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Free Green Waste Disposal

In Fire Action Week, the City of Ballarat is offering all residents **free** green waste disposal.

- When:** Saturday 17 to Sunday 25 November, 2012
- What:** Up to three cubic metres of green waste may be dropped off at no charge
- Where:** Transfer Station, Gillies Street South, Ballarat.
- Opening hours:** Monday to Friday: 8am to 4pm and weekends: 10am to 4pm

Want to know more?
Call Customer Service at 5320 5500



Be Fire Ready this Summer

Preparing for the fire season

It's your responsibility

Whether you own or lease, you are legally required to manage fire risks on your property.

You must ensure it is clean and free of any debris, flammable material, long grass or other vegetation that could pose a fire hazard.

This requirement covers residential properties, commercial properties and vacant land, including broad-acre farmland.

In Victoria, the obligations of Council and individuals in the prevention of bushfires and the management of fire risk are legislated in the Country Fire Authority (CFA) Act 1958.

Your personal fire safety

Of course, your fire safety preparedness would be incomplete without a personal bushfire survival plan. It's important your plan is written, practiced and understood by all household members.

Making a survival plan could be the most important thing you ever do.

The CFA FireReady Kit has a step-by-step guide and templates to help you prepare a personal bushfire survival plan for your household. There is also free advice, workshops and an online tool to help you assess and manage bushfire risk on your property.

YOUR FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION CHECKLIST

✓	Cut any long grass so that it is no higher than 100mm and maintain it at that height throughout the fire season. <i>This includes maintaining your nature strip to the gutter, either by mowing or removing any excess vegetation that could pose a fire risk.</i>	✓	Remove any noxious and environmental weeds from your property, including highly flammable gorse infestations.
✓	Remove flammable material on or around your home, including cleaning out gutters and spouting.	✓	Trim excess vegetation, including overhanging branches, along driveways and firebreaks to ensure easy access for fire fighting appliances. <i>As a guide, the Country Fire Authority requires minimum clearance of 4 metres wide x 4 metres high.</i>
✓	Clear away dead undergrowth and fallen branches, and ensure that any firewood or timber is stored well away from your home and outbuildings. <i>As a general rule, the on-ground mulch or leaf layer should be no more than 2cm thick.</i>	✓	Make sure your property is clearly numbered so that it can be found quickly and easily by emergency services.

Fire safety on the land

If you're a farmer or live on a rural property, there are a few important things that will substantially reduce the fire risk on your land:

- Reduce the height and proximity of fuel loads, including long grass and weeds, from around farm assets such as buildings, sheds and fences
- Remove and/or control noxious weeds such as gorse in fenced-off areas
- Slashing, mowing and grazing
- Spraying herbicide
- Controlled burns or creating fire breaks (at least three metres wide) along fence lines

Remember, one spark into long dry grass is all it takes to start a fire.

How to make a Bushfire Survival Plan:

- Visit the CFA's website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au to obtain a FireReady Kit or find out more about planning workshops or Permits to Burn.

Want more information?

- Contact the City of Ballarat at 5320 5500 to speak to the Fire Prevention Officer or Local Laws Officer about Permits to Burn.
- Visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au for general information about fire prevention and preparedness.



Controlled Burns

Before you undertake a controlled burn, check to see if you need a permit.

Within the declared Fire Restriction Period

The CFA Act requires that you obtain a Permit to Burn before burning off. Permits are issued either by the City of Ballarat's Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA.

Outside of the Fire Restriction Period

The requirements and conditions relating to lighting fires in the open are specified under Council's Local Law 17 (Section 3.8.1).

Under this law, a Permit to Burn must be obtained if you wish to light a fire or allow one to remain alight in the open air or in an incinerator on any land less than half an acre or 0.2 hectare in size within an urban residential area or township residential area.

Preparing the City of Ballarat

City of Ballarat takes action

The City of Ballarat is busy preparing for the fire season. A variety of teams work together to make sure residents are best placed in the event of an emergency.

Fire season preparations

- Strategic fire control lines will be cut and maintained during the Fire Danger Period

These roads are strategically identified by the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee to assist with stopping the spread of a fire.

- Rural roadside slashing

This is primarily for road safety but also assists in fire prevention.

- Reserves and open spaces are slashed where practical
- Monitors and maintains all City of Ballarat-managed fire access tracks
- Designates and maintains strategically placed static water supplies to assist the fire agencies
- Under the Electrical Safety Act, the City inspects for hazardous trees.

What is the City of Ballarat's role in fire prevention?

The City of Ballarat, under the CFA Act, must regularly inspect all properties within the municipality for potential fire risks.

Where these are found, the City will issue a Fire Prevention Notice to the property owner or occupier directing that the hazard be removed. These inspections are currently underway.

What if I receive a Fire Prevention Notice?

You should act quickly to remove the fire hazard within the timeframe specified on the Notice.

A Fire Prevention Notice is a legally enforceable directive under the CFA Act.

Failure to comply could lead to substantial fines or, in serious cases, imprisonment. Infringement starts at \$1,408 and legal proceedings may occur resulting in fines up to \$17,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

These penalties are declared in the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 (Section 41).

Want to know more about Fire Prevention Notices?

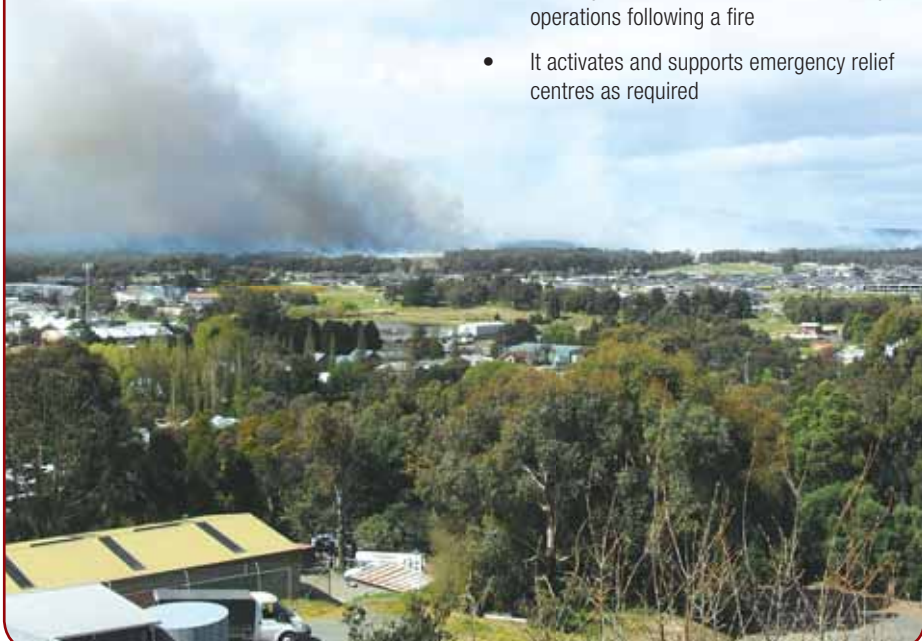
Call the City of Ballarat's Fire Prevention Officer at 5320 5568.

