

Ballarat East

Community News

Edition 22: Winter 2025 Connecting people in Bakery Hill, Ballarat East, Canadian, Eureka, Golden Point, Mount Pleasant and Warrenheip

Bakery Hill Kindergarten - The seasons in nature

Bakery Hill nature kindergarten started its Term Two program with wonderful opportunities for children to connect with nature and delight in watching seasonal changes. The children were very aware of the changing season with the mature trees and their bold autumn colours and the carpet of leaves to collect and sort in their play. They explored various spaces with the changing landscape available in the garden to wander, play and connect.

The tumbling chestnuts provided another element to extend and contribute to rich play ideas, developing concepts of sink or float in the billabong, use as money or as food in dramatic play and imaginative cooking on a campfire and the simple enjoyment of watching the chestnuts roll down the hills and pathways.

Our child-led curriculum is focused on the interests of the children, supporting their play to foster positive interactions and connections with their peers. Using natural resources from the changing season, such as giant leaves from the trees and colourful flower petals, the children have been building on imaginative and dramatic play experiences. Lately, this has included creating a day spa to "pamper and polish" using sand and flower petals.

The changing season also brought new developments to our garden beds. While we saw the end of our



broad beans and strawberry plants, we're composting food scraps and enjoying the excitement of growing new things. We've planted beetroot seeds in the garden beds and chives from seeds in our egg cartons.

We are observing and documenting nature's changes with joy, especially when discovering little creatures including caterpillars, millipedes, and roly-polys living in the soil. This calm and gentle learning environment truly fosters the individual learning styles of our children, as they show natural curiosity toward the interesting things they discover.

Our purpose-built, light-filled room, with its floor-to-ceiling bay windows, offers a wonderful view of the changing environment even when we

are indoors. We have continued to share stories and sing songs, which has encouraged many curious questions and sparked new directions in the children's discussions and interests.

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent BBQ fundraiser. It was wonderful to meet locals who have attended the kindergarten over the years, including one supporter who attended in the 1940s. Bakery Hill Kinder has a very strong history, being Ballarat's first free kinder established in 1911. The kindergarten is supported by a committee who act as caretakers of the building and promote a strong sense of community within our kindergarten.

*Deneale, Secretary
Bakery Hill Kindergarten*



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

It is wonderful to see the collaboration between community groups across broader Ballarat East - and what can be achieved when we work together.

The Barkly Square Community Hub (p.4) is wonderful, welcoming space which almost 30 local community groups call home. A broad range of groups, interests and activities take place at Barkly Square bringing together local people from all walks of life to share their knowledge or experience, spend time with friends, make new connections and help others and the local environment.

We heard from the Friends of Specimen Vale (p.6) that, as a result of an article we published, they have an ongoing commitment of help from the local Geocachers, which they say, "We all love!"

Working together, the voice and impact of local community groups is amplified. The Ballarat Mental Health Collective (p.7) is another great example of what can be achieved.

Enjoy the stories and opportunities for connection in this edition.

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Navigating the NDIS for deaf or hard-of-hearing people



In partnership with the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, Deaf Victoria are running two free sessions to support people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing with navigating the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Presented by Gary Kerridge from Deaf Victoria, these two sessions will include interpreters and live captions.

Nibbles and refreshments will also be provided.

Navigating the NDIS for Adults

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Please register for this free session:



Navigating the NDIS for Parents of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Wednesday 23 July 2025

Please register for this free session:



Both sessions will be held at the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, Room 103, Ground Floor, Barkly Square 25-39 Barkly Street. After-hours entry to Barkly Square is via the doors near the Men's Shed on the Princes Street South side of the building.

To contact Gary before the sessions:
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Find out more and register:
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Barkly Square: The Heart of Community in Ballarat East



If you're looking for a place that brings people together, offers support and learning opportunities and builds meaningful connections, look no further than the Barkly Square Community Hub in Ballarat East.

Located at 25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East (opposite the historic Ballarat Fire Station), Barkly Square is a vibrant and inclusive space that fosters connection, education, creativity and community engagement. Established in 1862 as a learning precinct, the site has grown into a thriving hub, now home to over 30 community-focused organisations and services supporting individuals and families from all walks of life.

