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March greetings to you all as a new season is upon us.

As many of you know, I will soon be finishing my work as BRMC CEO and am moving to live in Mparntwe/Alice Springs and work as Manager of Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia (MCSA).

I have been fortunate to lead BRMC for the last 10 years and work with many great partners in that capacity. Even after my long tenure, the work, cultural celebrations and intercultural support of our Members and the team here often leave me in awe.

Our last few years have been taken up by COVID response but we have achieved so much more impact than that, for example the development of the Welcome Centre, our enterprises and Interkultura Tournaments, many community projects and extensive partnerships and services.

Thank you to Suzanne Ryan-Evers who is stepping up to be our Acting CEO with effect from 13 March to 30 June. With effect from Monday 13 March, Suzanne will be contactable as BRMC CEO on s.ryan-evers@brmc.org.au and ceo@brmc.org.au.

There is much work to do in 2023 and beyond to realise fully the heritage, contributions, skills and talents of our new and emerging communities. May BRMC work smart and with heart to build a proudly diverse future for our regional community and economy and contribute to the Reconciliation with our First Peoples that needs to occur as a foundation for that future.

Wishing all of my colleagues and friends well. I'll be back!

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COVID-19 & HEALTH SAFETY UPDATE

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended a '2023 booster dose':

- If your last COVID-19 vaccine dose or confirmed COVID infection (whichever more recent) was 6 months ago or longer
- Booster recommended for:
 - Adults 65+
 - Adults 18-64 with medical co-morbidities increasing risk of severe COVID-19
- Booster should be considered for :
 - All adults 18-64 without risk factors for severe COVID-19
 - Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical co-morbidities increasing risk of COVID-19



More advice is always available at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au, and you can contact COVID-19 BRMC Helpline on help@brmc.org.au.

BRMC continues to offer FREE face masks and Rapid Antigen Tests, and we encourage you to collect these from the Ballarat Welcome Centre at any time during business hours.

UPDATES FROM BRMC

NEW ANNUAL MEMBER SURVEY OPENS

We want to know more about our multicultural communities and how you are experiencing BRMC! Our new Annual Member Survey opened on 6 March 2023. If you are a BRMC member, you can complete the survey anytime over the next 4 weeks.

We will be asking you about your cultural and faith community as well as awareness in your community of BRMC programs and services. This will give us valuable information about our

multicultural communities and the capacity to improve our services.

Thank you for completing the survey.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Our first Multicultural Tucker for 2023 was a huge success with 130 participants attending the event! Thank you to Vivian and The Red Sunset from the Chinese community for your amazing performances.



BRMC Social Support will be holding an event Friday 3rd March from 5.30pm to celebrate the recent government announcement that 19,000 refugees living in Australia will be granted Permanent Protection Visas.

The event will include traditional Afghan food, entertainment by the Winter Berries and a Migration Advice guest speaker, Rabiah Khawaja from WLW Migration Lawyers.

BRMC congratulate all SHEV/TPV holders on this long-awaited news.

OTHER PROGRAMS

- **Wednesday 8 March** - We are looking forward to celebrating the country of Malta for March Tucker
- **Thursday 16 March** - Social Hub for Seniors
- **Wednesday 29 March** - Health and Wellbeing Seasonal Lunch for Seniors
- **Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 March** - Tai Chi

For more information about our Social Support programs contact Teresa Azzopardi at teresa@brmc.org.au or 0417 109 052.



Let's Celebrate!

JOIN US AT THE

HAZARA SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM



- Ballarat Welcome Centre
- Friday March 3rd
- 5.30pm to 8pm
- Migration Advice Guest Speaker

CONGRATUALTIONS!

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AN EVENING OF...

Delicious Afghan food, conversation, friendship & entertainment!
We will also hear from a Migration Advice Guest Speaker.

RSVP by 27th February

Please include any dietary requirements



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teresa@brmc.org.au

STRATEGY AND SETTLEMENT

The 1st Ballarat Welcome Bus Tour (Free Service – A Day Trip)

We are very pleased to announce the launch of the Ballarat Welcome Bus Tour, a new program for new community members in Ballarat. We would like to extend the welcoming environment to new arrivals in Ballarat through our working partnerships.

We have been communicating widely with other stakeholders and community groups to promote the activities and engage participants. We will provide a message of inclusion and provides tangible access to major community services, local support agencies and contacts.

