



## Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council

Dear Members,

Spring has been bringing many BRMC members and Ballarat community out together for October events:

Interkultura welcomed over 350 to the Interkultura Gala Dinner at Civic Hall on Friday 19th October. The next day over 200 participants from Mildura, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong and Melbourne locations joined in community breakfast, Girls Only! workshops, healthy activities and the football tournament itself at Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility.

Congratulations to Hadrami Australian Community, Tournament Champions and EAL Bendigo for winning the Fair Play award. Patron, Craig Foster and Master of Ceremonies Tal Karp inspired us with the message that the world game belongs to all.

*"Football brings people of all cultural and faith backgrounds together through a shared love of the beautiful game. This connection between us provides rich opportunities to enhance cooperation and understanding."* - Craig Foster

We could not have held this event without the support of our sponsors, partners and volunteers. See the range of business, not-for-profits, local and state-wide sponsors who supported Interkultura. Join us on [Interkultura Facebook](#) (@interkulturaballarat) to see the amazing pics, posts and plans for the future.

The Friendship Walk by Ballarat Interfaith Network and partners also attracted a big crowd on Sunday 20th October and Ballarat Diwali was an amazing celebration of the Festival of Light.

Ann Foley  
Executive Officer

### 2019 FECCA Conference

BRMC attended the 2019 FECCA Conference in Hobart, 9 - 11 October. Sarabjit Kaur and Deruka Dekuek presented their programs, Diversity Homework Club and Migrant English Program, during the Opening Doors: Community English Language Learning session. BRMC EO, Ann Foley proudly supported CMY Ballarat youth advisors Chudier Ruben Tharbiath and Kodjo Lunorphare Folly in presentation of Interkultura.



(Left to right) Chudier, Ann, Lunor, Sara, Deruka and Annie attend the conference opening.



## 2020 Begonia Parade Meeting

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council is inviting all associations and members to join our BRMC float for the 2020 Begonia Parade on 9th March 2020.

We are excited to announce our first Begonia Parade meeting next week.

**When: Thursday 31st October 2019**

**Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm**

**Venue: Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat**



Contact Deruka if you would like to be involved: [d.dekuek@brmc.org.au](mailto:d.dekuek@brmc.org.au) or 03 5383 0613.

## **BRMC Twilight Market**

**Friday 15th November, 5pm - 8pm**

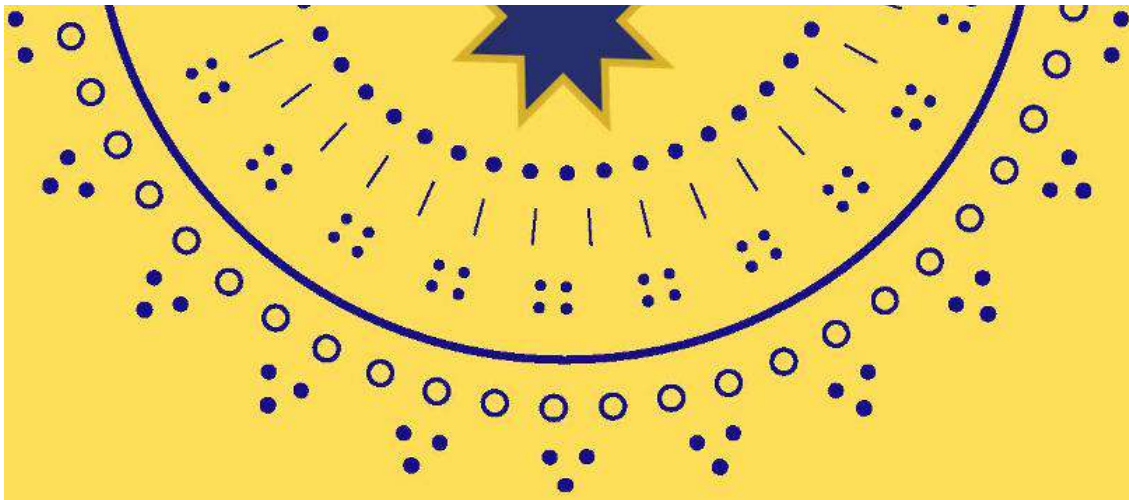
Venue: Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25-39 Barkly St, Ballarat

The Twilight Market is a family friendly event celebrating community. There will be multicultural market stalls, entertainment and food. A community event not to be missed!