Whether you're looking for training, volunteering opportunities, creative outlets or simply a welcoming place to connect, Barkly Square has something for you. Managed by BGT Jobs and Training Ballarat, the hub offers a range of facilities, including a community hall, café, kitchen, art exhibition space, theatre and training and meeting rooms available for hire.

Tenants include:

- Ballarat Community Men's Shed
- Ballarat East Neighbourhood House (BENH)
- Ballarat Italian Association
- Ballarat National Theatre (BNT)
- Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC)
- Ballarat Times News Group
- Ballarat Tool Library & Repair Café,
- Ballarat Toy Library
- Ballarat Wholefoods Collective
- BGT Jobs and Training Ballarat
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Centre for Multicultural Youth
- Cops-N-Kids Camp
- Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services
- Food is Free Inc.
- National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA)
- Noah's Ark
- Our Kitchen Social Enterprise
- Parent Pathways,
- Playgroup Victoria
- Rose Hudson Millinery
- Sports Central
- Styled for Success
- SWIRE Group
- Tegan Crosbie Art
- The Hidden Orchard

- The Y Ballarat
- Voice FM
- Women and Mentoring

Services span employment, education, family support, multicultural programs, sustainability and youth mentoring.

“Barkly Square is more than just a building – it's a place where people feel part of something,” says one tenant. “Whether you're here to learn, grow or give back, there's a way to get involved.” The hub is committed to accessibility, with ramps, touch-free automatic doors, and accessible toilets recently installed.

In March 2025 Barkly Square hosted a successful Open Day and plans to make it an annual event.

Interested in volunteering? Drop in and pick up a volunteer brochure. To find out more, lease a space or hire a room, email holly@bgt.org.au or simply drop by and experience community at its best.

*Emma Hart, Interim CEO
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Gardening at the Ballarat East Botanical Gardens

Jane discovered the Ballarat East Botanical Gardens when on a walk along Specimen Vale and was enthralled with the beauty of the trees and the hidden garden beds that were overgrown with weeds. After talking with Bob, the first volunteer, Jane joined the other enthusiastic volunteer gardeners.

The Gardens surround Barkly Square, Ballarat Multicultural Council and to the rear of those buildings from Princes Street to the rear of the old Golden Crown Chinese Restaurant on the corner of Mair and Barkly Streets.

There are walking tracks, garden beds and a number of significant and rare trees in the space, which require constant maintenance. It is only with donations from the community and businesses, in the form of tools, mulch, seedlings, soil and money to purchase plaques for the trees, that the gardens are now being restored.

Slowly the group is removing the weeds and ivy up the trees and clearing the beds so that, once again, the Ballarat East Botanical Gardens can be a place of beauty that links us with the past and opens up the space for the community to enjoy and appreciate.

Interested in gardening?
Join our small crew of gardening



enthusiasts, who work together in the upkeep of the Gardens - the first to inspire the 'tag' of 'The Garden City'.

The space is currently used by walkers, pet owners, cyclists and occasional kite fliers! These people often stop to chat with volunteer gardeners and congratulate us on our efforts to revitalise the beautiful community area.

Our most recent group activity was planting out 400 pansies and violas in the strip garden beds facing the

old entry gates. Our next venture is to replant a large number of clivias which were removed from the courtyard in Barkly Square.

Volunteers can work independently or with others and no specific time commitments are required. Also, it's rewarding! Keeping physically and actively involved in a beautiful community area and encouraging wider community use of the space is very satisfying. For more, contact Holly at Barkly Square: **holly@bgt.org.au**.


Helen Pickersgill, Volunteer

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Friends of Specimen Vale

Over the past five years, the volunteers who make up the group Friends of Specimen Vale (FoSV) have discovered that working communally in the local environment brings great enjoyment and much satisfaction.

We meet fortnightly along the walking track beside Specimen Vale Creek between Stawell Street and Princes Street South. 'Our' creek is one of the many little tributaries that feed into the Yarrowee River, all of which suffered from the impact of goldmining in the 19th century and, consequently, found themselves channelled and denuded in the 20th century.

The working bees, and our annual participation in the National Tree Day (NTD) program organised by Planet Ark in partnership with



Toyota Australia, is transforming this urban environment.

Celebrations this year on the track between Chamberlain and Rodier Streets will be on Thursday 24 July and as with our regular working bees, we extend an invitation to local residents to dig in and plant a tree for posterity then enjoy a delicious morning tea!

