

Ballarat East

Community News

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Cultures Unite in Song and Dance at BRMC's 25th Anniversary

The sound of beating drums, swishing silk and joyful voices filled Federation University's Founders Theatre as over 100 performers from Ballarat's multicultural communities came together to celebrate the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council's (BRMC) 25th anniversary. The Intercultural Concert on November 16 showcased the rich cultural diversity that BRMC has fostered across our city for a quarter-century.

From the powerful opening Creation Dance by members of the Ballarat Aboriginal Community to contemporary fusion performances, the concert reflected how Ballarat's cultural landscape has evolved. "Over 25 years, we've seen our city transform through the contributions of diverse communities," shared BRMC Chief Executive Officer Suzanne Ryan-Evers. "This concert celebrates not just our past, but the vibrant, intercultural future we're building together."

The afternoon featured 22 performances spanning continents and traditions. Highlights included Dilzy Griffin's mesmerising Uzbek dance, the Filipino-Australian Association's skilled Tinikling dancers and the Tai Chi by the Lake group whose practices have become a beloved sight at Lake Wendouree. The Ballarat Italian and Irish Associations collaborated on a historical skit about the Eureka



*Transwing Dance Studio's performance, "A Krishna-Radha Story".
Image supplied.*

Uprising, demonstrating how different cultures have shaped our city's story.

The celebration culminated in a unifying finale where performers and audience members joined together in a traditional Ghanaian song led by local musician Stella Savy – symbolising how BRMC has brought Ballarat's communities together since 1999.

To see photos from this spectacular celebration, visit BRMC's Facebook page: facebook.com/brmc.ballarat.

BRMC's mission is to work in partnership with their members, key government and community stakeholders and the wider Ballarat community to actively promote multiculturalism, cultural diversity, inclusion and the wellbeing of all migrant communities throughout the region. Their purpose is to actively promote and develop goodwill, understanding and harmony in our culturally diverse community.

To learn more about BRMC's programs and how to get involved, visit brmc.org.au or call 0427 426 937.



Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people and their ancestors who have been custodians of the Ballarat area for thousands of years, performing age-old cultural ceremonies, celebrations and traditions. We would like to acknowledge the Ballarat Aboriginal community, many of whom were forcibly removed from their families during the Stolen Generations decades and brought to Ballarat. We would also like to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



The Ballarat East Neighbourhood House welcomes all LGBTQIA+ communities.

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Welcome

This edition includes articles about looking back and celebrating achievements, as well as welcoming change and new beginnings.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council over the past 25 years and the wonderful impact that has been achieved for the Ballarat community through supporting community groups and individuals, in addition to sharing knowledge and advocacy. What a wonderful achievement by so many people (p.1).

Warrenheip Primary School (p.4) is celebrating many activities in 2024 and Woodmans Hill Secondary College is welcoming their new Principal, Shannon Ross (p.5).

If you are looking for something new, there are lots of opportunities in this edition. Check out the Sparrow Ground tours (p.6), events for Young Carers (p.7), the Victoria Bowling Club (p.9), Ballarat Libraries (p.10) and activities at the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House for community groups (p.11) and for individuals (p.12). There is something for everyone. Enjoy!

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Prepare for the Fire Season



Some important messages from the Country Fire Authority (CFA):

- On hot, dry, windy days, fires can start and spread quickly. If the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic, leaving early before a fire has started is the safest option.
 - Understand your risk and plan ahead. Know what to do on hot, dry, windy days and plan for all situations. Talk to your family and friends about how you'll know when to leave, where you'll go and how you will get there.
 - Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. As the ratings increase, so does the risk of an uncontrollable and fast moving fire. An Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger rating should be your trigger to leave. To find out more about fire danger ratings visit: cfa.vic.gov.au/firebans.
- Never wait for an official warning before you leave, as you may not get one. Fires can start quickly and threaten homes and lives within minutes. Make sure you have a plan.
 - If you can see smoke or fire, driving is extremely dangerous. Thick smoke makes it hard to see, making traffic jams and collisions more likely. Keep roads clear for emergency services.
 - If you're travelling through bush or grasslands this summer, check the conditions for your destination and any areas you will travel through before you go, listen to local radio for warnings and advice while you're on the road and check conditions regularly throughout your stay. Download the VicEmergency app, visit emergency.vic.gov.au, and save the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226) into your mobile phone. Never travel into bush or grassland areas where a Catastrophic fire danger rating has been forecast.
 - Preparing your property means you can minimise the chance of property damage during a fire, even if you plan to leave early. Find more information at cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare
 - People have lost their homes due to simple things like embers landing on their doormat. Before you leave, move anything that can burn away from your house.

