



BRMC Newsletter - May 2019

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council

BRMC sends greetings to all members and partners. We acknowledge also that many of our friends and members are fasting at this time of Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. Ramadan Mubarak!

Our services are fully operational at Barkly Square and we have been delighted to host member meetings in the BRMC meeting room as well as community events in the Barkly Square community spaces and café.



BRMC invites all members to join a community discussion and supper with acclaimed Australian writer, Arnold Zable, next **Thursday 23rd May 6pm - 8pm**: Gambling - Empowering the Vulnerable to Fight Back. Also come along to the Ballarat Welcome Centre Working Bee and lunch on **Saturday 25th May 9am - 1pm**. Contact Teresa at our office on 03 5383 0613 to register for both of these May events or just come and contribute what you can and enjoy the company of other BRMC members and friends.

Autumn colour and rain have been beautiful this month and winter months are coming but Ballarat is not deterred. See below a series of May multicultural events. Ballarat's full Refugee Week calendar of events and fundraisers between 16 to 23 June will be featured in the June Newsletter. Including the Intercultural Lunch, Refugee Welcome Zone Flag Raising, Welcome Film Festival, Interfaith Service and a Nepalese Feast.

Ballarat Welcome Centre Fundraising Campaign

BRMC's fundraising campaign for purchase of a grand piano for the Ballarat Welcome

Centre is steadily accumulating funds. You can be part of this campaign by purchasing a piano key for \$250 or team up with a family or group of people to purchase a piano key. A piano meter is measuring donations made and donors will be acknowledged publicly at the Ballarat Welcome Centre.

Forthcoming Events

- **18 May** - 2019 Federal Election (assisting the CALD community)
- **18 May** - Upendo Musical Benefit
- **18 May** - "Barry Versus Kelly" Musical Drama
- **21 May** - Live Well in Healthy Mind and Body (FAABI Workshop)
- **23 May** - Public Forum on Gambling at Barkly Square
- **25 May** - Ballarat Welcome Centre Working Bee
- **25 to 26 May** - Ballarat Heritage Weekend - BDIA Display
- **26 May** - Ballarat Choral Festival 2019
- **26 May** - Telugu Language Classes
- **31 May** - Skill Up! Workshops by Arts Law at Art Gallery of Ballarat
- **10 to 23 Jun** - Without a Roof: The Homeless - Photo Exhibition by Neil Para
- **15 Jun** - Refugee Week Intercultural Lunch
- **16 to 22 Jun** - Refugee Week
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- **27 Jun** - David Nyuol Vincent Tells His Story

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Forthcoming Events

2019 Federal Election

Saturday 18th May

The federal election will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019. The AEC has been working to make sure that people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities have access to a range of information and services to make sure they know when and how to vote.

If you or someone you know needs help this federal election, you can:



- Call 1300 720 153 to speak to a telephone interpreter about the election and voting.
- Find information on how to vote correctly in 29 languages as well as a range of easy read guides on the AEC's translated information page www.aec.gov.au/translated.
- Ask for help from a polling official when you go to vote, there will be 'how to vote' information available in 29 languages at every polling place.
- Look out for polling official who speak another language if you are voting early or on election day. They will be wearing in-language name badges.

Upendo Musical Benefit

Saturday 18th May 2019, 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Join an all-star cast to help raise funds for the ongoing costs of Upendo Children's Home in Tanzania.

NUER DANCERS

SWEET MONA'S CHOIR

GEOFFREY WILLIAMS

THURSDAY NIGHT CHOIR

HANZ ON DRUMMING

performing in a

MUSICAL BENEFIT

IN AID OF THE

UPENDO

Children's Home, Tanzania

2:30PM, SATURDAY 18TH OF MAY 2019

BALLARAT NORTH BOWLING CLUB

402 GREGORY ST, BALLARAT NORTH

ADULTS \$25 - U14 FREE

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BCDMF

ENQUIRIES: ANTHONY - 0458 312 533

AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE



generous help would be much appreciated.