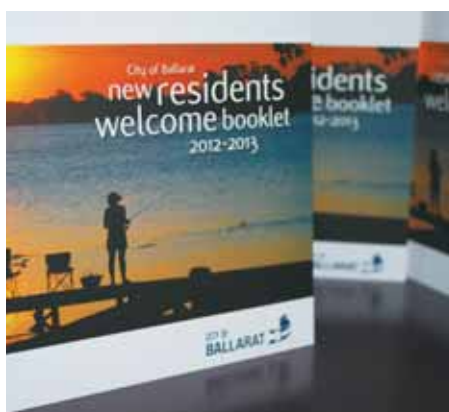
Making a plan

The City of Ballarat works closely with all emergency services in the preparation for the fire season and maintains the Municipal Fire and Emergency Management Plans. The City conducts community education in conjunction with the CFA and has supported the development and implementation of Township Protection Plans in high fire risk areas.

In the event of emergency...

- A Municipal Emergency Coordination Centre will be activated on Code Red days and may be activated in the event of a fire
- Under the Fire Management Plan, Council has identified and designated Neighbourhood Safer Places – Place of Last Resort
- The City of Ballarat will assist in recovery operations following a fire
- It activates and supports emergency relief centres as required





Welcome to Ballarat

Are you new to Ballarat? Our city is a great place to live and we want you to enjoy the best of Ballarat.

We invite you to join our New Residents program. Permanent residents of Ballarat who have lived here for less than three months are eligible to sign up.

Benefits include lots of information about the city, vouchers and coupons for local businesses and services and the opportunity to meet new people and our city's Councillors at our New Resident functions.

To find out more, visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au and click on: About Ballarat. To join the program, make a five minute visit to Customer Service at the Phoenix Building, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat.

Join the Charter

The Ballarat community has backed an initiative aimed at saying 'no' to violence against women.

The Ballarat Community Charter for the Prevention of Violence Against Women was officially launched by Ballarat Mayor Cr Mark Harris and Cr Cheryl Bromfield last month.

Want to sign the Charter?

To find out more and to download a signing document, visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au



Developed and adopted in March 2012 following an extensive community consultation process, the Charter recognises Council's commitment to recognising violence against women as a key social and health issue.

The Charter aims to highlight the need for a community approach to prevention, gather support for action that reduces violence against women and inspire people to act at an individual and community level to eliminate the attitudes that support violence.

The Charter has been designed for community members, workplaces, schools and community organisations and clubs to make the commitment alongside Council as a community partner.

Support White Ribbon Day in Ballarat

Ballarat men are encouraged to gather and show their support for White Ribbon Day and the elimination of violence against women.

Ballarat will mark White Ribbon Day on Friday 23 November with the following activities:

12pm – Walk Against Violence

Commencing on the lawn outside the University of Ballarat SMB Campus in Lydiard Street South, the walk will travel to the Ballarat Mining Exchange in Lydiard Street North.

The walk aims to bring together a diverse range of people to show solidarity for the White Ribbon Day campaign.

12.30pm – Swear the Oath

'Come and Swear' at the Ballarat Mining Exchange. The 2012 White Ribbon Day youth and

senior ambassadors will be inducted following the oath and there will also be a chance to sign the City of Ballarat Community Charter for the Prevention of Violence Against Women.

1pm – Free barbecue at the Ballarat Mining Exchange

SUPPORTING
WHITE
RIBBON

Working to prevent
violence against women
in Australia





On Lake Wendouree

Lake Wendouree is ready for the aquatic season with sailing, rowing and canoeing teams taking to the water, and many residents and visitors enjoying picnics and playing on the shore.

Dredging complete

The dredging of the Lake Wendouree rowing course is complete, with the dredge removed last month.

The full rowing course is now 2.2 metres deep, which is good news for local crews as well as meeting the standard for the 2014 World Master Rowing Championships.

Works to reinstate the full buoying system will be completed by December. Other works include supply and installation of launching pontoons and presentation pontoon. Design work is currently underway to adjust the finishing area which is currently holding water.

Harvesting lake weed

Weed harvesting on Lake Wendouree is complete.

The completion of the project meets the request by the Lake Wendouree Aquatic Association.

Affectionately named "Chopper Weed" by City staff, the new integrated harvester vessel and waste compactor truck was purchased by the City of Ballarat for the periodic maintenance of aquatic plants on Lake Wendouree.



The harvester was specially commissioned with an enclosed, climate controlled cabin to facilitate lake maintenance in all temperatures.

The new harvester will now be part of the scenery of the lake, with operations scheduled across a seven-day-a-week timetable with an intensive works program planned in the lead up to, and during, the aquatic season.

The harvester and truck were manufactured in Australia by Aquatic Harvester Manufacturing and Sales. The specification for the commissioned harvester was scoped in conjunction with local and industry experts.

The state-of-the-art aquatic plant harvester and compactor truck cost \$472,000 and the project was delivered under the projected cost (\$480,000).

Link to the Gardens

Work has taken place out the front of Piper's Restaurant to link the Lake foreshore and the Botanical Gardens. Works has involved formation of garden beds planting of advance Buxus along with trees and upgrade to the turf area.

Canoe Club Toilets

Repairs and repainting of the Canoe Club toilets on the east side of Lake Wendouree are complete.

Ted Williams Monument

The Ted Williams Monument at Lake Wendouree is being renovated to its former splendour. Components of the monument have been removed to allow copies to be recast and missing sections will be replaced.

Free Garden Mulch

In the first two weeks of harvesting, more than 1,650 compressed cubic metres of lake weed was removed. The weed is stockpiled at the Gilles Street site in Victoria Park and residents are welcome to pick up the weed.

Decomposed lake weed from last year's harvest has been broken down to mulch and is available free at Hill Street Reserve. There are signs to the mulch on Hill Street.

Lake weed is a terrific garden mulch and it has proven extremely popular with local residents. It's free, it's environmentally-friendly and it's here for you, so don't miss out!

A better track

The Steve Monghetti walking track has been improved by the granite path resheet of 600 metres from Durham Point to the beginning of the rowing course.

Rotary Playground

Maintenance has been carried out on the turf in the playground precinct. The popularity of the playground and the Lakeside Farmer's Market, coupled with the disappointing vandalism of cars on the grass, left the area in need of some rejuvenation. The seed germination and maintenance has restored the area.

Jubilee Drive

Jubilee Drive is a busy street – and you may not even know you've driven it.

It's the new official name for the road through the Prince of Wales Park





A handy upgrade

A new balustrade and handrail were recently been installed at the former Ballarat Shire Offices in Learmonth.

Community consultation was valuable in creating a design to suit OH&S needs and honor the building's heritage.

A Fresh Look

In the past 12 months, the City of Ballarat roundabout crew has been busy improving roundabouts throughout the municipality.

Keep an eye out for fresh plantings designed to brighten the city with new vegetation that is environmentally-friendly, hardy and colourful.

Maintaining the city

A selection of road maintenance projects recently completed:

- 2,000 stormwater pits were inspected in August, in preparation for spring and summer rainfall.
- Backhoe teams worked on drainage clearance works in North and South Rural areas.
- Grading crews were active in Windermere-Learmonth and Buninyong.
- Major repair works were completed on Nolan Road culverts which were recently damaged by flood debris.

The Asset Management Group recently completed annual maintenance inspections of 200 bridges in the City of Ballarat. Reported defects and other structural information will determine the development of the City's bridge maintenance and capital program for bridges.

New Street Furniture

New installations of the Street Furniture Renewal Program this year:

Central Heritage Overlay Areas – Sturt Street: 15 new bins, 10 street seats, 5 multi-bike racks.

Wendouree – Harold Street, College Street, Violet Grove and Carpenter Street Shopping Centres

Bakery Hill redevelopment: 8 bins, 5 seats and 6 bike racks.

More street furniture is set to be installed at shopping centres and local shops in Alfredton, Delacombe, Ballarat East, Brown Hill and the CBD.