Merry Christmas 2024

Have a happy and safe holiday season

I'll be in our new office in January 2025 at
2/3 Peel Street South, Bakery Hill
I look forward to seeing you in the new year
Office hours will be 10am-4pm



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2024 in review at Warrenheip Primary School

Besides all the learning we have been engaged with all year, our students have also had a lovely range of extra activities to keep them interested and motivated to learn.



Performing on stage at the Moorabool Kids Big Day Out

It has been a wonderful year for our students, and we are all extremely proud of the growth they have made.

positive feature of the school's learning environment. Warrenheip Primary School is proud of its tradition and is highly regarded in the wider community.

We are looking forward to seeing what 2025 will bring for our great little school!

*Jo Reyntjes, Principal
Warrenheip Primary School*

Warrenheip Primary School has a 'family atmosphere', which is a

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Student of the Week



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Woodmans Hill Secondary College welcomes new Principal



New Woodmans Hill Secondary College Principal, Shannon Ross. Image supplied.

Shannon has shared her vision with our community, a school that has, at its heart, the values of respect, determination and excellence and she models these values in every interaction. She will lead a school where everyone feels known and valued, where relationships are prioritised as central to growth and wellbeing is emphasised. Shannon has shared her belief that Woodmans Hill Secondary College will continue to be a community of diverse individuals who understand the importance of true inclusion.

Shannon is also known as a passionate Geelong Cats fan – a trait that’s sure to bring energy and team spirit into her leadership style! Her enthusiasm and love for our community, combined with her strong sense of purpose, make her the ideal person to guide Woodmans Hill into its next chapter.

One of the honours bestowed on a School Council President is to chair the Principal selection process. This process is thorough and rigorous, holding great importance to the future direction of the school.

Following the recent completion of this Principal selection process and on behalf of the Woodmans Hill Secondary College School Council, I am genuinely pleased to announce the appointment of Shannon Ross as our new College Principal. We couldn’t be more thrilled to have someone of her talent, dedication,

and vision leading our school.

Shannon is no stranger to Woodmans Hill. She has been an integral part of our school community for an impressive 18 years and, during that time, she has shown an unwavering commitment to fostering a positive, inclusive and vibrant environment for all students. Her journey with Woodmans Hill has seen her take on numerous roles, each one further enriching the fabric of the school and deepening her connection with students, staff and the wider Woodmans Hill community alike.

As Shannon steps into her new role, the School Council, wider Woodmans Hill community and I are fully confident in her vision and dedication to our students’ success. We look forward to the positive changes she will continue to bring. We are excited to support her as she leads Woodmans Hill into a bright future.

Adrian Morisi
School Council President.
Woodmans Hill Secondary College

This article first appeared in Edition 41 of the Brown Hill Community Newsletter.



Catherine King MP
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Tours of Sparrow Ground Reserve, Canadian

Sparrow Ground Reserve is becoming more popular all the time! As a consequence, the Friends of Sparrow Ground have decided to conduct a couple of tours of the reserve on the weekend of Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December from 2.00 pm, meeting at the Spencer Street car park rotunda. The plan is to walk the whole reserve – north and south of Spencer Street – and to discuss its management, highlight its values and hear what people have to say about the reserve, both specifically and generally.

Since 1996, when the southern area was threatened with sale (the entire reserve is public/Crown land), the Friends have played a vital role in transforming the whole 10 hectares of the reserve from a weed-infested nightmare with as good as no community facilities (e.g. no toilets, a pot-holed car park) into the attractive and valued/valuable, well-used public facility that we see today.