It makes new arrivals save the time it takes to adapt to the new environment and keep them informed about the services and support available to facilitate their settlement. In addition, it will serve as a good driving force for the community to develop a welcoming culture of the region together.

- **When:** Friday, 31 March at 9:30am – 2:30pm
- **Who:** any multicultural people who have lived in Ballarat for less than 5 years
- **What:** we will visit major service facilities to learn more about their services and receive some useful information kits (e.g. Ballarat Welcome Centre, Town Hall, Council – information centre, customer service, libraries, parent place, Ballarat Community Health, Police station, Orange Door and other facilities)

** The detailed tour routes will be announced later!

** Lunch will be provided!

** For further information, please contact Heeyoung: hy.lim@brmc.org.au or 0491 054 902

REGISTER HERE



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(Free service - a Day Trip)

Welcome to Ballarat!
Let's enjoy a Day Trip to major facilities in Ballarat

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- **The detailed tour routes will be announced later!**
- **Lunch will be provided**

If you want to attend the trip, please register via **Eventbrite**
<https://ballaratwelcomebustour.eventbrite.com.au>

For further information, please contact
Heeyoung: hy.lim@brmc.org.au
 or 0491 054 902(Heeyoung),
 0491 066 247(Nyibol)




This service is supported by the Victorian Government.

SETTLEMENT PROGRAMS IN MARCH

- **Multicultural Playgroup**
Every Thursday 10:30am – 12 noon (during school terms), contact Nyibol:
n.deng@brmc.org.au or 0491 066 247
- **Multicultural Women's Friendship Circle**
1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday 10am – 12 noon (during school term) contact Nyibol:

n.deng@brmc.org.au or 0491 066 247

- **Welcome Morning Tea**

29 March 10:30am – 12 noon, contact Heeyoung: hy.lim@brmc.org.au or 0491 054 902

- **Ballarat Welcome Bus Tour**

31 March at 9:30am – 2:30pm, contact Heeyoung: hy.lim@brmc.org.au or 0491 054 902 (Heeyoung) or 0491 066 247 (Nyibol)

- **Individual support: Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) Program**

For people who live in Australia for less than 5 years. Contact Abrar: a.dham@brmc.org.au or 0491 066 246

MIGRANT ENGLISH PROGRAM

Offering tailored English learning support, our MEP team mentors' participants to achieve their language learning goals. Contact Sarabjit Kaur, Education Programs Manager.

E: s.kaur@brmc.org.au



YOUTH GROUP

Diversity Youth Group students have started their global dialogue journeys. The students have discussed issues related to health and wellbeing and are all set to engage in dialogue through a video conference with peers across the world. To participate in this program for 13-17-year-old students, contact Sarabjit Kaur, Education Programs Manager.

E: s.kaur@brmc.org.au



We would like to thank Vanessa Seymour, Volunteer Tutor, who generously offered her time and skills to enrich our students' Youth Group experience throughout 2022. We gratefully acknowledge her contribution and wish her good health and happiness always. Thank you, Vanessa.



HOMework CLUB

Recognized as an exemplary out-of-school-hours-learning-support-program by agencies and researchers across Victoria, Diversity Homework Club, with its committed team of tutors, is constantly adapting, upskilling and offering tailored learning and wellbeing support to Ballarat's CALD students. Enthusiastic Peer Tutors from Ballarat & Clarendon College light-up each session with their innovative games that have the students competing to do their best.

To participate, contact Sarabjit Kaur, Education Programs Manager.

E: s.kaur@brmc.org.au



GOOD GOVERNANCE

If you're looking for governance resources and templates to adapt to your committee's structure and needs, BRMC's Good Governance program can offer you referrals and mentoring support.

Contact Sarabjit Kaur, Education Programs Manager.

E: s.kaur@brmc.org.au

STEPPING STONES TO SMALL BUSINESS

Registrations are open for the Small Business training program, starting Thursday 9th March from 10am-2pm, delivered weekly online via ZOOM, and open to all women of migrant and humanitarian backgrounds. Participants interested in attending please fill the registration form [here](#) or contact Sarabjit, Education Programs Manager. E: s.kaur@brmc.org.au



Join our Small Business program to learn more about what it takes to run a Small Business in Australia.

Stepping Stones to Small Business is a **free** program tailored for women from refugee, migrant and asylum seeking backgrounds and **all** women over 50.