We truly believe that Patrick Geddes, the Scottish urban planner

and conservationist, credited with coining the phrase "think globally, act locally", way back in 1915, would beam upon the endeavours of FoSV. He believed that local actions mattered and that small changes could lead to big results.

If you would like to be a part of the local action in a small way at Specimen Vale, either by coming to a working bee or participating in the NTD celebrations, please contact: Meredith:

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Ellen:

millie.newington@outlook.com

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You would be made most welcome!

Meredith Harvey
Co-ordinator FoSV



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Ballarat Mental Health Collective



National Mental Health Month runs through October with World Mental Health Day being on 10 October.

Ballarat Mental Health Collective (BMHC) runs community events in Mental Health Month to destigmatise mental health conditions, increase awareness and promote positive mental health in our community and beyond.

One key event is an online auction to raise funds. It is open to browse now and goes live at 8.00 am on 3 August. It finishes at 8.00 pm on Monday 11 August. Listings may be updated or further listings added.

Ballarat Mental Health Collective is a consortium of consumers, carers and organisations that support people in the Ballarat community and surrounds with their mental health. Ballarat Mental Health Collective receives some grant

funding but relies heavily on community donations and support to run Ballarat Mental Health Month events.

Other events to look out for are the free Community Event at Lake Esmond on 19 October with stalls, food and music.

Also, this is the 30th year of the BMHC Art Exhibition.

"#BrightenUpBallarat" is a campaign where we encourage small acts of kindness and for people to wear bright colours in Mental Health Month in support of Mental Health Awareness and positive mental health.

To find out more, visit:
airauctioneer.com/ballarat-mental-health-collective-2025-online-auction

facebook.com/BallaratMHCollective



With One Voice Ballarat

Interested to find out about Ballarat's With One Voice Choir?

We are a non-auditioning choir and sing songs from many genres. Our current membership includes people from a broad age group, abilities and cultural backgrounds. One of our members enjoys singing with the choir to help her learn English.

- Wednesdays: 5.45 pm for a 6.00 pm start, to 7.15 pm
- 402 Gregory Street, Soldiers Hill at the Ballarat North Bowling Club, which runs between Armstrong Street North and Doveton Street North.

For the first two weeks you can attend free-of-charge, as a guest. After this you are required to join as a member. You will receive a free t-shirt and badge. Membership prices vary depending on members' ability to pay.

We always stay after choir for a chat and bite to eat. Food is provided by members on a rotating roster.

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Successful Local Community Group Support Program

What a ride it has been!

June 30, 2025 sees the end of funding for a very successful partnership between the City of Ballarat (CoB) and the four Neighbourhood Houses in Ballarat, led by the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House (BENH).

The Community Group Governance Program was funded by a four-year Strategic Partnership Grant from the City of Ballarat. The Program was managed by BENH and delivered across the four neighbourhood houses in Ballarat – Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre and Ballarat North Neighbourhood House.

The Program has made contact with over **400** people and over **210** local community groups. We delivered **66** free workshops and recorded over **60** instances of one-to-one support for community groups. The impact this has had on the Ballarat community is extensive - well governed and supported community groups have stronger connections, better managed risks and can get on with doing the work they enjoy.

As Community Governance Officer, Ballarat East Neighbourhood House staff member, Kay Miller, has facilitated workshops and been available for the many questions



that community groups have about the way that they manage themselves. Kay brought years of experience in working and volunteering with community organisations and strong legal skills to the role. One participant commented, “The workshop sessions have been so accessible, well-run, organised and had brilliant speakers.”

Topics for the workshops included – Grant Writing, Child Safe Standards, Managing Volunteers, Marketing and Promotion, Managing Difficult Conversations, Conflict Resolution, Running a Successful Community Group and many others. We also held a well-attended networking evening in 2024, focused on fundraising opportunities.

The Program has been valued by local community groups as shown by comments in a recent survey we sent out to all those who have participated. Feedback included:

“As a beginner on a committee, I’m really grateful for the help I’ve been

given in relation to a new role and responsibilities”.

“[The] Program is valued and was empowering. I, and my community group benefitted from what I learnt”.

“An excellent initiative and one which is delivering significant value in a challenging environment”.

“I have realised there is a wealth of knowledge in the community and it is a valuable resource for others in the shared sphere of community groups. This [Program] will ensure that governance is at its highest possible standard.”