Redundant furniture is also being removed from the CBD and, where possible, recycled or adapted for reuse in other locations.

On Sturt Street

Titanic Bandstand

The Titanic Bandstand in Sturt Street has recently undergone programmed maintenance. Works include roof repairs, new spouting, repainting and electrical repairs.



Flying the flag

The flag poles on each end tower of the Town Hall were replaced last month, to address long-standing OH&S issues. The new poles allow the user to attach the flag directly to the pole, without risk of working at height.



Plants and Gardens

Subsurface irrigation installation has started in the 500 block of the Sturt Street median. Three blocks will be converted to subsurface irrigation

which applies water directly to the soil profile and is more water efficient than traditional sprinkler systems.

Plants in the Town Hall block of Sturt Street have been very slow in growing this year, due to the weather conditions. The gardeners have filled in gaps with pansies and violas which will colour the landscape for a more impressive display.

The Town Hall block lawns have been renovated. The lawns were patchy and hungry for nutrients. The renewal project included spraying, mowing, and top dressing the lawn with soil.

New Public Toilet in CBD

A new state of the art accessible toilet facility is now open for community use in Ballarat's CBD.

The new facility is located at the Ballarat Town Hall – entrance on the south side, facing Bath Lane.

The new public accessible toilet including hoist equipment and a height adjustable change bench as well as baby change room facilities.

The project was possible thanks to a regional grant from the Department of Human Services - Grampians Disability Services.



Little Bridge Street

The Little Bridge Street improvement works between Peel Street and Grenville Street have made a positive impression on the cityscape.

New kerb and channel has been completed from Grenville Street down to Time Lane, and new bluestone and asphalt footpath paving finished to Coliseum Walk.

Best Foot Forward

New footpaths in the City of Ballarat

- Concrete footpath at Howitt Street Shopping Centre from west side of Safeway to the ANZ Bank
- Concrete footpath on the east side of Wilshire Lane from Meadow Court to Smythes Road
- Concrete footpath at Maxlyn Avenue in Ballarat East
- Pedestrian crossings and footpath at Seymour Street
- Learmonth Road on the West side between Cuthberts Road and Beaufort Avenue
- Lake Street, Wendouree at the frontage of Vision Australia – construction of kerb nibbing on each side of the road to provide safer pedestrian access

City of Ballarat Roadworks

The following construction projects are in the works:

Project Title	Description of Works	Project Duration
Cathcart Street Buninyong , Barkly Street to Palmerston Street	Road reconstruction	November - December
Ti Tree Road Warrenheip, Warrenheip Road to Tennis Court Road	Road reconstruction	November
Springs Road, Jansons Road to the Yarrowee River	Road reconstruction	November - December
Ascot Street / Darling Street Intersection	Intersection improvement works	November - December
Ligar Street / McCarthur Street Intersection	Intersection improvement works	November

Want more information?

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Customer Service Centre at 5320 5500 or
visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

Residents and businesses directly affected by these projects will receive letters from the City of Ballarat with details of the location and impact of the works.

Remember to approach works areas with caution and keep an eye out for speed restriction signs.

A New Look Website

The City of Ballarat website is undergoing a makeover and will soon emerge with a new look, feel and navigation.

The new site will be more community and subject focused, making it easier for residents and visitors to find what they need.

In response to community feedback, there will be a Google driven search engine to improve the relevancy of search results. It will also provide the City with enhanced reports of searches, assisting

it in further developing easier access to online information.

In 2013, online projects and site development will feature greater integration with social media, accessibility enhancements and mobile-friendly versions of content.

Want to have your say?

A set of example web pages are available to preview at www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/demo.

Take a look in November and share your thoughts in the Feedback section.

Parks and Gardens

Avenue of Honour works

Works continue on the Avenue of Honour trees, with City of Ballarat staff pruning the trees for dead wood, suckers and safety. In September, tree planting for the Avenue of Honour was completed by Rotarians and City staff.

Works have progressed to the Burrumbeet Caravan Park and feedback has been positive.

Cutting the Grass

Healthy rainfall and sunshine has created ideal growing conditions in the city, and grass cutting is in full swing in the CBD.

In rural areas, cutting works will target major intersections to ensure safety. General roadside slashing will ramp up in December, in preparation of the fire season.

Cutting will also take place on a list of unmaintained nature strips in the city, improving city presentation.

Elm Leaf Beetle control

Control of destruction by the Elm Leaf Beetle has been completed at known hotspots in Sturt Street and the town of Learmonth.

These works will ensure the beetle is controlled to prolong the health and vigour of the tree asset. If untreated, an Elm Leaf Beetle infestation can defoliate a tree; if this happens continually the tree may die.



A Vine Idea

Last year, residents and business owners in Buninyong requested the installation of ornamental grape vines along the front of the shops on both sides of Learmonth Street.

The City of Ballarat has worked closely with members of the Buninyong Progress Association to implement this community initiative.

Green powder coated lattice work posts have been installed close to the kerb where the vines are planted. The posts have a similar design theme to the bin surrounds in the town.

Vines will climb these posts and then spread along cables strung between the posts. The vines are an ornamental variety called Burgundy Beauty, which has a good colour in autumn but does not fruit. The base of each post is finished with a porous mix of resin fixed pebbles to allow watering of the vines during summer.



Dumping rubbish = \$2000 fine

A Ballarat resident was fined \$2,000 for intentionally dumping rubbish in the Yarrowee River Reserve, in a Ballarat Magistrate's Court decision in May.

The accused was convicted of littering hard rubbish, furniture and green waste, and was fined \$2,000 with additional statutory costs of \$71.40.

The Magistrate stated in court that the community and environment is affected by litter and such matters are taken seriously in court proceedings.

Littering is a crime and dumping rubbish is not tolerated in the City of Ballarat.





Ballarat Seniors of the Year

Judith Anne Boag is the 2012 Ballarat Senior of the Year, named at an awards ceremony at Town Hall on 28 September.

The Senior of the Year Awards recognise seniors who have made an outstanding contribution to the local community and whose contributions and achievements inspire others into action.

Senior of the Year & Ballarat Senior Mentor Award

Judith Anne Boag

Judith, known affectionately to her family and friends as Anne, has committed her time to

Below: Mary Jolly



developing the skills and confidence of fellow seniors, enabling them to take up leadership roles and responsibility in community organisations. Her warm, outgoing, enthusiastic and positive personality has made a difference at many local organisations including the University of the Third Age, Art Gallery of Ballarat and the Probus Club.

Also nominated for the Mentor Award:
William Dobell

Ballarat Senior Workplace Award

John Burt

John Burt was recognised for his work as the principal at the Ballarat Specialist School. Under his leadership, the school has been transformed into a state of the art facility; providing a range of opportunities for children who suffer varying degrees of disabilities.

John has made an outstanding contribution to the school community, working tirelessly to bring to life the Early Learning Centre which will integrate all children aged three to five years in Ballarat and give them important social and educational opportunities.

Also nominated for the Workplace Award:
Dennis Hawk



Above: Joy Nunn

Ballarat Senior Volunteer Award

Mary Jolly

For more than 30 years, Mary Jolly has volunteered with the Ballarat Health Services, including 16 years at the Gandarra Palliative Care Unit. She has been a generous and energetic volunteer in all her work and Mary exemplifies all that is good, beneficial and positive about volunteering in the health sector.