The reserve is managed by the City of Ballarat and the Friends have worked with Council over the past 28 years to help initiate these achievements. Council has prepared a Landscape Management Plan for the reserve but it doesn't deal with the bulk of the reserve that is occupied by largely indigenous vegetation. In 2006, Council had an Indigenous Vegetation Management Plan prepared for these areas and has been in the process of having an updated plan prepared since around 2022.

Council uses the 2006 plan as a guide to managing the reserve's indigenous vegetation. However, we believe that the splendour of the indigenous vegetation as it now appears – we've had another glorious Spring – is due to the efforts of the Friends over those past 28 years.

We understand that people, including some users of the reserve, have varying views about how the reserve should be managed and used e.g. concerns about fire, preference for a neatly mown park and/or a mindset against the 'messy' bush. Given that these types of views have somewhat hampered the Friends' efforts in caring for the indigenous vegetation, we see the Tours - amongst other



Sparrow Ground Reserve. Image Supplied.

reasons – as an opportunity to talk about the management and care of the reserve and to discuss its many attributes, especially now that the reserve has become so popular.

The Friends have not been holding regular working bees or other activities for some time, so tasks such as woody weed control (e.g. gorse, broom, blackberry – all now under control!), planting and rubbish clean-ups have been held depending on the availability of volunteers. Notwithstanding, it means the heavy lifting has been accomplished and we can see Sparrow Ground being a super special, if not unique, community reserve. Throughout this year in particular, when working close to the main walking path, it's been a joy and a reassurance to have nothing but positive comments from the dozens of people passing through about the works being done.

We'd like to engage with these folk and to work more closely with other local groups to raise the profile of our marvellous Sparrow Ground. So...join us for a tour!

*Hedley Thomson,
Convenor – Friends of Sparrow Ground,
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Events for Young Carers

Being a carer can look like...

- Helping with the shopping
- Providing personal support
- Caring for your sibling
- Looking after your mother
- Helping with personal needs like hygiene and laundry
- Helping with schoolwork
- Helping with the care of a pet

How do I know if I am a young carer?

Tick if you are under 25 years old and:

- Help take care of someone in your household or a friend who has a disability, chronic or mental illness, who is frail aged, or has an alcohol or drug problem.
- Assist this person with daily tasks.
- Talk with service providers and health care professionals on your loved one's behalf.
- The caring responsibilities affect your social life, schoolwork and time for yourself.
- Feel stressed, anxious, tired or lonely.
- Often think about whether your loved one is safe and if they need you when you're away.
- Miss out on activities and hobbies you enjoy because of your caring responsibilities.

If you ticked one or more boxes above, you are likely to be a carer.

How do I contact Carer Gateway?

You can call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm to learn about the support and services available to you.

Online services and more information is available on the Carer Gateway website: www.carergateway.gov.au

Young Carer School Holiday events

DATE: Thursday 9th January
TIME: 10:00am - 12:00pm
EVENT: Movies - Sonic 3
Location: Showbiz Cinemas
 Drink & popcorn included

DATE: Thursday 23rd January
TIME: 10:00am - 3:00pm
 Proudly partnering with Ballarat East Neighbourhood House we bring you... ART ATTACK with Mell
Location: Training Room 1 - Barkly Square
 25/39 Barkly St, Ballarat East.

Join us & other Young Carers for a fun day filled with art, games & plenty of food!

If you would like to join our school holiday events, you will need to register with us as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact:

Email: Carers@gh.org.au
 Phone: (03) 5333 7104

Ballarat embraces soft plastics recycling

More than 3,800 households are already diverting 'scrunchable' soft plastics from landfill and recycling them, as part of the City of Ballarat's kerbside collection pilot program. The 12-month kerbside soft plastics pilot enables residents to recycle their soft plastics in a City of Ballarat-supplied orange bag that can now be placed in residents' yellow-lid recycling bin. The soft plastics that residents recycle will be included in a circular solution to turn them back into quality products or packaging, as part of plans to develop a long-term circular system for soft plastic packaging waste.