**Market Dates:** 15th November, 20th December, 21st February and 20th March.

**EOI for Stalls:** If you would like to have a stall at one of our markets please contact:  
0459 253 060 / 03 5383 0613 / [events@brmc.org.au](mailto:events@brmc.org.au)





BALLARAT WELCOME CENTRE

# TWILIGHT MARKET

5PM- 8PM | 15 NOVEMBER

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



Ballarat Regional  
Multicultural Council Inc.

## MORE INFO

(04) 59253060  
03 53830613  
[events@brmc.org.au](mailto:events@brmc.org.au)

## Congratulations to the Ballarat Italian Association

"La Nostra Storia - The Story of Italians in Ballarat" was awarded the Cultural Diversity Award at the recent Victorian Community History Awards. The President of the Ballarat Italian Association, Chez Dichiera said they were extremely honoured to receive this award. Over three hundred people attended the award ceremony at the Victorian Arts Centre. La Nostra Storia documents the stories and memories of the many Italians who



made Ballarat their home. The book traces the stories of Italians from the Eureka Stockade, where Raffaello Carboni wrote the only eyewitness account of the Eureka Rebellion, to the current day. Many came to Ballarat with high hopes, energy and a creative spirit. La Nostra Storia recaptures individual stories of adventure, industry and contribution. The Italian story is central to the many contributions new arrivals make to the economic, social and culinary development of a community. The book is available at local Ballarat bookshops or by writing to the Ballarat Italian Association at [info@ballaratitalianassociation.org](mailto:info@ballaratitalianassociation.org)



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## Forthcoming Events

- 2020 Begonia Parade Meeting
- BRMC Twilight Market
- Zumba and Pilates for Fitness
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- Barkly Square Open Day
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- BRMC Annual General Meeting

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  - Interkultura
  - Diwali - The Festival of Lights
  - Friendship Walk
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# Forthcoming Events

# Zumba and Pilates for Fitness

Next session: Friday 25th October, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

## Member Event

Venue: Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25-39 Barkly St, Ballarat

**CITY OF BALLARAT INTERCULTURAL AMBASSADORS  
FAABI AND FASCOBI PRESENT**

# **ZUMBA AND PILATES FOR FITNESS**

Friday Oct 11 and 25, 2019

Friday Feb 7 and 21, 2020

Friday Apr 3 and 7, 2020

Friday Nov 1 and 15, 2019

Friday Mar 6 and 27, 2020

Friday May 1 and 15, 2020

**5.30-7.30 PM  
BALLARAT WELCOME CENTRE  
25-39 BARKLY STREET  
BALLARAT EAST**



**\$5 per session**

**For more information contact:**

Rose Boquida (City of Ballarat IAP): 0411 895 403

Sherley Hart (FAABI): 03 5338 1266

Cora Hains (FASCOBI): 0408 304 701



**CITY OF  
BALLARAT**



# Family Film Night at Grenville Hall

**Saturday 26th October, 6.30pm - 9.30pm**

Venue: Grenville Hall, 1462 Buninyong-Mt Mercer Rd, Grenville

Welcome to the fourth Family Film Night at Grenville Hall. We are raising funds for The House of Welcome, a local Ballarat charity that supports refugees and asylum seekers.

With a classic everyone will enjoy: **The Swiss Family Robinson**

Tickets: \$8 / individual or \$20 / family

Buy now: [www.trybooking.com/bfopw](http://www.trybooking.com/bfopw) or cash at the door on the night



GRENVILLE HALL  
PRESENTS

# Family Film Night

## Swiss Family Robinson

A fundraiser for  
House of Welcome

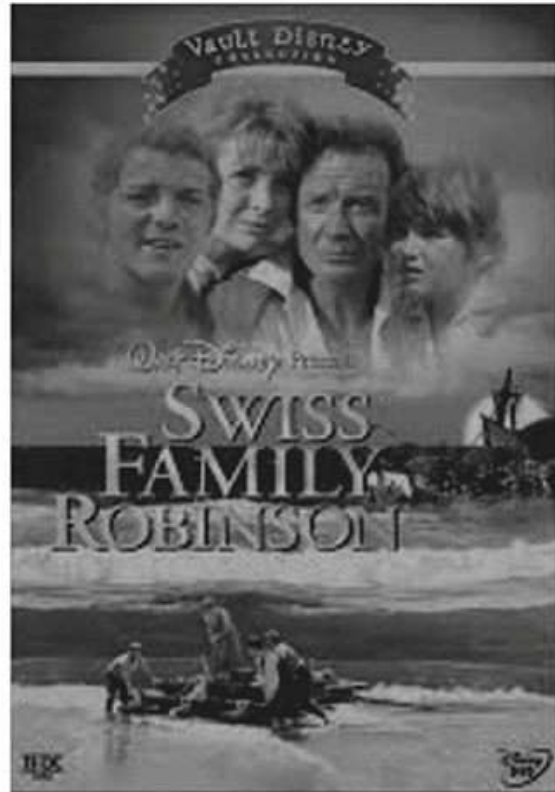
Supporting refugees  
and asylum seekers