Also nominated for the Volunteer Award: *Rob Butler, Lyle Quick, Gwen Quick, Julian Oldfield, Bruce Price, John Brown, Loris Mee and Joseph Ballinger.*

Ballarat Senior Healthy and Active Living Award

Joy Nunn

Joy Nunn was awarded the Ballarat Senior Healthy and Active Living Award for her inspiration to the Invermay community. Affectionately known as 'the bag lady,' Joy has walked daily for the last 15 years collecting roadside rubbish in the Invermay community.

A Safer City for the Ballarat Community

The 2012 Community Safety Award winners were announced at an official awards ceremony on 18 October.

Presented in Community Safety Month, the awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge and reward the efforts of local people and organisations.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 Community Safety Awards:

Community Strengthening

Emmaus Catholic Primary School Families: Olympic Avenue "All Stars" Walking Bus

For the past 18 months, a group of Emmaus Primary School students and their families have committed to leave the car at home and walk to and from school. The walk fosters a strong community spirit, a sense of belonging, physical benefits and life lessons.

Designing for Safe and Healthy Environments

Ballarat Fly Fishers' Club: Water Safety for Anglers

The Ballarat Fly Fishers Club has produced a safety DVD that has been distributed to 50 angling clubs in Victoria and to the Department of Primary Industries.

Drowning is an identified hazard for anglers wearing waders, so this project was developed to increase safe swimming skills for anglers. The training teaches anglers how to remain safe after immersion and scull to shore.

Media

The Courier - Talk the Toll Down

The 'Talk the Toll Down' campaign is a partnership between regional and rural newspapers, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and the State Government designed to reduce the Victorian country road toll through print media. The campaign targets young drivers, asking them to start the conversation about appropriate driving habits. *The Courier* has led this campaign and hosted the launch by Premier Ted Baillieu.

Preventing Alcohol Harm

Ballarat Community Health - Beating the Binge: Drug Action Week

Ballarat Community Health in collaboration with Bloomsbury House – St John of God Hospital, facilitated the 2012 Beating the Binge project.

The project consisted of a two hour dance workshop facilitated by 'Justice Crew' for 47 young people and a community forum, attended by 850 people. The forum focused on alcohol and other drug-related harm and provided participants with information, education, skills and strategies to address this important community issue.

Child and Adolescent Safety

CAFS Early Childhood Parenting Centre: Keep Me Safe- Child Safety Cards

Unintentional injuries are a leading cause of death for children and are a major reason for hospital and emergency department admissions.

In Victoria, 29 children are killed and 81,000 are treated in hospital for unintentional injuries each year.

The Child and Family Services (CAFS) Keep Me Safe cards provide important safety information for parents of babies and young children. They are a valuable resource for parents and carers with learning difficulties or limited language skills. The cards embrace the tools of modelling, practice, feedback, interactive learning and encouragement, with real life photos.

Family Violence Prevention

Jeannine Le Vaillant

Jeannine is the Family Violence Regional Integration Coordinator for the Grampians Integrated Family Violence Committee. She has been nominated for her encouraging, inclusive and enthusiastic leadership of the Grampians Family Violence Prevention Network.

Road Safety

Lead On Ballarat: Driving Help for African Mums

The Driving Help for African Mums program is provided by Lead On Ballarat, and is a community based volunteer program designed to assist local African mothers to access driving practice under supervision.

With little driving experience, African women face greater difficulties in obtaining their license. The program ensures the participants are aware of the road rules and laws, as well as their responsibility as road users. This program can benefit numerous children through greater access to school and after school activities.



Ballarat in Springtime

Ballarat is blooming in spring with art, food and wine, fashion and gardens.

Ballarat Regional Tourism's latest tourism campaign 'Ballarat in Bloom' showcases a wide range of events, activities and attractions, and as we move into summer, there are still a number of exciting events and exhibitions to enjoy.

For more information about 'Ballarat in Bloom,' visit www.visitballarat.com

Australian Garden History Conference *Gardens of a Golden Era*

This three day event includes lectures by experts and local garden owners and brings together those with an interest in garden history, horticulture, landscape design and architecture. The event includes garden visits, a cocktail party and tours of the region.

When: Friday to Sunday, 9 to 11 November
Where: Mercure Ballarat Hotel Accommodation and Convention Centre and day tours around the region

Website: www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au

Ballarat by the Glass

Ballarat by the Glass is a month-long promotion of the Ballarat wine region. The event is an opportunity for wine lovers to visit and sample fine boutique wines, many from wineries not usually open to the public. Visitors can enjoy special wine tasting events, food and wine matching dinners,

special open vineyard events with music and local food on offer every weekend in November.

When: Until Sunday 25 November, 2012
Where: In and around wineries located in Ballarat and its historic villages

Website: www.ballaratwineries.com

Capturing Flora: 300 years of Australian botanical art

Capturing Flora aims to be the most comprehensive exhibition of Australian botanical art ever held in this country, bringing together more than 300 images, the vast majority of which have been collected by the Art Gallery of Ballarat in recent years. It is accompanied by a major publication, the first comprehensive monograph to cover this 'territory' for more than 10 years.

When: Until Sunday 2 December, 2012
Where: The Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard Street North
Entry: Adult \$12, Concession \$8, Children and Gallery members - Free
Website: www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au

Spring Carnival: Hats & Horses from the Gallery's Collection

Vintage creations by milliners Thomas Harrison and Ann Austin are brought together with drawings and

paintings of racehorses by well-known Australian artists in a celebration of the spring racing season.

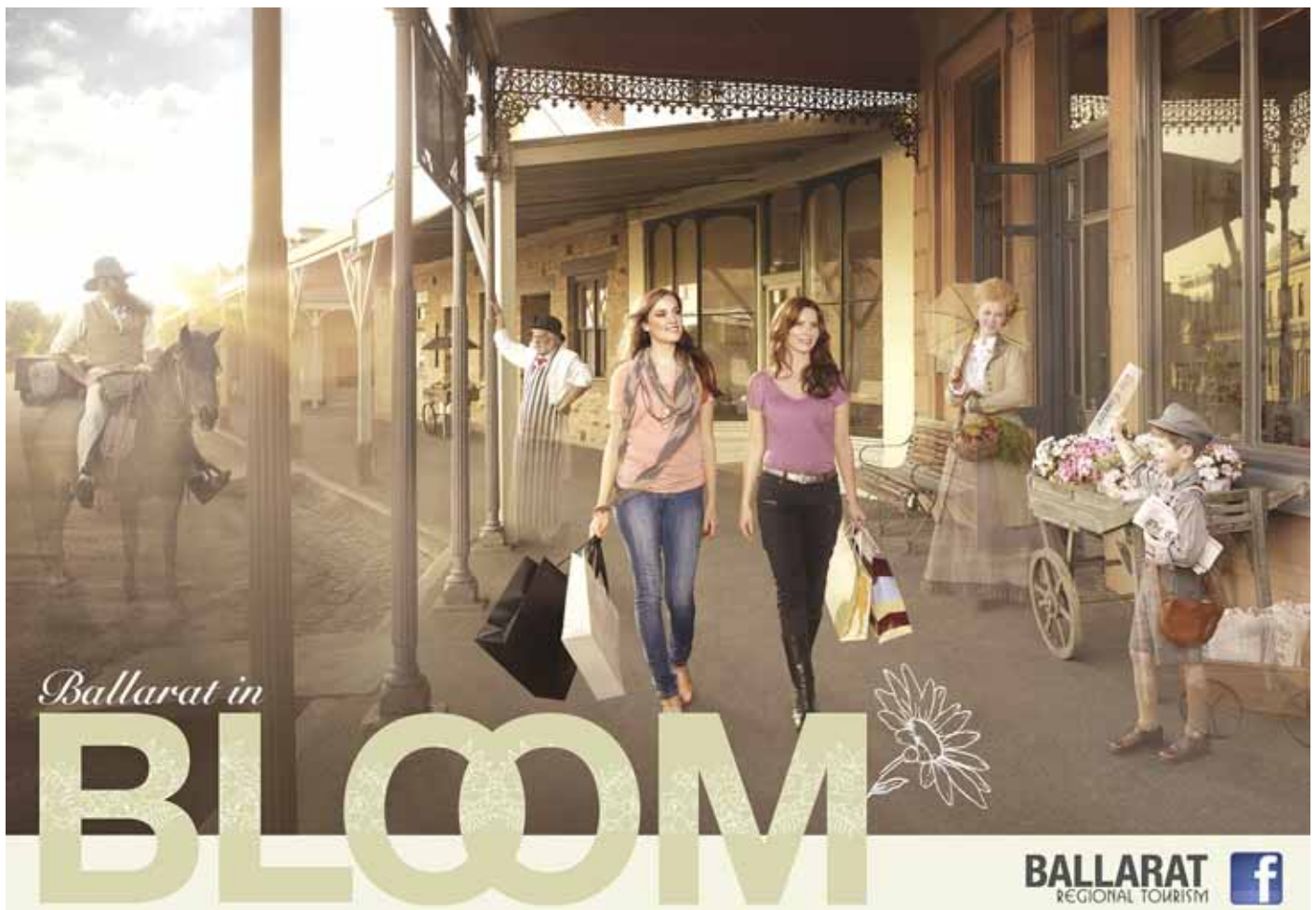
When: Until Wednesday 5 December, 2012
Where: The Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard Street North
Entry: Free
Website: www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au