Soft plastics can only be recycled in the supplied orange bags and should be empty and dry. The orange collection bags are made in Australia from 100 per cent recycled plastic. Scrunchable soft plastics include bread and cereal bags, frozen vegetable packets, lolly wrappers, bubble and cling wrap as well as plastic toilet paper wrap. You can also look for the former REDCycle logo or the Australian Recycling Label 'Return to Store' or 'In-store Drop-off' logo.

The supplied orange bags can contain up to 1kg of soft plastics. When the orange bag is full and tight like a basketball, residents can secure it with a double knot and place it in their fortnightly yellow-lid recyclables collection bin.

The City of Ballarat pilot program is being run in partnership with the Australian Food and Grocery Council. To register for the soft plastics kerbside collection visit ballarat.vic.gov.au/property/waste/recycling-ballarat or call Customer Service on 5320 5500. After registering, residents can pick up their orange bags from one of the designated locations.

Please remember to keep all other recycling items loose in your bin and never put loose soft plastics directly into your yellow-lid recycling bin. Loose soft plastics can damage collection trucks and recycling machinery.



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Dr Franklin's interests include skin health, complex care and caring for families. He is taking new patients.

He joins Dr Rodney Allen in supporting the ongoing physical and mental health of our current and future patients.

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Victoria Bowling Club, Ballarat East

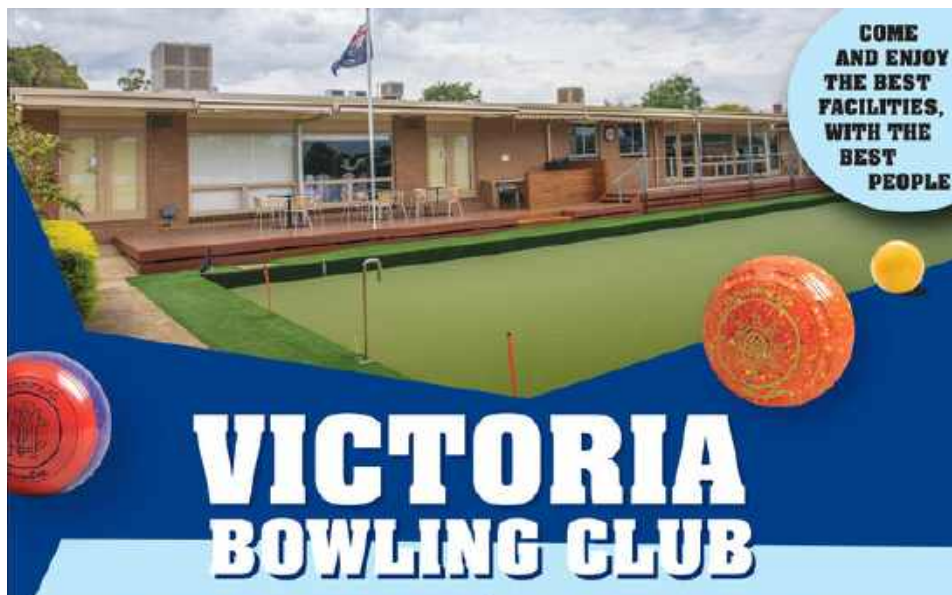
Victoria Bowling Club is a community sports club with great facilities that are used all year round.

This time of year there are many events and functions keeping our members and lots of volunteers very busy. With seven divisions in the Saturday pennant competition and four divisions in the Tuesday pennant competition, there is a role for every level of bowler. We also offer a very reasonable social membership for those wanting to enjoy our facilities and bar but not wanting to bowl.

Coming up in January (Friday 10 and Saturday 11) we are hosting the Bowls Victoria-sponsored Regional Sides event which showcases the best bowlers from around our great state. At Victoria Bowling Club we will see teams competing in the Women's and Men's Silver Sections One and Two from Geelong, Strzelecki, Murray Mallee, Mornington, Gippsland, Wimmera and Goulburn. Come and watch some enthralling bowling, BBQ lunch and drinks will be available.