The Ballarat East Neighbourhood House looks forward to continuing to support local community groups where possible and we are seeking funding to potentially roll out another phase of this very successful program. Resources are available on the Community Governance page on our website: ballarateastnh.org.au/community-governance/community-groups

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Digital Sisters: Free Digital Skills Program for women



Karishma, Erica and Salma at their Digital Sisters session.
Photographer: Sarah Greenwood-Smith

Free digital skills training for women from refugee and multicultural backgrounds.

In collaboration with the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC), the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House is hosting the Digital Sisters program. It brings together free local support and online learning opportunities. We run programs for women from refugee and multicultural backgrounds on topics such as AI, keeping kids safer online and essential digital skills. Our Digital Mentors are supporting migrant and refugee women to be safer and more confident online.

We have three trained, skilled and wonderful local women from different cultural backgrounds who

are Digital Mentors for this program. They are working to close the digital divide for women.

Erica, one of the Digital Mentors, enjoys helping other women from refugee and multicultural backgrounds to build confidence with their digital skills. She has set up her Wednesday morning sessions as friendly and interactive in nature. The group shares a warm-up exercise then share their questions and issues and solve them as a group or one-on-one.

Two participants in Erica's sessions, Salma and Karishma, are both really enjoying the sessions. Salma enjoys learning to complete forms and gaining confidence for her digital skills at work. Karishma enjoys the relaxed nature of the small group

sessions. She is learning how to sell things online through participating in this program. Most of all, all three women are making new connections, building confidence and having fun!

Across Australia, 71% of women who have participated in this program so far increased their ability to be safe online, 60% had increased social connections and 64% had increased everyday independence.

Do you, or a woman you know from a refugee or multicultural background, want some help with digital skills? Free small group training sessions and flexible 1:1 support will be available in Room 102, Ground Floor at the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, Barkly Square, Ballarat East until the end of Term 3, 2025. Drop-in times from **22 July to 19 September 2025** (no need to book):

- With Saranya: Tuesdays: 9.30 am - 11.30 am
- With Erica: Wednesdays: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
- With Clara: Thursdays: 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm

To find out more, visit: ballarateastnh.org.au/support/be-connected-online or call us on **0422 612 052**.

Art Gallery of Ballarat - Art Pop!



At: Ballarat East Neighbourhood House Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

Dates: Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 July (school holidays)

Time: 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

While the Art Gallery of Ballarat is closed for interior upgrades, the school holiday program will be popping up across the neighbourhood as Art Pop!

Join the Art Gallery of Ballarat's experienced educators for inspiring and creative drop-in art-making sessions. Bring your imaginative minds and original ideas and the Art Gallery of Ballarat team will provide expertise and an interesting range of art materials so that kids can bring their visions to life. This is the ideal way to keep creative minds stimulated during the winter break.

These drop-in sessions are suitable for children aged six to 12. Entry is free, but bookings are essential. Book via the Art Gallery of Ballarat website: artgalleryofballarat.com.au.

Art Pop! is presented in partnership with the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House.

Free L's Training



Supporting women from refugee and multicultural backgrounds to gain their Car Learner Permit.



Multicultural Women of Ballarat without a driver's licence can gain more independence by taking the first step to get their VicRoads Car Learner Permit.

We have free flexible training and one-on-one support on Wednesdays from 9.30 am - 11.30 am on 30 July, 6 and 13 August 2025 at the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, Barkly Square, Ballarat East.

Our experienced local facilitator, Melissa, will tailor the training to support participants to learn the information and prepare for the VicRoads online (free) or face-to-face test (fee payable to VicRoads). Resources will be available in a variety of languages.

This program is funded by VicRoads through a Community Roads Safety Grant and delivered in collaboration with the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC).

ballarateastnh.org.au/support/community-road-safety

Action Your Creative Project



Unravel and Action Your Creative Business Project, an 8-week group course with Genèvre Becker

Are you a maker, artist or creative small business owner trying to figure out your next step — or even your first step? You don't need to do it alone.

- Create and Action Your Project Board: Workshop - Friday 25 July
- Unravel and Action Your Creative Business Project, 8-week course from Friday 1 August

See page 12 for more details.