Business Training - 11 weekly sessions

March 9th-May 25th

Thursdays- 10:00am - 2:00pm

You will learn:

- About what is required to start a small business in Australia and gain the skills you need to run a small business
- How to develop your product and understand your point of difference
- Learn what finances are required to start and run a business as well as record keeping
- To develop and apply your ideas to create a Business Plan

Extra support is available through tutors.

All our courses are between **school hours** and **will be delivered online**, there will be **no classes on school holidays**.

For more information, contact 0490 288 058.

You can register [here](#)



SMALL BUSINESS VICTORIA WEBINARS

Good news! Free Small Business Victoria webinars are available throughout March for anyone who'd like to learn useful business skills! Timings and links listed below.

[Social Media and Content Marketing](#)

Thursday, 2 March 2023, 9AM - 12PM

[Strengthening Business Practices](#)

Tuesday, 7 March 2023, 9AM - 12PM

[Maximising your Marketing](#)

Thursday, 9 March 2023, 9AM - 12PM

[Generating Cashflow](#)

Tuesday, 14 March 2023, 3PM - 5PM

[Advanced Strategies to Taking Your Business Online](#)

Wednesday, 15 March 2023, 9AM - 12PM

[Taking your Business Online](#)

Wednesday, 22 March 2023, 9AM - 11AM

[Starting your Small Business](#)

Thursday, 23 March 2023, 5.30PM to 8.30PM

[Micro Business Health Check](#)

Wednesday, 29 March 2023, 9AM - 12PM

[Social Media and Content Marketing](#)

Thursday, 30 March 2023, 5.30PM to 8.30PM

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for Work in the Wimmera?

Our Community Employment Connectors support culturally diverse Victorians to secure suitable and sustainable employment.



K'lu Say Say
CEC - Wimmera
kay@brmc.org.au
0491 068 219

Community Employment Connectors:

- Link you to training, employment and other support services to help you get 'job ready'
- Connect you with like-minded job-seekers for support and friendship
- Support you no matter where you are in your job-seeking journey - they will meet you where you are
- Help you navigate any potential barriers to employment including lack of childcare, limited English language and Visa constraints

www.vic.gov.au/community-employment-connectors-ecps

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Regional Settlement Council

Looking for Work in the Central Highlands?

Our Community Employment Connectors support culturally diverse Victorians to secure suitable and sustainable employment.



Quynh Tran
CEC Ballarat/Central Highlands
qtran@brmc.org.au
0491 066 248

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BRMC **VICTORIA**
Regional Settlement Council

RESEARCH

Launch of Australia-wide Regional Settlement Research Network

We recently launched a new Australia-wide Regional Settlement Research Network. The Network brings together academics, policymakers and practitioners across Australia to strengthen research and advocacy capacity through sharing evidence and best practice on regional settlement. The first meeting was hosted by BRMC on 8 February 2023 and the next meeting will be hosted by the Settlement Council of Australia in May. More information on the Network can be found [here](#).

BRMC ANNUAL SETTLING IN BALLARAT SURVEY

Did you miss out on completing our Settling in Ballarat survey last year? Don't worry, you have another chance! We are reopening our survey for anyone in Ballarat who was born overseas to tell us about your experience moving to and living in Ballarat. You can access the survey below.

