ballarat CBD and surrounds in association with the 2019 FedUni National Road Championships cycling extravaganza hosted by the City of Ballarat from 4 - 8 January 2019.

You can see this art bike, along with 11 others, until Sunday 17 February at the Backspace Gallery - 15 Camp St, Ballarat.

The bikes will also be displayed throughout the year during events such as the Begonia Festival.

Quick Program Updates

Migration and 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 3.30pm - 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



Volunteer Tutors Needed

We are looking for tutors in all subjects for Homework Club.

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

Migrant English Program

Community Volunteer Tutoring

Trained volunteer tutors assist BRMC in providing help with the English Language for people who have migrated to Australia. The program provides Individual Tuition for Eligible Clients.

Want to get **FREE English tutoring**?
Register for the BRMC Migrant English Program!

Want to give back to the community?
Become a community volunteer tutor! Register and receive FREE training.

For more information please contact Sara on 03 5383 0613 or email mep@brmc.org.au

Senior Services

Multicultural Tucker

We began the new year with a Valentine's Day theme for February MCT.

Next month senior clients will enjoy a Greek three-course menu.

Wednesday 13th March at 12pm

Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Multicultural Tucker is held every second Wednesday of the month.

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



REMINDER

Multicultural Tucker is now at the **Victoria Bowling Club**
231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East

Social Hub Picnic

Tuesday 19th February, 12pm - 3pm

Buninyong Botanical Gardens



Come along for some fun in the sun and a picnic sausage sizzle at the Buninyong Botanical Gardens.

Cost: \$5

Bookings are essential!

To book please call Teresa or Natalie on 03 5383 0613.

Health & Wellbeing Day

Wednesday 27th February, 10am - 2pm

Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Stay safe this summer with presentations by the Country Fire Authority along with an informative presentation by the Ballarat Library. Back by popular demand is Shani with chair based yoga.

Cost: \$5



To book please contact Teresa or Natalie on 03 5383 0613.

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.

Opportunities & Items of Interest

Begonia Festival

Join BRMC in the 2019 Begonia Festival Parade

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

Date: Monday 11th March 2019

Parade Time: 11am – 12pm

Location: Lake Wendouree (South Gardens to North Gardens)



If you are part of a community group that is interesting in joining BRMC please contact Deruka Dekuek on 03 5383 0613 or d.dekuek@brmc.org.au

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 GoodGov@brmc.org.au

Victorian Community Care Education and Training Service Webinars

Swinburne University of Technology are offering free Education and Training Service Webinars.

Stroke

11am, Thursday 21 February - presented by the Stroke Foundation
[Click here for more information and to register for the Stroke Webinar](#)

Diabetes

2pm, Tuesday 26 March - presented by Diabetes Victoria
[Click here for more information and to register for the Diabetes Webinar](#)

Webinars will run for one hour. Allow 90 minutes in your calendar for any questions.

2018-2019 Community Impact Grants Program

Local not-for-profit community organisations are being encouraged to apply for funding through round three of the City of Ballarat 2018-2019 Community Impact Grants program.

The grant program is a great opportunity for community groups to apply for funding for projects, equipment upgrades, community or neighbourhood-based events or even ideas that need an injection of funding to become a reality.

Applications are now open online and close Friday 1st March 2019.

In the first six months of the 2018-2019 program, more than \$110,000 has been granted to 26 local not-for-profit community groups.

For more information on the Community Impact Grant Program, go to ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/grants to download a copy of the 2018-2019 guidelines and access the online application form or call the City of Ballarat on 5320 5500.

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

The Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program

The Community Street Soccer Program, known as Street Soccer, is a fun and exciting initiative of The Big Issue that uses the power of sport to change lives.

The heart of Street Soccer is weekly training sessions held across Australia. Participants get together in a safe and non-threatening environment, allowing them to get fit, make new friends and seek support and advice.

We encourage people of all backgrounds and cultures to come down and get involved, meet some new people and improve their health and wellness. You don't need any experience or equipment to get involved so come down and give it a try on a Tuesday or contact Emilie for more information.



Morshead Park, Pleasant St South, Redan

Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Contact: Emilie Carey - ballaratcoordinator@bigissue.org.au

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
Website: 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
- 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

Financial Literacy

CAFS Ballarat financial counselling program offers Financial Literacy for groups. Financial literacy helps develop skills and knowledge to allow an individual to make informed and effective decisions with all of their financial resources.

If you have a group that would be interested in receiving financial literacy, please contact CAFS Financial Counselling team at CAFS on 03 5337 3333. This is a free service.

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

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 or 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 need **Home Visiting** volunteers and **Tutors**.

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

Visit our website for more information: www.brmc.org.au/get-involved

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