Book now: www.trybooking.com/BCDMF

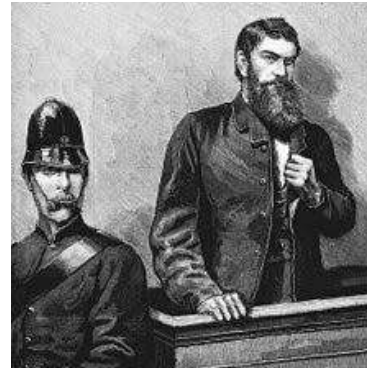
For more information contact Anthony on 0458 312 533.

"Barry Versus Kelly" Musical Drama

Saturday 18th May, 6.30pm

This wonderful musical drama performance "Barry Versus Kelly" is one of the many events showcasing during the month long festival "Plate Up Ballarat". It will be followed by an optional "Plate Up Dinner" hosted at Learmonth's Café Sidra.

This musical drama by Felix Meagher (with additional music by Lou Hesterman and Cyril Moran) is about the trial and execution of Ned Kelly in November 1880.



Barry Versus Kelly focuses on the confrontation between Ned and the Judge, Sir Redmond Barry who is haunted by Ned's last words to him. "I will see you where I go." Barry is fiercely determined to see Irish rebels like Ned Kelly punished, but he fears he might be making a martyr out of Ned.

Buy tickets now: www.stickytickets.com.au/83038/barry_v_kelly

Live Well in Healthy Mind and Body

Member Event

Tuesday 21st May 2019, 10am - 12pm

Hosted by Filipino Australian Association Of Ballarat Inc. (FAABI)

Location: Carmel Walsh Presbyterian Church, 263 Albert St, Sebastopol

This is a workshop for Filipino women living in the Central Highlands region.

The aim of the project is meet and assist other Filipino women who are on their own or new in the area.

For more information contact Sherley Hart on 03 5338 1266.

Public Forum on Gambling

Thursday 23rd May, 6pm - 8pm



GAMBLING HARM: IMPACTS ACROSS CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Gambling is a major public health issue impacting individuals, families and communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are significantly more likely to experience harm from gambling.

Join us for an informative discussion as our presenters look at gambling through the lens of culture, vulnerability and human rights. Our panellists will also discuss some of the prevention programs being undertaken locally to tackle gambling-related harm.

BALLARAT | FREE PUBLIC EVENT

THURSDAY 23rd MAY 6PM to 8PM

BARKLY SQUARE 25-39 BARKLY STREET BALLARAT

A light supper will be provided following the forum

Enquiries to Teresa or Deruka at BRMC on 5383 0613 or email teresa@brmc.org.au

RSVP to: teresa@brmc.org.au



GAMBLING - EMPOWERING THE VULNERABLE TO FIGHT BACK

Arnold Zable is an acclaimed Australian writer, novelist, storyteller and human rights advocate. With a doctorate from the School of Creative Arts, Melbourne University, Zable is an engaging lecturer, speaker and workshop facilitator, and has extensive experience working with refugees and immigrants, the homeless people experiencing gambling-related harm, and other vulnerable members of society. This presentation provides inspiration on empowering the vulnerable.

Tanika James will give a local perspective on the harms of gambling. Tanika is the Gamblers' Help Community Educator and Venue Support Worker at Child and Family Services Ballarat Inc. (CAFS)

Following Tanika James, our Special Guest will share their lived experience.

This forum is a joint initiative of Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC), Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV), Child and Family Services (CAFS).
The forum is supported by the Victorian Government.

Ballarat Welcome Centre Working Bee

Saturday 25th May, 9am - 1pm

WORKING BEE



Ballarat Regional
Multicultural Council Inc.

LET'S GET OUR PLACE LOOKING GREAT!

**Saturday
25th May 2019
9am to 1pm**

Barkly Square

**25-39 Barkly Street,
Ballarat**



**To register your
availability call
Teresa 5383 0613**

Ballarat Heritage Weekend - BDIA Display

Member Event

25 - 26 May 2019

This year the Ballarat Heritage Weekend theme will be "Our City, Our Stories".