On Sunday 26 January we will hold our Australia Day Memorial Fours bowls tournament, sponsored by Premier Plumbing Service and in memory of George McBryde.

We celebrate Australia Day on the bowling green in a friendly atmosphere, appreciating all that Australia has to offer to those who call Australia home.



We are also hoping to run a couple of community activities over the summer months including a car boot sale in the car park off Stawell Street and an open day/come and try bowls event. This will be an opportunity to come and try your hand at bowling, or just come for a BBQ sausage and a drink and get to meet others from our community who are looking for a place to gather in a social setting.

There will be something for everyone of all ages!

Our club song has the words...“we will strive to do our best...”; this is our motto at Victoria Bowling Club and our goal is to do our best for our community in Ballarat East.

Peter Elshaug, Bowls Coordinator & Assistant Secretary



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Ballarat Libraries

Festive Season Opening Hours

Library opening hours will change temporarily over the Christmas and New Year period. You can find full details below. Standard hours will resume early in January and we wish our library community a safe and relaxing festive season.

Ballarat, Sebastopol and Wendouree libraries will close at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 24 December.

Ballarat Library will reopen at 9.30 am on Thursday 2 January 2025.

Sebastopol Library will reopen at 9.30 am on Friday 27 December and remain open over the festive season. It will be closed on 1 January 2025 for the New Years Day public holiday.

Wendouree Library will reopen at 9.30 am on Monday 6 January 2025.

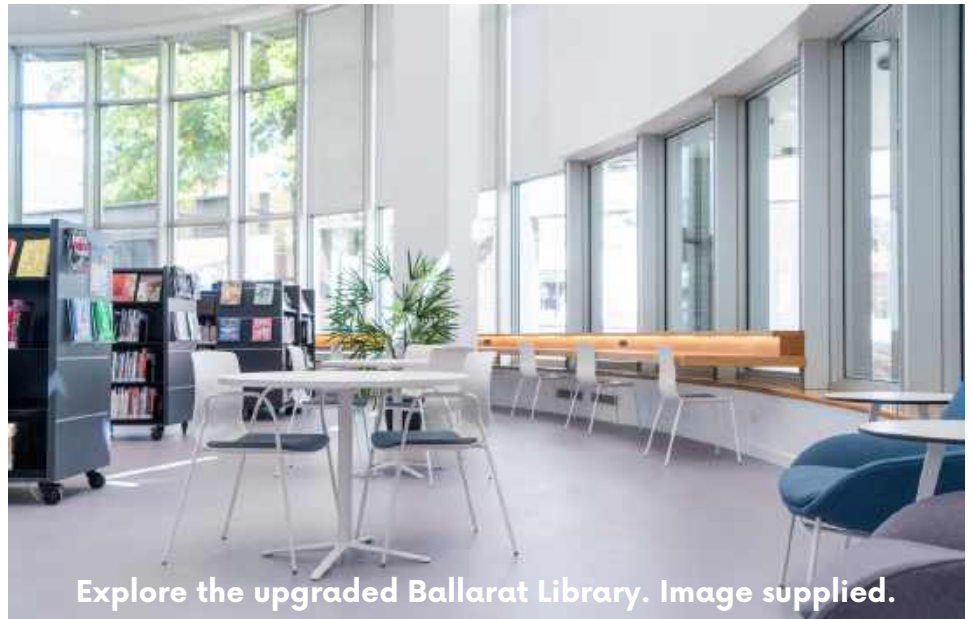
Library Outreach services will close from Friday 20 December and recommence from Tuesday 28 January 2025.

All libraries will be closed on Monday 27 January for the public holiday.

Remember that the Digital Library is always available: libraries.ballarat.vic.gov.au

Looking for a way to ease into Christmas? Something a little cheesy?

Join us at Sebastopol Library for some light-hearted fun this December at our Christmas movie festival.



Explore the upgraded Ballarat Library. Image supplied.

Christmas biscuits and mint hot chocolate included. Bookings required. Phone the team at Sebastopol Library on **5335 7985**.

Wednesday 11 December, 10.30 am
Christmas with a Crown

Universal themes of love and family sure to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Thursday 19 December, 4.30 pm
12 Dogs of Christmas
A family classic.