Buninyong Botanic Gardens

Established in the 1860s and designed by the Director of the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens, Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, the Buninyong Botanic Gardens are among the oldest in Victoria. Historic features include the Courthouse and Police Cottage (1853) and the Queen Victoria Rotunda (1901).














Facilities include playground equipment and electric barbecues and the upper garden, which rests beside The Gong water catchment is home to many fish and water birds.

When: Open daily
Where: Scott Street, Buninyong
Entry: Free
Website: www.visitballarat.com.au



November: Event calendar

Would you like your event featured on MyBallarat's event calendar? Post your event details to the City of Ballarat online calendar at www.ballarat.vic.gov.au and a selection will be published in our magazine.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>November is..</p> <p>November www.au.movember.com</p>  	<p>Wednesday 13 12:30pm Let's Talk Poetry with Barry Breen</p> <p>McCain Annexe. Admission: Free Ballarat actor and poet reads and leads discussion on some of his favourite poems. Bring a packaged lunch</p> <p>www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au</p> 	<p>6pm Author Di Morrissey</p> <p>In conversation with Prue Bentley from ABC Radio Ballarat and book signing</p> <p>Presented by the Wheeler Centre and the Art Gallery of Ballarat.</p> <p>McCain Annexe, Art Gallery of Ballarat Admission: Free</p> <p>www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au</p> 	<p>1</p>  <p>Public Holiday 9:30am to 10pm Ballarat Show</p> <p>www.ballaratshow.org.au</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am to 1pm Ballarat Fresh Produce Market</p> <p>Bridge Mall</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10am to 4pm SpringFest Sunday Market</p> <p>Lake Wendouree Foreshore</p> <p>www.ballarat.springfest.com.au</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Remembrance Day 10:30am Commemorative Service</p> <p>Sturt St Cenotaph</p> 
<p>Saturday 17 November 9am to 1pm Buninyong Farmer's Market</p> <p>Buninyong Town Hall www.buninyong.vic.au/events</p> 	<p>Saturday 24 November 10am to 3pm Panda-monium Festival</p> <p>Mount Clear Primary School, 1206 Main Rd. School displays, market stalls, Rides, entertainment, food stalls, and community displays. FREE.</p> 	<p>7pm Ordinary Council Meeting</p> <p>Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat www.ballarat.vic.gov.au</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>TO SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER BALLARAT BY THE GLASS</p> <p>www.ballaratwineries.com.au</p> 	<p>12 to 18 November National Recycling Week</p> <p>www.recyclingweek.planetark.org</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Free Community Day 9am to 7pm</p> <p>Eureka Pool Free entry for all. Children's games.</p>	<p>17 to 25 November Fire Action Week</p> <p>Free greenwaste disposal Ballarat Transfer Station <i>Info: Page 2</i></p>
<p>To 2 December Capturing Flora: 300 years of Australian Botanical Art</p> 	<p>Thursday 15 November 8pm Songs and Stories of Peter Allen</p> <p>Todd McKenney Her Majesty's Theatre www.her:maj.com</p> 	<p>7pm Ordinary Council Meeting</p> <p>Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat www.ballarat.vic.gov.au</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Friday 9th + 10th + 11th November 9:30am to 10pm Friday & Saturday 9:30am to 5pm Sunday Ballarat Show</p> <p>www.ballaratshow.org.au</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>9am to 1pm Ballarat Lakeside Farmers Market</p> <p>Windmill Drive, Lake Wendouree www.inseasonmarkets.com.au</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Ballarat Cup Day</p> <p>Ballarat Turf Club www.countryracing.com.au</p> 	<p>Do you have a smart phone? Scan me to go directly to our events calendar!</p>  

EVENTS

Ballarat Remembers

The Ballarat Remembrance Day commemorative service will be held at the Sturt Street Cenotaph on Sunday 11 November from 10.30am. The service culminates with one minute of silence at 11am.

Wreath laying ceremonies will also be held at:

- 10am - Arch of Victory
- 11:30am - The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Remembrance Day

At 11am, 11 November 1918, firing ceased on the Western Front in Europe, marking the end of World War I. The anniversary of that significant moment was recognised as Armistice Day – and following World War II, was renamed Remembrance Day.

Now, 94 years later, Remembrance Day is still a special day when we honour the service and sacrifice of Australians during all wars and conflicts.

Many thousands of men and women from Ballarat have served in the Australian military services – nationally and overseas, in war and peacekeeping missions.



Model Citizens

Ten Ballarat students were awarded School Citizenship Awards at a special Town Hall reception last month.

The awards were created by the Order of Australia Association, Central Highlands Group, to honour local youth for significant commitment to the community service and making a positive contribution to Ballarat.