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<p>Community Auslan: A with Jane - Learn Local Course* 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm Barkly Square, Rm #103 \$95, 8-week course, from 28 July</p>	<p>Digital Sisters with Saranya 9.30 am - 11.30 am Barkly Square, Rm #102 FREE, from 22 July Supporting women from refugee and migrant backgrounds to use technology and learn new digital skills.</p>	<p>Walking Group 9.30 am - 10.30 am Meet outside the Café at Barkly Square for a walk along Specimen Vale Creek to Eureka Centre FREE, from 23 July</p>	<p>Qigong with Klyti 11.00 am - 12.00 pm or 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm EOI Barkly Square, Rm #103 \$135, 9-week course, from 24 July</p>	<p>Create and Action your Project Board with Genèvre 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Barkly Square, Rm #102 \$55, 3-hour workshop (including supplies), 25 July</p>
<p>Monday Mend-Along & Art-and-Crafternoon with Liz 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm Barkly Square, Rm #102 FREE, from 21 July BYO art, craft, sewing or mending projects, supplies & equipment. All welcome.</p>	<p>Community Auslan: C with Jane - Learn Local Course* 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm Barkly Square, Rm #102 \$95, 8-week course, from 29 July</p>	<p>Chatty Wednesdays 10.30 am - 11.30 am Barkly Square, Rm #103 FREE, from 23 July</p>	<p>Community Auslan: Practice Group 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Atrium or the Café Barkly Square FREE, from 24 July</p>	<p>Unravel & Action Your Creative Project with Genèvre 9.15 am - 11.45 am Barkly Square, Rm #102 \$240, 8-week course (including supplies), from 1 August</p>
<p>Climate Café with Susan and Gerry 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm Barkly Square, Rm #103 FREE, monthly Mondays: 4 August, 1 September A supportive facilitated space to share thoughts and feelings about the climate crisis.</p>	<p>Beginner's Mat Pilates with Nadine 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Barkly Square, Rm #103 \$120, 8-week course, from 29 July</p>	<p>Digital Sisters with Erica 10.30 am - 12.30 noon Barkly Square, Rm #102 FREE, from 23 July Supporting women from refugee and migrant backgrounds to use technology and learn new digital skills.</p>	<p>Digital Sisters with Clara 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm Barkly Square, Rm #102 FREE, from 24 July Supporting women from refugee and migrant backgrounds to use technology and learn new digital skills.</p>	<p>Watercolour with Tegan & Therapy Dog Blazer 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Workshoppery @ Barkly Square \$200, 9-week course, from 25 July</p>
<p>Saturdays</p>	<p>Tanzpro (6-12 yo) with Liz 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Barkly Square, Rm #103 \$135, 9-week course, from 22 July FREE Come & Try sessions</p>	<p>Winter Woollies with Sandra 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm Barkly Square, Rm #102 FREE, from 23 July Craft/Knit/Crochet/Create All welcome</p>	<p>Watercolour with Tegan & Therapy Dog Blazer 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Workshoppery @ Barkly Square \$200, 9-week course, from 24 July</p>	<p>Exploring Watercolour with Christine 12.15 pm - 2.45 pm Barkly Square, Rm #102 \$200, 8-week course, from 25 July</p>
<p>Community Auslan: "Voice Off" Practice 10.00 am - 11.30 am Sebastopol Library FREE, monthly Saturdays: 26 July, 30 August, 27 September</p>	<p>Expressions of Interest also being taken for Tanzpro (3-6 yo) with Liz Time and date TBC</p>	<p>Feldenkrais with Lynden 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Barkly Square, Rm #103 \$75, 5-week course, from 20 August</p>	<p>Venue information Our Office, Community Rooms #102 and #103, the Atrium, Café & Tegan's Workshoppery are all on the Ground Floor @ Barkly Square. See accessibility map of Barkly Square at: barklysquare.org.au/accessibility Some activities run at offsite venues - please check info.</p>	<p>Several activities supported by:</p> <p> Learn Local Your goals, your way</p> <p>*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.</p>
<p>Ballarat East Neighbourhood House is on Wadawurrung Country, Ground Floor @ Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly St, Ballarat East.</p> <p>Our office is open: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Tues (Closed Public & School Holidays)</p>	<p>Registrations & Payments You can register for our activities online, or contact our office on 0422 612 052 or email reception@ballarateastnh.org.au. Payment plans are available on request if needed.</p>	<p>Tai Chi with Jack 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm Barkly Square, Rm #103 \$120, 8-week course, from 30 July</p>		
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