Summer is on the way, so emergency preparedness is front of mind.

Preparing for Emergencies and power Outages

Presented by NBN Community Ambassador, Thursday 12 December, 11.00 am - 12.00 noon
Ballarat Library. Bookings required on **5338 6850**.

Summer School Holiday Program

Always popular, Ballarat Libraries has a range of free and fun activities for families this summer. The school holiday program will kick off on Monday 13 January, with something on offer each day until Friday 24 January, just in time for Term One to commence. Full details are available online:

libraries.ballarat.vic.gov.au/kids-families/school-holidays and bookings will open Friday 27 December. Places fill quickly.

Most borrowed title in the library collection for 2024 ...

is Sanctuary by Garry Disher – a page turner telling the story of master thief, Grace, who is a specialist in stamps, watches and jewellery and is living life on the run. Place a hold on it and pick up from the library branch of your choice for your summer reading.



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Support for Community Groups



Networking Event Presenters (L-R): Kay Miller (Ballarat East Neighbourhood House), Sophie Atkinson (City of Ballarat), Claire Huntington (Food is Free), Kelly Bevan (Community Bank Buninyong), Lou Ridsdale (Food is Free), Greg Jakob (Ballarat Tool Library), Clare O'Connor (Ballarat Repair Café). Photographer: Liz Wade. Andrew Eales (Ballarat Foundation) was also a presenter (not pictured).

Networking event brings Ballarat Community Groups together

In mid-November the Community Governance Program, which is run by the four Ballarat Neighbourhood Houses and funded by the City of Ballarat, ran its first networking event for community groups. The evening focused on answering the question – Where does the money come from?

Participants gathered at Morshead Park to hear from local grant funders City of Ballarat, Ballarat Foundation and Community Bank Buninyong. Local community groups also spoke about raising funds through memberships, donations, online platforms, events and partnerships with business.

There was time for meeting new people and talking to those we already knew, with delicious catering provided by Convivium by Carbonis.

We are incredibly grateful for the funding and support we received from **@communitybankbuninyong**. We encourage you to support the Community Bank Buninyong by following them on social media for more impact stories just like ours.

The Community Governance Program will continue into 2025, including a **Conflict Resolution Workshop** in Term 1. Check out the free workshops online: ballarateastnh.org.au/community-governance/community-groups

Workshop #1 – City of Ballarat: Community Impact Grant: Grant Writing Workshop

“Excellent workshop. Provided some key insight into grant writing. I’m new to the community grant writing space and was quite overwhelmed by it. I would like to say thank you for making it less daunting and giving me the opportunity to attend in the evening via Zoom.” Previous Workshop participant.

Session 1: Tuesday 11 February
10.00 am – 11.30 am
Training Room 1, Barkly Square

Session 2: Tuesday 25 February
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Online via Zoom

Session 3: Saturday 1 March
10.00 am – 11.30 am
Barkly Square

Are you going to apply for a Community Impact Grant from City of Ballarat in 2025?

If so, come along and hear what’s required to give your group the best chance of success. Presenters include Sophie Atkinson from City of Ballarat and Sandy Darrington from Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre. Please note that the presentation is repeated on each of the four dates, so you only need to attend one session.

Workshop #2 – ATO: Self-review return for community groups

“Very knowledgeable facilitator, very helpful and made it easier to understand this process and the work required to get our ducks in a row.” Previous Workshop participant.

Session 1: Tuesday 18 February
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Meeting Room 1, Barkly Square

Session 2: Wednesday 5 March
10.00 am – 11.30 am
Venue TBC

Session 3: Saturday 15 March
10.00 am – 11.30 am
Venue TBC

Is your community group required to complete the new ATO Self-Review form to maintain your tax-exempt status?

If so, this practical workshop will show you how to go about it. Please bring along your laptop or tablet and mobile phone so that we can get you started.

Not sure if your community group needs to lodge the new form? Visit: ballarateastnh.org.au/community-governance/governance-for-community-groups

For the contact details of the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, see p. 2.