SATURDAY OCTOBER  
26TH

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS 7PM

Queries? 0403 668 029  
hayleyquach@gmail.com



- DINNER AVAILABLE  
(GLUTEN FREE AND VEGIE OPTIONS)
- KIOSK
- DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE

TICKETS: TRYBOOKING OR  
CASH AT THE DOOR

PRICES:  
\$8 / INDIVIDUAL  
\$20 / FAMILY

[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BFOPW](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BFOPW)

## Language Cafe - October 2019

Thursday 31st October, 4pm - 5.30pm

Venue: Ballarat Library, 178 Doveton St N, Ballarat

The Language Cafe aims to regularly bring people from all walks of life together to chat in different languages, improve English conversation skills, make new connections and share culture, food and interests in an informal and inclusive environment.



FREE - Register online: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/language-cafe-tickets-69269056613](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/language-cafe-tickets-69269056613)



## **Mosaics at Eureka Hall**

Tuesday 12th & 19th November, 1pm - 3pm

Places are limited. Please RSVP to [reception@ballarateastnh.org.au](mailto:reception@ballarateastnh.org.au) or 03 5329 3273.

# Ballarat East Neighbourhood House



## Mosaics at Eureka Hall

Beginner Course with Sandy (limited places) held  
over two Tuesday afternoons 12th & 19th Nov.  
1pm to 3pm

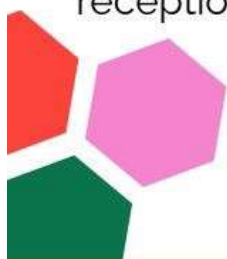


Learn the basics.  
No experience required.  
\$5 fee to help cover costs.  
All equipment and  
materials provided.

Also discuss about the future of doing  
more mosaics over afternoon tea.

Please RSVP to ensure your place.

Phone 5329 3273 or Email  
[reception@ballarateastnh.org.au](mailto:reception@ballarateastnh.org.au)



To learn more, find us on Facebook,  
Visit our website [www.ballarateastnh.org.au](http://www.ballarateastnh.org.au),  
or Email [reception@ballarateastnh.org.au](mailto:reception@ballarateastnh.org.au)



## Barkly Square Open Day

Friday 15th November, 12pm - 8pm

Venue: Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly St, Ballarat

Barkly Square is an initiative of BGT Jobs & Training. Through the efforts of a broad range of stakeholders, it is being transformed into a vibrant and green community centre focusing on



education, training and employment outcomes in the Central Highlands and surrounding regions.

Come along and find out more at our Open Day, being held on the same day as the BRMC Twilight Market.



For more information contact BGT on 03 5333 8600.

## House of Welcome Garden Party

**Sunday 24th November, 2pm**

Venue: 30 Waller Ave, Newington

House of Welcome is hosting their annual garden party to support refugees, and local people and families, who are seeking asylum.

Winner of the major holiday competition will be drawn on the day.

**Tickets \$2 each** - available now and on the day - books available to sell.

**COMPETITION** - 2 nights for 2 people at Grand Pacific Hotel, Lorne  
Luxury room with sea view, spa, \$100 meal voucher



HOUSE OF WELCOME BALLARAT PRESENTS  
SERIES 7 - JAM FOR JUSTICE

# GARDEN PARTY

Supporting asylum seekers and vulnerable people

**Sunday, 24 November 2019**

**2 pm / Drawing of competition at 4pm (Lorne Holiday)**

**30 Waller Avenue Newington**

**\$20**

AFTERNOON TEA

DANCERS, SINGERS, MUSICIANS, ENTERTAINMENT, PLANT SALES, MINI  
AUCTIONS, FACE PAINTING, LUCKY DIPS AND MORE

Inquiries - 0401 175 045 OR Email: [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)



## BRMC Annual General Meeting

### Save the Date

**Tuesday 26th November, 6pm**

Venue: Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25-39 Barkly St,  
Ballarat





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## Quick Program Updates

### Stepping Stones Program

Stepping Stones aims to educate women from migrant, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds about money and build their understanding of how to start a small business in Australia. It also aims to teach business and government leaders about how micro-businesses help refugee and migrant women, and why communities need more of these small businesses.