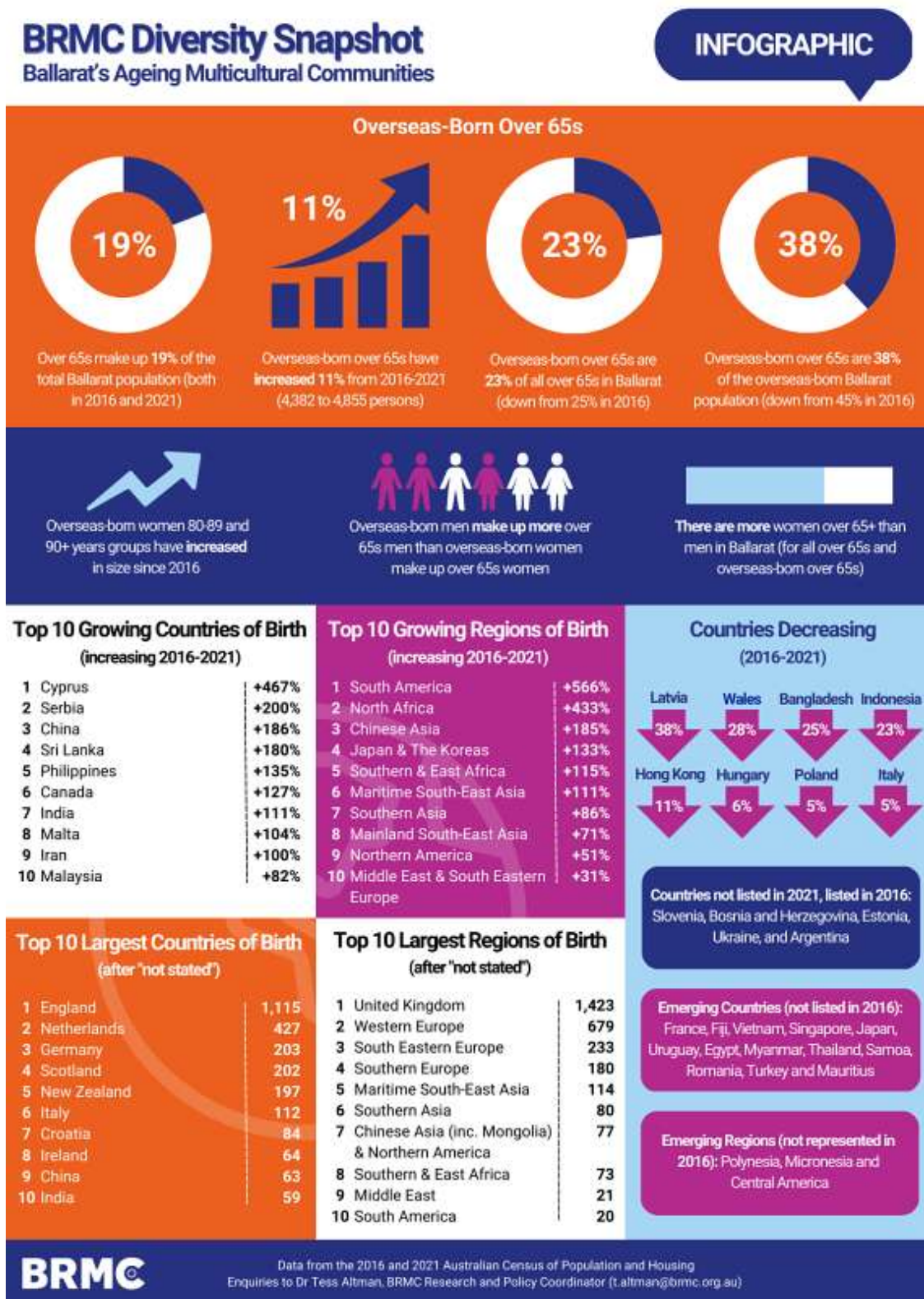
COMPLETE THE SURVEY

NEW INFOGRAPHIC

Ballarat's Ageing Multicultural Communities

We have produced an infographic to help us understand more about Ballarat's ageing multicultural communities. The data comes from the 2016 and 2021 Australian Census and shows us the

largest and growing countries of birth for Ballarat's overseas born over 65 year old residents. The infographic can be viewed [here](#) and below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ARARAT MOSQUE OPEN DAY*Sunday, 5 March 2023*

**Sun, 5th March,
10:00AM**

Victorian Open Mosque Day

1 - Birdwood Avenue , Ararat . VIC 3377

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ASSOCIATION AND ICV WOULD
LIKE TO FORMALLY INVITE YOU
TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL
STATE-WIDE MOSQUE OPEN
THIS YEAR

Everyone is welcome to
participate - The Victorian
Open Mosque Day is a
celebration of dialogue,
respect, and understanding
between and amongst all the
communities that comprise
this state's rich mosaic

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STUDY MELBOURNE: LEARN TO LEAD BALLARAT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORKING EVENT

Wednesday 8 March, 9am-11am (Free Event)

A great way for international students (or others from our community) to gain an insight into how networking, people management and becoming involved in the community can help to develop your own leadership skills.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT

ICC MAKING CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE: MULTICULTURALISM AND INTERCULTURALISM IN AUSTRALIA

9-10 March 2023 (Free Event)

You don't have to attend both days, some people are just attending one day.