Term 1, 2025: Activities

Mondays

Community Auslan: A

with Jane
9.30 am - 12.00 pm
Barkly Square
\$80, 8-week course
*Learn Local Course**
From 3 February

Art & Crafternoon and Monday Mend-along

12.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Barkly Square
FREE
BYO art, craft, sewing or mending projects, supplies & equipment
From 3 February

Climate Café

with Susan and Gerry
A supportive facilitated space to share thoughts and feelings about the climate crisis.
5.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Barkly Square
FREE
3 February, 3 March

Saturdays

Community Auslan: "Voice Off" Practice

10.00 am - 11.30 am
Sebastopol Library
FREE
22 February, 29 March

Watercolour Crash Course

with Christine
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Barkly Square
\$100, 1-day course
Saturday 1 March

Tuesdays

Playgroup with the Ballarat Toy Library

with Eve
10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Barkly Square
FREE
From 4 February

Be Connected - Digital Skills

with Greg
Drop-in sessions
10.00 am - 11.00 am
Barkly Square
2 sessions FREE for people aged 50+
From 4 February

Beginners' Sewing

with Christine
12.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Barkly Square
\$80, 8-week course
*Learn Local Course**
From 4 February

The Ballarat East Neighbourhood House office (**Room 102**) and our Community Room (**Room 103**) are on Wadawurrung Country,

Ground Floor at **Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East.**

We are available from **9.00 am - 5.00 pm Tuesdays to Fridays** (Closed Mondays, Public Holidays and School Holidays).

Term 4 2024: Until 20 December 2024

Term 1 2025: 28 January to 4 April 2025

For the most up-to-date version of this calendar visit:

ballarateastnh.org.au/classes/activities

Wednesdays

Walking Group

9.30 am - 10.30 am
meet outside the Café at **Barkly Square** for a walk along Specimen Vale Creek
FREE
From 29 January

Chatty Wednesdays

10.30 am - 11.30 am
Near the Café
Barkly Square
FREE
From 29 January

Winter Woollies

with Sandra
1.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Barkly Square
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Craft/Knit/Crochet/Create
All welcome
From 29 January

All activities require registration, agreement to the Activity Terms and Conditions, are subject to change without notice and require minimum participant numbers (usually 7 people). If needed, we can provide a participant payment plan.

**All Learn Local Courses receive Victorian State Government funding through the Adult and Community Further Education program, which covers the tuition costs up to a rate of \$9.35/hour per person.*

Participants pay a course fee to cover our administration, amenities and materials costs. Please see our website for additional information including course codes.

Thursdays

Community Auslan: C

with Jane
9.30 am - 12.00 noon
Barkly Square
\$80, 8-week course
*Learn Local Course**
From 6 February

Book Group

10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Atrium, **Barkly Square**
FREE
Monthly Thursdays during school term:
13 February & 13 March

Let's Talk Rubbish Social Group

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm
Every 2nd Thursday
Café, **Barkly Square**
FREE - All welcome
6 & 20 February,
6 & 20 March, 3 April

Exploring Writing

with Melissa
12.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Barkly Square
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Community Auslan: Practice Group

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Café, **Barkly Square**
FREE
From 30 January

Watercolour

with Tegan & Blazer
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Workshopery, Barkly Square
\$180, 9-week course
From 6 February

Fridays

Gentle Yoga

with Kate
7.45 am - 8.45 am or
9.00 am - 10.00 am
Eureka Centre
\$100, 10-week course
From 31 January

Community Auslan: B

with Jane
9.30 am - 12.00 pm
Barkly Square
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From 7 February

Watercolour

with Tegan & Blazer
10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Workshopery, Barkly Square
\$180, 9-week course
From 7 February

Hypnotherapy/ Meditation

with Clare
12.30 pm for 12.45 pm
start - 1.45 pm
Barkly Square
\$70, 7-week course
From 7 February

Sketchbook Club

with Tegan
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
Workshopery, Barkly Square
\$180, 9-week course
From 7 February

Exploring Watercolour

with Christine
2.15 pm - 4.45 pm
Barkly Square
\$150, 8-week course
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