The Ballarat Irish Association will be on display in the upstairs A-Hall in the Town Hall telling the story, through people, places and events, of the great Irish contribution to the culture, heritage and development of Ballarat from early settlement to the present day. We will also showcase associated Ballarat Irish groups such as History groups, Irish Dancing, Irish Radio programs, Irish Pubs, Gaelic football etc. Because the Eureka story is also an Irish story we have arranged to be alongside the Eureka Children's Inc. display.



So come along and enjoy the Heritage Weekend and our display – You may even have pictures, paintings, books, artifacts and stories you can tell us about and share with us on the day. If any of you would like to assist in manning our display for a short period on either day it would be much appreciated.

Contact Phillip Moore on 0448 623 142

Ballarat Choral Festival 2019

Sunday 26th May, 1.30pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral

Cost: Free / Donations to House of Welcome for Ballarat refugees

Organised by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints together with St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral.

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Sunday May 26th 1.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, Sturt St



Free performance

**Donations supporting Ballarat refugees
through House of Welcome**

Choirs include: Ballarat Choral Society, Ballarat Grammar, Beaufort Secondary College Singers, Buninyong Community Choir, Daylesford Soul Choir, Phoenix P-12 Community College Choir, Pyrenees Chorale, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Choir, U3A Choristers. Enquiries: 0400 650 234



Telugu Language Classes

Member Event

Next class on **Sunday 26th May, 11am - 12pm**

For more details contact Akshara Jyothi Ballarat at ajballarat@gmail.com



Telugu Language Classes

*Proudly supported by The Ballarat Indian Association Inc.
in collaboration with the Telugu Association of Australia Inc.*

Welcoming new students to learn the Telugu language in Ballarat

1. We welcome children, adults, beginners and advanced learners
2. Educational resources are provided
3. A group of talented and dedicated volunteers have been teaching students for well over a year now
4. There is no cost to attend the classes

The next term commences from **28 April 2019**, so please enrol now

Classes will run every alternate Sunday

Classes run for approximately **1 hour, from 11am to 12pm**

Classes are held at **Ballarat South Community Hub,**

Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol, Ballarat, VIC, 3356

To enrol and for further details:

Akshara Jyothi Ballarat: ajballarat@gmail.com

Raja: 0433 419 763

Harikrishna: 0433 215 971



Skill Up! Workshops by Arts Law

Friday 31st May

Location: The Annexe, Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard St North

Copyright Law 101 for Artists

10am - 1pm

Creating art means creating copyright. This session uses practical examples, case studies from artists' experiences and hypothetical scenarios to help make copyright accessible and, dare we say, fun for creatives. This session is relevant to all creatives and artists across all art forms.

www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au/gallery_events/skill-up-4/

Artist-Run Initiatives

2pm - 5pm

Collaborating as an ARI? This workshop takes you through possible ways to set up and run an ARI, copyright and moral rights in joint works and governing for a strong, sustainable ARI. We will present a checklist of things to consider and talk you through the sorts of agreements your ARI may need to deal with.

www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au/gallery_events/skill-up-3/

Without a Roof: The Homeless - Photo Exhibition by Neil Para

10 to 23 June 2019, 10am - 5pm / 7 days a week

WITHOUT A ROOF

THE HOMELESS

A PHOTO EXHIBITION

Neil Para

10 JUNE 2019 - 23 JUNE 2019
10 AM - 5 PM / 7 DAYS A WEEK

ENTRANCE FREE
DONATIONS WELCOME

VENUE: BALLARAT TRADES HALL
24 Camp St, Ballarat Central VIC 3350



My photo exhibition
about the Homeless.

Refugee Week Intercultural Lunch

Saturday 15th June, 11am - 1pm

Register online: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/refugee-week-intercultural-lunch-tickets-61618006115



Refugee Week
Intercultural Lunch

Join us for a lived refugee exhibition and lunch

Saturday 15th June 2019
11am to 1pm
Free Tickets RSVP - 13 May 2019
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/refugee-week-intercultural-lunch-tickets-61618006115>
or call 0428 487 469
Barkly Square
25-39 Barkly St Ballarat

Ballarat Community Health
Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council
CITY OF BALLARAT
Federation

Refugee Week

Sunday 16 - Saturday 22 June

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

2019 Theme - 'A world of stories'

This year brings a fresh focus to celebrating the three-year theme #WithRefugees through 'a world of stories' from around the globe!