The program runs on Tuesdays, 9.30am - 3pm at Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council: 25 - 39 Barkly St, Ballarat.



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

### 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.

Please contact Deruka on 03 5383 0613 or email [d.dekuek@brmc.org.au](mailto:d.dekuek@brmc.org.au) if you would like to enquire.

### Volunteer Tutors Needed

**Diversity Homework Club is looking for tutors in all subjects, to help refugee students with their homework.**

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

# Migrant English Program

## Community Volunteer Tutoring

### **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.

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.

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

# Migrant English Program

Make a difference

Register to be a Volunteer Tutor

Contact Sarabjit Kaur

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

P (03) 5383 0613



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## Senior Services

### Multicultural Tucker

At September MCT we celebrated the Filipino Culture. Our Seniors were spoilt with a beautiful performance by Maria from the Philippines and Geoffrey Williams with the Clarendon Choir.

What a wonderful day we had celebrating Germany at our October MCT with live music

from the U3A Celtic Band. Thank you to everyone who shared their beautiful German treasures!



Next Multicultural Tucker will have a **Mexican** theme!

**Wednesday 13th November, 12pm** at Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East

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

## Seasonal Lunches

Our September Spring Bloom Seasonal Lunch was a lovely celebration to welcome spring! The **Spring Bloom** theme will continue at our October Seasonal Lunch.



**Wednesday 30th October, 12pm**  
Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East

Cost: \$8

Don't miss out - limited numbers.  
Bookings essential!

Call Teresa or Helen on 03 5383 0613.

## Social Hub

At the September Social Hub our seniors enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of creativity decorating mini lamp shades. Social Hub is held on the third Tuesday of each month.



Our next Social Hub is on **Tuesday 19th November, 1.30pm - 3.30pm** at the Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East.



Cost is \$4. Bookings are essential! To book please call Teresa or Helen on 03 5383 0613.

## Bus Trip

What an amazing day we had in the Dandenong Ranges for our September Bus Trip! Thank you to everyone who attended.



## Next Bus Trip - Vasili's Garden and Café

**Wednesday 6th November**

Join BRMC Senior Services for a fabulous day in Melbourne. We will visit Vasili's Garden and Café before heading to the Moreland Hotel for a lovely two-course lunch.

Cost: \$35

Limited spaces - bookings are essential.  
Please call Teresa or Helen on 03 5383 0613.



## Tai Chi Classes

**Tuesday afternoons, 1pm - 2pm**

Venue: Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East

### DATES

- 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November
- 3rd & 10th December

There are many amazing benefits of Tai Chi for Seniors including:

- Promotes deep breathing
- Helps with arthritis pain
- Reduces blood pressure
- Enhances mental capacity and concentration
- Improves balance and stability by strengthening ankles and knees



Limited places. To register call Teresa or Helen on 03 5383 0613.

**Want to see BRMC deliver MORE programs for seniors?**

Get in touch and tell us what YOU want.

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## Opportunities & Items of Interest

### Good Governance Program



**Would you like to help and empower community organisations be their best?**

If the answer is yes, then this is your opportunity to utilise your skills and experience to make a real difference to new, emerging and established community organisations in matters relating to Good Governance.

Under this program, trained volunteers skilled in governance are matched with small community organisations. These volunteers act as mentors over 12 months, working with the entire governing committee to empower the organisation, making sure the organisation gets the individualised support to overcome challenges and reach the set goals.

Free training will be provided to the mentors - [Good Governance - Mentor Information](#).

If you are interested in taking part in Good Governance as a participating group or mentor or would like more information about the program, please contact Hemraz at the BRMC Office on 03 5383 0613 or [GoodGov@brmc.org.au](mailto:GoodGov@brmc.org.au)

### Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre Language Classes

Venue: Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, 11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol

Cost: FREE

#### English as a Second Language

The lack of conversational English skills is the biggest thing that gets in the way of getting work. Practice your skills to prepare for work and connect better with your community.