The winners of the inaugural School Citizenship Awards are:

Catherine Baud	Ballarat Grammar School
Maxine Goodwin	Ballarat Christian College
Joshua Liston	Phoenix Community College
Christopher Milroy	St Patrick's College
Jason Neave	Ballarat High School
Jaymie Pascoe	Mt Clear Secondary College
Chloe Rogers	Ballarat Secondary College - East Campus
Hannah White	Ballarat Secondary College - Wendouree Campus
Jason White	Damascus College
Georgia Wren	Loreto College



December: Event calendar

Would you like your event featured on MyBallarat's event calendar? Post your event details to the City of Ballarat online calendar at www.ballarat.vic.gov.au and a selection will be published in our magazine.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> 		<p>December is.. The Christmas Street Party is on Friday 7 December. Don't miss it!</p> 	<p>1 December World AIDS Day www.worldaidsday.org.au</p> 	<p>Saturday 1 December 9am to 1pm Ballarat Fresh Produce Market Bridge Mall</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 to 2pm aMAZEing Ballarat Fun, charity event featuring treasure hunt, physical challenges and mental puzzles set in the parks, buildings and streets of Ballarat. www.eurekaorienteers.asn.au</p>	<p>2</p> <p>To 2 December A regional art perspective Backyard Gallery, Alfred Deakin Place Outdoor sculpture exhibition</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Eureka Day 158th anniversary of the Eureka Rebellion</p> 		<p>7</p> <p>5:30 to 8:30pm Christmas Street Party Alfred Deakin Place, Camp St. Free, family event by the City of Ballarat</p> 		<p>7</p> <p>9am to 2pm The Designer Craft Market Buninyong Town Hall www.thedesigercraftmarketbuninyong@gmail.com</p> 		
<p>Saturday 10 December 2pm Denis Walter's World of Christmas Her Majesty's Theatre www.hermaj.com.au</p> 	<p>Saturday 8 December 9am to 1pm Lakeside Farmers Market Windmill Drive, Lake Wendouree</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7pm Ordinary Council Meeting Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat www.ballarat.vic.gov.au</p> 	<p>Wednesday 12 December Made to Last: the conservation of art Art Gallery of Ballarat, Lydiard St Nth Free exhibit. To 20 January, 2013 www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>9am to 1pm Buninyong Farmer's Market Buninyong Town Hall www.buninyong.vic.au/events</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 to 10pm Eureka Carols Free, family event www.eurekacarols.org.au</p> 	
<p>Monday 17 Dec and Tuesday 18 Dec A One Ended Stick Carl Barron Her Majesty's Theatre www.hermaj.com.au</p> 	<p>Friday 14 December 5 to 8:30pm Caledonian Art, Crafts & Produce Market Cnr Water and Thompson St, Brown Hill www.facebook.com/CaledonianmarketBallarat</p>	<p>Saturday 15 December Eamon O'Toole: Big Boys Toys The Art Gallery of Ballarat Exhibition open; runs to Sunday 24 Feb, 2013</p> 		<p>22</p> <p>9am to 1pm Lakeside Farmers Market Windmill Drive, Lake Wendouree</p>		
	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Boxing Day</p>	<p>Saturday 8 December 44th Ballarat National Photographic Exhibition Art Gallery of Ballarat, Lydiard St Nth. Free exhibit. To 20 January, 2013 www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au</p>	<p>Do you have a smart phone? Scan me to go directly to our events calendar!</p> 		



A City of Ideas

Ballarat is famous for its public art collection and the City of Ballarat is inviting residents to get creative and share your great ideas for new contemporary works.

The City of Ideas is a virtual public art project designed to inspire the whole community to use their creative minds and contribute to the vision of artistic Ballarat.

Ideas will be on public display at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Lydiard Street North, on Saturday and Sunday, 24 and 25 November.

How do I get involved?

Take photo of a location in Ballarat.

It could be the CBD, Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Lake Wendouree, your suburb, local farmlands - anywhere you feel inspired.

Draw, Photoshop or make a model of your public art idea for that location.

This is a virtual competition, so no idea is too crazy. You don't need to be an artist - this is a competition for the whole community, young and old.

And remember, don't worry about the quality of the presentation. It's the idea that's important, so pull out those crayons and plasticine.

Share your idea - Three easy steps

1. All proposals must be registered. To register, email Julie Collins, City of Ballarat Public Art Coordinator, at juliecollins@ballarat.vic.gov.au
2. All proposals must be delivered to the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Lydiard Street North, from 10am to 4:30pm, Friday 23 November, 2012.
3. All proposals must be picked up on Sunday 25 November, from 4 and 5pm, or Monday 26 November, from 10am to 5pm.

More about The City of Ideas Competition

- All 3D displays should be no larger than 30 x 30 x 30 cm.
- 2D proposals must be mounted on cardboard for display and be no larger than A1 size.
- Inappropriate proposals; those using offensive images, will not be displayed.
- Prizes will be awarded in the following age categories: 5 to 12, 13 to 18, over 18 years of age, and the People's Choice Award.

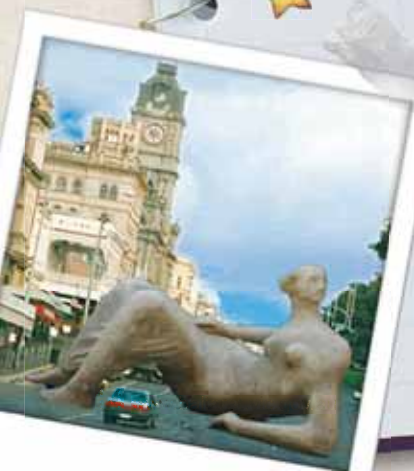


Ballarat to host Indigenous Awards

The Victorian Indigenous Australian Art Awards will have a new home in 2013 with the ceremony and exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

At the announcement in September, Premier and Arts Minister Ted Baillieu acknowledged the Art Gallery of Ballarat's significant support of indigenous art and artists.

The 9th annual Victorian Indigenous Australian Art Awards will be presented in October, 2013 - the first time the awards and supporting exhibition have been held outside Melbourne.



New bike initiatives

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Transport Connections Innovation Fund, two new projects will be rolled out in the City of Ballarat to make life easier for people with limited transport.

Bike racks at Lake Wendouree

The grant will be used to provide additional bike racks for cyclists at Lake Wendouree.

The Ballarat Rack-A-Bike program will see the design and construction combine innovative street art that doubles as a functional bike rack. These will be placed at suitable locations around Lake Wendouree and will allow cyclists to 'hang' or secure their bike.

The new bike racks will be constructed and installed in the next two months.

Bicycle Refurbishment program

The YMCA, in partnership with community groups, will facilitate the Ballarat reCYCLE program, restoring old bikes for young people in need throughout the city.

As part of the program, young people will learn mechanical and refurbishment skills to restore the bikes, while recipients will undertake bike safety, riding skills and basic maintenance training.

The program has commenced at the Ballarat YMCA centre in Wendouree.

For more information or if you have an old bike you would like to donate, contact Olivia Brown at the YMCA at 5329 2802.



Dave Nichols, James Westbrook, Steve Arnott, Reece Isbister, James Nichols and Lui of the Delacombe corner shop give the thumbs up to a graffiti-free storefront.

Hitting graffiti for six

Delacombe's VRI Cricket Club members rolled up their sleeves recently to be trained in graffiti removal techniques by City of Ballarat staff.

The team cleaned graffiti from the Delacombe corner shop and are now equipped with the skills and the materials needed to remove tagging at the club's pavilion at the Doug Dean Reserve.

The initiative is a partnership between the City of Ballarat and Delacombe Neighbourhood Renewal.

The City devotes significant resources towards combating graffiti each year and will continue to do so, however the initiative provides community groups with the tools to remove graffiti from their facilities and take a proactive stand against such vandalism.

The City of Ballarat congratulates the club for their willingness to be involved in the project.

Victoria's best tree climbers in action

Victoria's best tree climbers will showcase their unique abilities right here in Ballarat at the 2012 Victorian Tree Climbing Championships.

Supported by the City of Ballarat, the Championships will be held on Saturday 10 November from 7am at the North Gardens, corner of Gillies and Gregory Streets, Lake Wendouree.

The Championships features five events: Work Climb, Throwline, Aerial Rescue, Secured Footlock, and Speed Climb.

Spectators will see the arboricultural industry at play, along with the latest developments in climbing techniques, tools and equipment.

Below: Richard Kenyon at the 2012 Australian Tree Climbing Competition, who will compete in Ballarat on 10 November.

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Serving the Community

Ballarat's Meals on Wheels recipients were treated with a visit from HMAS Ballarat officers and crew recently.