For more information visit www.refugeeweek.org.au

Keep an eye on the BRMC [Facebook page](#), [website](#) and upcoming newsletters for updates on events during Refugee Week.

Refugee Week Soup and Sandwich Luncheon - House of Welcome

Wednesday 19th June, 12.30pm

You are invited to a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at Nazareth House Hall.

Entry: \$20

Featuring "Nuer Dance Group" South Sudanese Culture

Presentations by "Women of Ballarat"

Featuring:

1. Anna Krohn - Women of the Past
2. Ann Foley - Women of Today
3. Deruka Dekuek - Women of the Future



Funds raised will assist vulnerable people in our community.

Launch of 2019 major project for

COMPETITION - 2 nights for 2 people at Grand Pacific Hotel, Lorne

Luxury room with sea view, spa, \$100 meal voucher

Tickets \$2 each - books available to sell

Drawn at Annual Garden Party on Sunday 24th November 2019, 4pm

All enquiries to Carmel on 0401 175 045 or annekav1234@gmail.com

David Nyuol Vincent Tells His Story

Save the Date

Thursday 27th June, 6.30pm

Mercy Connect Ballarat invites you to listen to David Nyuol Vincent tell his story.

David Nyuol Vincent is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. He was trained as a child soldier in Ethiopia and lived as a refugee in Kenya until he was 26. Since rebuilding his life in Australia, David has become an advocate for refugees and the Sudanese community, and he is a Victorian Human Rights Youth Ambassador and a People of Australia Ambassador.



Cost: Gold coin donation

Venue: TBA

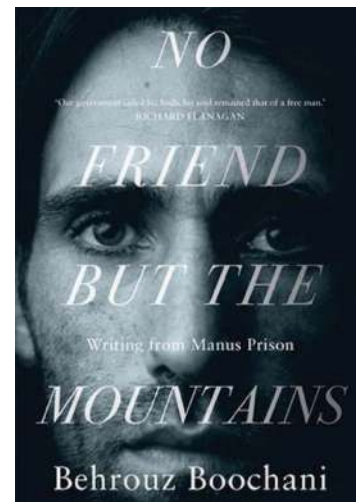
Events in Review

No Friend But the Mountains with Behrouz Boochani

Behrouz Boochani, a journalist and author currently imprisoned on Manus Island, shared his stories with Ballarat on Wednesday 8th May.

During a special live video event Behrouz Boochani spoke about his experiences, and his prize-winning book 'No Friend But the Mountains' which he wrote via secret text messages, while detained.

Winner of the 2019 Victorian Literary Prize, No Friend but the Mountains is a literary triumph, devastating and transcendent.



Interkultura Trophy Presentation

BRMC were happy to join our partners from Ballarat City Football Club at Football Victoria HQ on Thursday 2nd May to present the Interkultura Trophy to the Australia Rohingya Soccer Team. We also announced the annual regional Interkultura Tournament and Interkultura Patron, Craig Foster.



Bring on the next Interkultura Tournament - Friendship through Football - in Ballarat on 18 and 19 October. Watch this space for more Interkultura updates.

April Twilight Market

Our last Twilight Market was held on Friday, 12th April at Barkly Square.

The lovely ladies from A Pot of Courage were there with yummy Chinese dumplings made by Jingbo, BRASSN were selling a delicious assortment of cakes and slices and Tasnim was applying beautiful henna tattoos. We also had a large range of brightly coloured handmade baskets from Madagascar and other multicultural wares.

Thank you to all who attended.



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

This month we enjoyed a lovely Maltese feast at our May Multicultural Tucker. Thank you to all our seniors who braved the weather to attend!