Hosted by Swinburne University over two days, this policy-focused conference will bring together Australian and international practitioners, policymakers and researchers to explore whether and

how combining multicultural and intercultural approaches could enrich diversity policy in Australia.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT

BALLARAT BEGONIA FESTIVAL

11 - 13 March, Lake Wendouree

The Ballarat Begonia Festival returns over the Labour Day long weekend. Festival-goers can expect vibrant floral displays, markets, live music, family activities, roving entertainment and more!

For more information visit <https://ballaratbegoniafestival.com/>



CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

11-21 March 2023

Multiculturalism is a core part of the Victorian identity, our character and way of life. Our state is home to people who speak 290 languages and have 314 different ancestries. It's also a place where anyone can contribute and belong.

Cultural Diversity Week is a time to celebrate the power, influence, and stories of Victoria's rich multicultural communities, and all Victorians are invited to participate through a variety of in-person events and activities.

The theme for 2023 is: Our Past. Our Future: celebrating and reflecting on the contributions of Victoria's multicultural communities.

Learn more about [Cultural Diversity Week](#).



HARMONY FESTIVAL 2023

16-23 March 2023



Our Past. Our Future:

Celebrating and reflecting on the contributions of Victoria's multicultural communities

Daily 16 - 26 March

Weaving a New Life: Karen Tapestry Weavers

10am-5pm | Eureka Centre, Ballarat

Weaving a New Life is an exhibition curated by Sara Lindsay of tapestries by Cha Mai Co, Mu Naw Poe, Paw Gay Poe and Shuklay Tahpa, from the Karen community of Australia. A Harmony Fest Ballarat exhibition presented by the Eureka Centre.

Museum entry fees apply.

Thursday 16 March

St Patrick's Eve Dinner

6pm for 6.30pm start | Golf House Hotel, 920 Doveton Street North, Ballarat North

Ballarat and District Irish Association St. Patrick's Eve Dinner in the Doveton Room.

Bookings required. Cost as per menu. RSVP before 13 March to Megan 0419 392 200 or Helen 0407 770 209

Friday 17 March

St. Patrick's Day Flag Ceremony

10am | Queen Victoria Square, Sturt Street, Ballarat (opposite the Town Hall)

Friday 17 March

Harmony Week Intercultural Celebration

6pm-9pm | Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, Ballarat South Community Hub

Ballarat Community Health & Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre invite you to a Free family event celebrating cultural diversity. Performances, taster workshops, children's activities, and dinner.

Bookings required. Book via Eventbrite eventbrite.com.au/e/harmony-week-2023-intercultural-celebration-tickets-545659641677

Friday 17 March

Ballarat Italian Association - Italian Film Festival

4pm | Regent Cinema, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

A Casa Tutti Bene [There Is No Place Like Home]

Friday 17 March

Indian Film Festival

Regent Cinema, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 March

Tai Chi

9am-10am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)

No bookings required. Free.

Saturday 18 March

Kids, Crafting, Culture with Will Austin

10am-11am at Sebastopol Library, 181 Albert Street, Sebastopol

Join proud Peek Woorroong Keerray Woorroong man Will Austin, as he captures the imaginations of our youngest minds through First Nations music, storytelling and fun cultural craft activities. A family friendly event with the craft element most suitable for pre-school and primary school aged children.

Materials will be supplied.

Saturday 18 March

Ballarat Italian Association - Italian Film Festival

6.20pm | Regent Cinema, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

Finché C'è Prosecco C'è Speranza [The Last Prosecco]

Saturday 18 March

Holi Festival of Colours

Ballarat Indian Association

Saturday 18 March

The Big Biryani Fest

5pm-8pm | St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

Hosted by Ballarat Malayalee Association Inc.

Bookings required, bma.ballarat.com.au/event-details/the-big-biryani-fest/10075

Sunday 19 March

Ballarat Interfaith Friendship Walk

2-5pm | Beginning at the Ballarat Mosque

Ballarat Interfaith Network together with BRMC invites you to join the friendship walk and learn about Islamic, Jewish, and Orthodox Christian beliefs.

Beginning at the Ballarat Mosque, 116 Elsworth Street East, Canadian, walking to BRMC Welcome Centre Hall, 25-39 Barkly Street, Bakery Hill, Ballarat East ending at St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 116 Humffray Street North, Ballarat East.

Refreshments provided. All Welcome.