#### English as a Second Language - Level 1

When: Tuesday 12.30pm - 3pm

Dates: 15th October - 3rd December 2019

Length: 20 hours - 8 weeks



## English as a Second Language - Level 2

When: Friday 9.30am - 12pm

Dates: 18th October - 6th December 2019

Length: 40 hours - 16 weeks



## Baking and Language Skills

This course will teach you a variety of baking skills, such as cakes, biscuits and breads from all different cultures. Make a different recipe in each class and have opportunities to practice language skills.

When: Wednesday 10am - 2pm

Date: 16th October - 4th December 2019

Length: 32 hours - 8 weeks

Contact BNC for more information on 03 5329 3273 or [reception@ballaratnc.org.au](mailto:reception@ballaratnc.org.au)

Take a look at the Term 4 Summary:

[www.ballaratnc.org.au/images/Training%20/Summary.pdf](http://www.ballaratnc.org.au/images/Training%20/Summary.pdf)

## Fostering Integration Grants

**The Australian Department of Home Affairs Fostering Integration Grants are now open!**

The grants aim to facilitate the participation, integration and social cohesion of both newly arrived migrants and culturally diverse communities in Australia.

Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$60,000 to support projects like multicultural festivals, capacity building training, and more



Find the eligibility criteria and application process here:

[www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/fostering-integration-grants-0](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/fostering-integration-grants-0)

**Applications close 11pm Tuesday 5 November 2019.**

## Victorian African Communities Action Plan (VACAP)

Launched in April 2018, the 10-year Victorian African Communities Action Plan was developed by and for African communities in partnership with the Victorian Government to improve the wellbeing of all Victorians of African heritage.

The Action Plan implementation processes is being coordinated and managed by the Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion Division, Department of Premier and Cabinet.



At its meeting on 12 September, the Implementation Committee, made up of community members and government representatives, agreed on the implementation plans to improve outcomes and





respond to issues in education, employment and alcohol and drug misuse.

Further information and funding guidelines will be made available later in the year. Subscribe to their newsletter to keep up to date - <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/d/D4C8C41CCE5312D7>

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## Events in Review

### Ponnonam 2019

Ballarat's Malayalee population came together on Saturday 14th September to celebrate Onam festival with colour, music and food. Music, drumming, dancing and other entertainment took place inside St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, with an official ceremony addressed by federal Multicultural Affairs minister Jason Wood, Wendouree MP Juliana Addison and other dignitaries.



### Mooncake Festival

The Art Gallery Annexe Hall was illuminated by stunning Zodiac lanterns on Saturday 14th September for the Mooncake Festival. Families enjoyed lantern making, brush painting and paper cutting activities. The Chinese Australian Cultural Society Ballarat presented traditional Chinese lion dancing, Tai Chi, instruments and singing performances.



### Morning Tea & Fashion Parade

A huge thank you to everyone that attended and participated in our Morning Tea and Fashion Parade on Wednesday 25th September at Barkly Square. What a wonderfully colourful and vibrant event with a beautiful range of cultural clothing.



All proceeds from the event have gone to BRASSN to directly support Ballarat refugees and asylum seekers in need.



## Interkultura

BRMC congratulates all footballers and their supporters at INTERKULTURA and especially to October 2019 Interkultura Tournament Champions, Hadrami Australian Community. We are delighted to have shared this great weekend with our Patron and Football community in Ballarat and all of our state-wide, regional and local sponsors and partners. Momentum is building for positive social change through the world game. Keep your eye out for development of further Interkultura programs.



## Diwali - The Festival of Lights

The Ballarat Indian Association hosted the Diwali celebrations on Saturday 19th October. Held at Federation University Founders Hall, the Ballarat community were treated to music, dancing, multicultural performances, henna tattoos and traditional food. The festival traditionally symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.



## Friendship Walk

This year's Interfaith Friendship Walk took place on Sunday 20th October. The annual event was organised by Ballarat Interfaith Network in partnership with the Jewish Christian Muslim Association. Members of the community spent a lovely afternoon walking together in friendship and goodwill. BRMC congratulates them on their success and great participation.

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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 to 03 5383 0613 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.

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 is currently seeking Volunteer Drivers** to transport seniors to and from events in a BRMC vehicle. Volunteers must hold a current Victorian driver's licence.

### BRMC Contact Details

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




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**Website**

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*BRMC respectfully acknowledges the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people, their elders and community leaders, past, present and emerging - traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work. *