More than 30 HMAS Ballarat officers and crew helped deliver around 800 meals as part of the City of Ballarat's Meals on Wheels service.

Both the clients and the 160 volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to chat with members of the

crew who were happy to share some of their experiences in the Navy. Veterans and ex-Defence staff were particularly excited at the opportunity to chat with the servicemen and women.

The City of Ballarat hosted a Civic Reception at Town Hall for the officers and crew, with Mayor Cr Mark Harris acknowledging the framed copy of the HMAS flag on display in the Trench Room.



Above: (Left to Right) Jessica Bennetts, Stephanie Cummings, Luke Donehue, Josh Leishman, Emily Lizzul, Dylan Maggi, Ghulam Moqaddam, Pauline Pipkorn, Samuel Romerli, Daniel Walkingshaw, Sean Weir, Thomas Williams, Mikaela Wallace, Aaron Rivett (Rode RAGE).

Honouring Ballarat's Youth

It was a night not to be missed. The 2012 City of Ballarat Youth Awards were an exciting celebration of Ballarat's many young people who make a positive contribution to the community.

On 14 September, an enthusiastic group of young people with their family, friends and supporters gathered at the Regent Multiplex cinemas to give an appreciative round of applause to the city's young people.

The 2012 Youth Awards Ambassadors were Jemma Mathers and Elliot Bailey. Thanks to the major sponsors of the awards: Power FM and Regent Cinemas.

Congratulations to the 2012 City of Ballarat Youth Award winners:

Jessica Bennetts: **City of Ballarat Award (18 to 25 years)**

Jessica has faced immense challenges in her life – most notably battling cancer and receiving chemotherapy on a weekly basis. She continued to attend university lectures, completed assignments and finished exams, despite the upheaval in her personal life. This year, Jessica graduated from university with a Bachelor's degree in social science, majoring in psychology.

Peter Camilleri: Visual and Design Award

At 17 years of age, Peter is dedicated to the craft of filmmaking and has freelanced as a cameraman for two companies. Always seeking opportunities to learn, network and develop his skills, Peter has been involved as a filmmaker on community projects, including a documentary about youth homelessness titled *Couch for Rent*.

Stephanie Cummings: Young Carer Award

Stephanie is 16 years of age and lives with her siblings and mother who suffers from medical conditions. She provides a high level of support to her family as well as assisting with housework and meal preparation. Stephanie is also a mentor for a group of young people who have a parent with mental illness.

Luke Donehue: Mentors Award

Luke has volunteered with various youth groups including ZAQUE and the Rural Youth Council, and has taken these skills and experience to his role as a youth mentor. Described as dedicated, honest and inspiring, Luke shows young people how to be true to themselves while also supporting them to become confident and successful individuals.

Josh Leishman: Positive Youth Award

Josh is currently studying year 11 and demonstrates excellent leadership skills. He has taken an active role for several years in his school's social justice committee, which has been instrumental in advocating strongly and passionately for impoverished students in East Timor and also homeless people in Ballarat. Josh is one of 20 indigenous students in the region to be awarded a Wannake Education Scholarship and gives time and energy to encourage other Wannake students at his school.

Emily Lizzul: **City of Ballarat Award (12 to 17 years)**

Emily has dedicated her life to supporting her two younger siblings who suffered rare medical conditions. Despite the tragedy of losing her siblings, Emily has recently devoted her time to making a difference for others, including volunteering in Africa for three weeks to help children living in poverty.

Dylan Maggi: Youth Volunteer Award

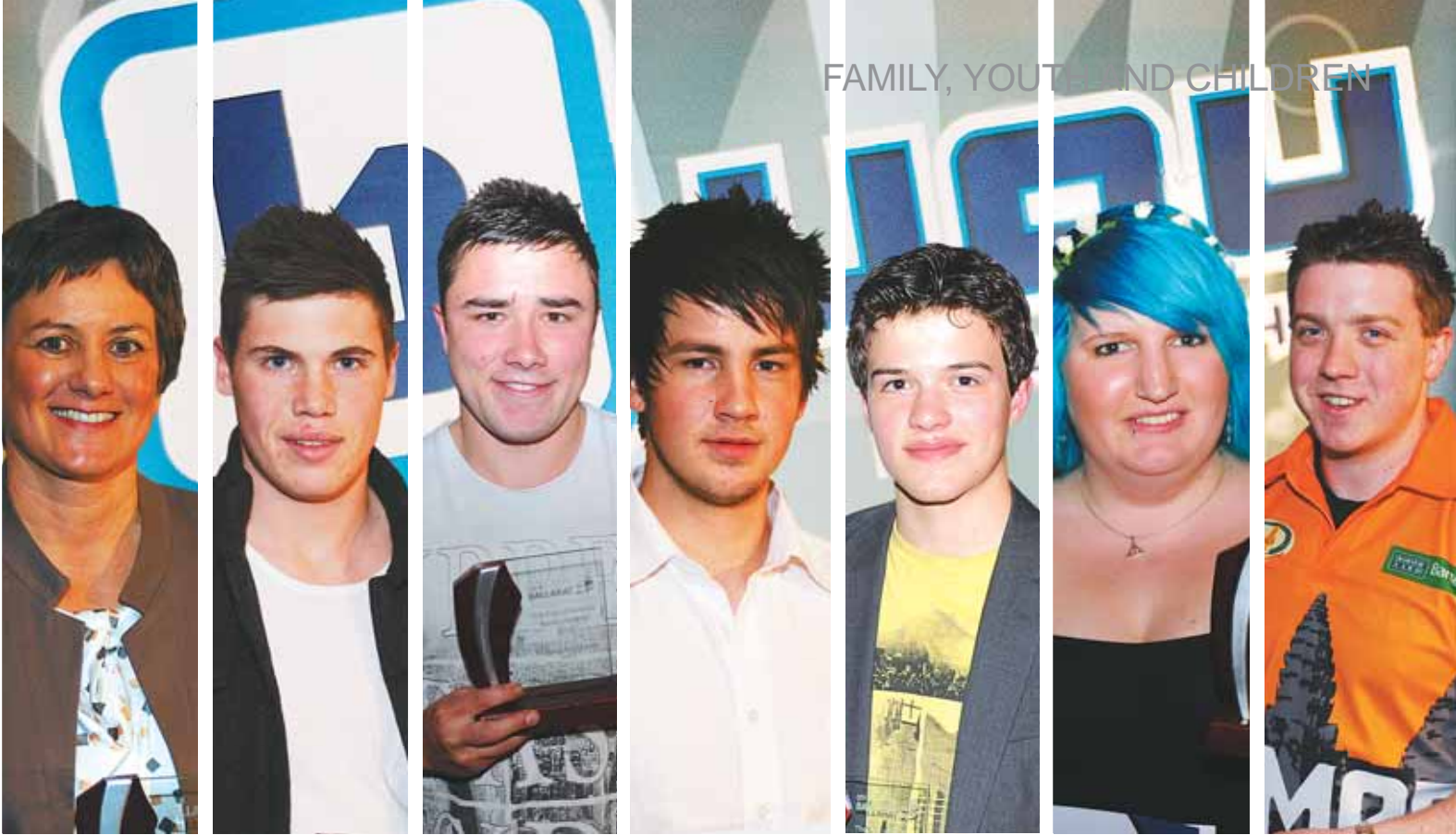
Dylan became an SES volunteer at the age of 16. Prior to becoming an official member, Dylan participated in training nights, acting as a casualty, helping make training scenarios more realistic. He excelled in his individual training group and continues to offer assistance to other members.