Our theme for June MCT will be Hungarian.

Friday 14th June at 12pm

Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East



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

REMINDER

Multicultural Tucker will be held on a **Friday** during the months of April to August at the Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East

Social Hub

Social Hub is a vibrant program with our seniors enjoying an Easter theme for April and Mother's Day theme for May.



Our next Social Hub is on **Tuesday 18th June, 1.30pm to 3.30pm** at the Victoria Bowling Club.

Cost is \$2. Bookings are essential!

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

Bus Trip

Wednesday 26th June

Join us for a trip to Bendigo Pottery followed by a lovely lunch at the National Hotel.



Bendigo Pottery is Australian owned and operated and is Australia's oldest working pottery.

Call Teresa or Natalie on 03 5383 0613 to book.

Opportunities & Items of Interest

Gamelan Restoration Project

Member Project

Gamelan is the traditional ensemble music of Java and Bali in Indonesia, made up predominantly of percussive instruments.

Ballarat Region Indonesian Community inherited the gamelan 2 years ago and have now received funding for restoration from the Ballarat City Council. The work is being carried out by the Mens Shed and woodworkers.



Multicultural Jobs Club

Do you need assistance applying for jobs?

The Multicultural Jobs Club will offer support with all aspects of job seeking including resumes, cover letters, interview skills, Australian workplace culture and job applications.

Each week there will be a topic to discuss and an opportunity to drop in and get help with your current job seeking projects.

When: Friday 1pm - 3:30pm

Date: 3rd May - 21st June 2019

Length: 8 weeks - 20 hours

Cost: Free for Work & Learning Centre Clients

Where: Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, 11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol



Contact BNC for more information on 03 5329 3273 or Reception@ballaratnc.org.au

Good Governance Program



The Good Governance Program aims to support emerging community associations with the challenges of good governance through a structured program with a mentor covering a range of topics that can be challenging for community groups.

By sharing your expertise and becoming a mentor, you have an opportunity to help contribute to local organisations, shape your



community, and enhance your own professional skills. Full training and support is provided for all mentors, and there is also a Community of Practice available for mentors to further develop their networks and professional learning.

Anyone interested in mentoring community associations can contact Hemraz on goodgov@brmc.org.au

AFL Community Ambassador Program

May 2019 mid-year intake

The AFL Community Ambassador Program is aimed at engaging multicultural and Indigenous communities through a network of dedicated volunteers.



This year the AFL Community Ambassador program is all about: ENJOYMENT - ENGAGEMENT - CELEBRATING THE WINS

Aligned with Victorian AFL clubs, Ambassadors help connect the AFL with their communities and promote Australian Football activities as a vehicle for engagement and inclusion.

For more information visit community.afl/programs/community-ambassador-program

Sons of the West

The Western Bulldogs Community Foundation is currently recruiting for the free men's health and wellbeing program 'Sons of the West'. The program will run for 10 weeks and consists of 1



hour health education and 1 hour physical activity.

Wendouree

Monday evenings, 7pm to 9pm

Commencing April 29th 2019

Webbcona Bowls Club, 996 Grevillea Road, Wendouree



Sebastopol

Wednesday evenings, 7pm to 9pm

Commencing May 1st 2019

Phoenix P-12 Community College, Hertford Street, Sebastopol

To register for Sons of the West visit sonsofthewest.org.au

For more information email info@sonsofthewest.com.au or call 03 9680 6355

Talking Money: look out for future you

Thursday 6th June, 3pm - 5pm

Talking Money: look out for future you



Where
When
What

CMY: Suite 12, 107 Lydiard St. S, Ballarat

3:00 – 5:00pm, Thursday 6th JUNE

- > How to budget
- > How to reduce bills
- > How to protect future YOU
- > How to achieve your money goals
- > Learn about options for safe + affordable finance

*I've saved \$300
on my power bill!*

2018 Workshop participant

*Since the workshop
"I don't feel like I have
financial stress anymore"*

2018 Workshop participant

Workshop includes afternoon tea + show bag

To register call or text Hayley: 0448 623 006



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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