Sunday 19 March

Filipino Australian Association of Ballarat Inc (FAABI) Picnic

1pm-4pm | Victoria Park

Sunday 19 March**Displaced: a film by Sharon Ryba-Kahn****3-5pm | Eureka Centre Ballarat**

Join us to mark Ballarat Harmony Fest with a screening of Sharon Ryba-Kahn film, 'Displaced'. Sharon was born in Munich, Germany and now divides her time between Europe and Ballarat. In her film 'Displaced', Sharon shares her personal journey as a third generation Holocaust survivor. After the screening, Dr Anna Hirsh, Manager of Collections & Research at Melbourne Holocaust Museum will discuss the film with Sharon, who will join us live via Zoom from Germany.

Free. Bookings required via Eventbrite
[displaced-film-screening.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/displaced-film-screening-tickets-68548588888)

Sunday 19 March**Taste of India- A food festival with a purpose to benefit the homeless****6pm-9pm | St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat**

Hosted by the Ballarat Keralites' Foundation of Australia Inc.
 Bookings required: via trybooking.com/CGBXF

Monday 20 March**Kids, Crafting, Culture with Will Austin****4pm-5pm | Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre, Grevilled Road, Wendouree**

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Tuesday 21 March**Harmony Day Official Flag Raising****10.30am | Sturt Street (opposite the Town Hall)**

Flag raising at Queen Victoria Square, followed by a morning tea at the Town Hall.

Tuesday 21 March**Naw-Ruz (Baha'i New Year)****6pm | Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, Ballarat South Community Hub, 11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol****Tuesday 21 March****Street Soccer****1pm-3pm | Eastern Oval Netball Courts, Scott Parade, Ballarat East**

The Big Issue invites you to come and try Street Soccer at the Eastern Oval Netball Courts.
 No bookings required. Free.

Wednesday 22 March**Cultural Cooking Class**

4pm-7pm | Community Kitchen, Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East
 Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY).

Thursday 23 March**Intercultural Recognition Awards****5.30pm-7.30pm | Ballarat Town Hall**

As part of celebrating Ballarat's diversity advantage, we will recognise various individuals, organisations and businesses who have made a valuable contribution to our Intercultural Community.

Friday 24 March**Barkly Square Global Market****3pm-6pm | 25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East**

This market will celebrate the multicultural community in Ballarat. Markets will feature workshops, food, activities and entertainment. This is the perfect place for families and community minded people to come together, enjoy some delicious food and browse locally made goods.

Free.

Friday 24 March**Indian Film Festival****Regent Cinema, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat****Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March****Tai Chi****9-10am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)**

No bookings required. Free.

Sunday 26 March**Multicultural Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP)****11.30-1.30pm | Fairyland, Lake Wendouree**

Surfing Victoria is bringing its Community Connects Multicultural Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) program back to Ballarat during Harmony Fest. This is a FREE program supported by City of Ballarat Youth Services and is open to young people aged 12-25.

Sunday 26 March**Harmony by the Lake****12pm-3.30pm | Lake Wendouree**

A free community picnic, with music, dance, and activities for families and everyone at Lake Wendouree. Opposite the Lake Wendouree Adventure Playground, in between the Ballarat Tramway Museum and the Ballarat Fish Hatchery. Bring your own chairs, picnic blankets and enjoy the day. Food trucks will be on site at own cost.

*No alcohol please.

**HARMONY FEST**

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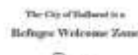
interculturalservices@ballarat.vic.gov.au

[ballarat.vic.gov.au](https://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au)

Follow [f harmonyfestballarat](https://www.facebook.com/harmonyfestballarat) for program updates | #harmonyfest



Supporting City of Ballarat venues and services include Youth Services, Ballarat Libraries, Art Gallery of Ballarat, and the Eureka Centre.

**HINDU FESTIVAL - HOLI**

Saturday 18 March



INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP WALK*Sunday 19 March***BALLARAT HARMONY FEST 2023****INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP WALK****SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH 2023 | 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

BALLARAT INTERFAITH NETWORK together with **BRMC** invites you to join the friendship walk and learn about Islamic, Jewish, and Orthodox Christian beliefs.

Beginning at the **Islamic Mosque**, 116 Elsworth Street East, Canadian walking to **BRMC Welcome Centre Hall**, 25-39 Barkly Street, Bakery Hill, Ballarat East ending at **St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**, 116 Humffray Street North, Ballarat East.

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**TASTE OF INDIA – A FOOD FESTIVAL WITH A PURPOSE TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS**

Sunday 19 March, Barkly Square Global Market



BALLARAT KERALITES FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA PROUDLY PRESENTS

Taste of India



A FOOD FESTIVAL WITH A PURPOSE TO BENEFIT THE HOMELESS

SUNDAY 19TH OF MARCH 2023

OPEN HOURS 06.00PM-08.30PM

Venue- St.Patrick's Church hall 3 Lyons St, Ballarat Central VIC 3350




Taste of India is a food festival that is a part of the Harmony Festival, and its purpose is to benefit the homeless.

Experience the flavors of India while making a difference in the lives of our local homeless community at our upcoming food festival! This event is a charity fundraiser aimed at providing support and resources to those in need. Indulge in a variety of Indian cuisine. All profits from the festival will go towards helping the homeless in our community. Come join us and savor the tastes of India while making a positive impact on those who need it the most!

PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKET USING THE QR CODE PROVIDED. BOTH DINE-IN AND TAKE-AWAY OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE
















INTERCULTURAL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2023

Thursday 23 March

As part of celebrating the City of Ballarat's diversity advantage we would like to recognise some individuals, organisations and businesses, who have made a valuable contribution to our Intercultural Community.

You might know of someone or an organisation, who has raised funds, have given their time or made a contribution in some other way, who you would like to nominate so that we can recognise them at our special awards event in March.

Nominations will close on **March 10** and the awards night will be held on **Thursday 23 March**. The easiest way to nominate someone is to click on the following link and make a submission.



NOMINATION FORM

BARKLY SQUARE GLOBAL MARKET

Friday 24 March



Barkly Square Global Markets Harmony Festival Market

Friday, March 24th from 3pm to 8pm

Barkly Square, 25 Barkly Street Ballarat East 3350

Enjoy local shopping, raffles and auctions, live entertainment, food trucks, kids music + more!

We want you! Join us to hold a stall at Ballarat's newest market at Barkly Square.

To apply, visit our website: www.barklysquare.org.au/barkly-square-global-market

For more information email Brooke at brooke@bgt.org.au or call (03) 5333 8600

Proudly supported by:



HARMONY BY THE LAKE

Sunday 26 March 2023



BALLARAT HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Expressions of Interest

The event is a community cultural festival held annually in Ballarat as a major tourist attraction. The festival celebrates the city's history drawing on Ballarat's reputation as a historic Australian city. The event has traditionally taken place on a weekend in May for two days each year in Ballarat's CBD.

We are seeking events or offerings that are aligned with the festival's curation pillars (People and Places, Cultural and Creative, and Culinary Artisans). This is an open call-out to businesses, individuals and community groups in Ballarat to be included in the 2023 Ballarat Heritage Festival program, in particular:

We are seeking **expressions of interest** for the following activities;

- Profile an existing product/experience/event
- Develop an experience
- Create an event
- Promote an offer

If you have an event or offering that you would like profiled as a part of the Ballarat Heritage Festival program, please send through the following information via email to events@ballarat.vic.gov.au by no later than Monday 20 March.

- Business / Trading name
- Contact Name
- Email Address
- Contact Number
- Event Name
- Event Description (150 words MAX)
- Event Location
- Event Start/End Date
- Event Start/Finish Time
- Ticket Price
- Detail accessibility level



ITEMS OF INTEREST



VICTORIAN REFUGEE AWARDS

The Victorian Refugee Awards recognise and promote the achievements and contributions of Victorians who arrived as refugees or asylum seekers. If you know a person, business or organisation that deserves recognition, please nominate them for a Refugee Award.

Nominations are now open and close on 14 March 2023.

The Awards Ceremony will be on 20 June 2023.

Learn more about the [Victorian Refugee Awards](#).



MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL

An annual short film festival that explores diversity and multiculturalism through powerful, uplifting and thought-provoking films.

Entries open 1 February 2023

Entries close 16 April 2023

Premier screening and awards ceremony 24 August 2023

Learn more about the [Multicultural Film Festival](#).

SKILLS ASSESSMENT PILOT

For more information, visit <https://lnkd.in/g3GdgQWa>



Australian Government
Department of Employment
and Workplace Relations

Skills Assessment Pilots



Interested in a FREE and FAST-TRACKED skills assessment?

If you are in Australia on a family, partner, refugee, or humanitarian visa, you could get your overseas qualifications recognised for free.

- Take part in the **Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants Pilot**
- Get your overseas qualifications recognised
- Improve your employment opportunities



APPLY NOW!

Scan the QR code for more information

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