Ghulam Moqaddam: Inspirational Award

Ghulam came to Australia as an unaccompanied humanitarian minor. Despite arriving in the country without his family, he was determined to complete his VCE and give back to the Ballarat community by educating others about refugees and asylum seekers. He has also mastered his English language skills, and is enjoying his new role as a 2012-2014 City of Ballarat Multicultural Ambassador.

Pauline Pipkorn: Youth Support Worker Award

Pauline has worked as an integration aide with students with disabilities and is currently working as a disability employment consultation officer. Pauline tutors students with disabilities who are studying, as well as volunteering with the social group for people with disabilities.



Samuel Romeril: Leadership in Sport Award

At 15, Samuel is an amazing leader and is vice-captain of his under-16 senior football team. His leadership extends beyond his on-field abilities, as Samuel often volunteers as a runner for other teams, steps in when umpires are not available, and assists the under-12 reserves coach during pre-season training.

Mikaela Wallace: Performing Arts Award

A student of the University of Ballarat's Theatre Arts course, Mikaela performs, writes, directs and produces plays in the Ballarat region. A testimony to her growing audience, Mikaela's original piece, *Book of Face*, was offered a place in the Melbourne Comedy Festival 2013.

Sean Weir: Young Entrepreneur Award

Sean completed a Certificate III and IV in Fitness while also doing studying for the VCE. He began working in gyms and has developed his own personal training business. Sean has created an affordable program called 'Ballarat's Biggest Loser' which helped many individuals in the local community.

Thomas Williams: Music Award

At 14 years of age, Thomas is a musician who writes his own classical music, basing his style on Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Rachmaninov. A naturally talented musician, Thomas works on acquiring new playing techniques and plays at school and local events.

Daniel Walkingshaw: Challenge and Change Award

Daniel has overcome some challenging situations in his younger years, resulting in difficulty at school and self-esteem issues. Daniel showed initiative, enrolling in a pre-apprenticeship course, and due to his hard work and determination he successfully gained a plumbing apprenticeship. Despite having left school at a young age, Daniel is now successfully completing his final year of trade school.

Rode RAGE: Eco Warrior

Continuing its long history of raising awareness of everyday solutions to reducing greenhouse emissions available to everyday people...every day, Rode RAGE works in partnership with Ballarat businesses to collect organic waste, which would otherwise have gone to landfill, producing methane and other greenhouse gases. Despite being robbed of tools and equipment twice this year, Rode RAGE has designed and constructed its own energy efficient vehicles.

Learning2Lead: Group Project Award

Established in 2011, Learning2Lead is a group of 20 indigenous teens learning about culture, developing their leadership skills and engaging the wider community. In addition to volunteering

their services during Drug Action Week, the group ran multiple events during NAIDOC Week, including a Koorie Youth Forum, a hip hop music event, and the "Past Present Future" event, celebrating Indigenous culture.



Preserving Ballarat

The 2012 Preserving Our Heritage Together grants have been awarded to a selection of exciting and innovative residential and commercial projects.

Grants were approved for the following residences:

- 197 Albert Street, Sebastopol: \$3,000
- 122 Victoria Street, Ballarat East: \$3,000
- 329 High Street, Learmonth: \$3,000
- 406 Windemere Street South, Ballarat Central: \$2,500
- 19 Nightingale Street, Newington: \$2,500
- 434 Creswick Road, Ballarat Central: \$2,000
- 611 Lydiard Street North, Soldiers Hill: \$2,000
- 316 Ligar Street, Soldiers Hill: \$1,000
- 848 Tait St, Bonshaw: \$1,000

Grants were also awarded to:

- Old Colonists Association (not-for-profit): \$15,000
- Regent Hotel, 201 Mair Street (commercial): \$20,000

A Ballarat Heritage Restoration Loan of \$150,000 was also allocated to the reinstatement of the Regent Hotel verandah.

In total, 43 applications were received requesting \$134,631 in grant funding for total projects costing more than \$570,000. The grant numbers demonstrate the significant economic and building activity generated locally by the conservation of heritage places.

The City of Ballarat thanks the volunteer team of the Ballarat Heritage Advisory Committee for developing and assessing the Grants Program.



Heritage works at this residence (before and after) were completed with a City of Ballarat Preserving Our Heritage Together grant, and owner contributions.



Authors of Flora Captured (Back row): Annette Chappell, Bronwyn Blaiklock, Melissa Watts, Christine Pearse, Ash Leonard, Pamela Miller, Jessica Armstrong, Claire Biscombe. Front row: Marlene Tozer, Julie Mahnken, Caroline Turner-Booth, Wendy McKay-Taylor

Art from Art

Flora Captured is a unique anthology of new works by local writers who have found their inspiration in images in the Art Gallery of Ballarat exhibition, *Capturing Flora: 300 years of Australian botanical art*.

This book is the culmination of a two-month collaborative project between local not-for-profit organisation Ballarat Writers Inc., the University of Ballarat and the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Local writers undertook an intensive workshop in ekphrastic writing – that is, writing that

comments on another art form. At the publication's launch, its authors lead the audience on a roving recital through the exhibition, reading their works in front of the art that inspired them.

In exciting news, two of the poems from **Flora Captured** will be published in the November and December editions of the national art journal, *Art Monthly*.

Flora Captured, featuring all the poems and the corresponding artworks, is available from the Gallery Shop.

Restoring Honour

Ballarat's Avenue of Honour will be reconnected and restored to its original design for the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli in 2015.

Last month, the Federal Government pledged \$1 million to install boom gates and a level crossing, connecting the 22km Avenue for the first time since it was separated at Burrumbeet by the Western Highway bypass in 1993.

The Avenue of Honour Committee has passionately advocated for the reconnection of the Avenue for many years.

The Avenue of Honour is a living tribute to the Ballarat men and women who served in World War I. The Avenue and the Arch of Victory are both heritage-listed by the Australian Heritage Commission and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and are included on the Victorian Heritage Register.

The Ballarat Avenue of Honour Rail Crossing Reopening project is scheduled for completion in 2015.



Game On!

The weather was dismal but an enthusiastic crowd of local tennis players and supporters didn't let it dampen the opening of the new Buninyong Tennis Centre in October.

The upgraded facility features eight floodlit acrylic courts, landscape mounding around the playing surfaces and the new pavilion including a kitchen, office, storage, public amenities and a social area.

The \$1 million project was funded by the City of Ballarat (\$867,600); the Buninyong & District Tennis Association (\$100,000) and Tennis Victoria (\$48,000).



New look library website

Library members can now access the library online via its new and improved website.

The new look website covers the Central Highlands Libraries network and is considered as the virtual (online) branch.

The new look website is easier to use and is now more accessible via mobile devices. It also allows each council to have its own webpage.

To check it out, visit www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au

A Free Day at the Pool

Summer is around the corner and the perfect place to cool off is Ballarat's outdoor pools.

The Eureka Pool opens for community use on Saturday 3 November, with other locations including the Buninyong, Black Hill and Wendouree pools opening early December.

Enjoy a free community day at the Eureka Pool on Saturday 17 November, 9am to 7pm, thanks to the Ballarat YMCA. Entry and facilities are free for the whole family, with an exciting range of inflatable games for children.

On Saturday 1 December from 12pm, free Community Days will be held at:

Buninyong Pool
Forest St, Buninyong

Black Hill Pool
Chisholm Street, Black Hill

Wendouree Pool
Dowling St, Wendouree



Free Community Day

Central Highlands Water is celebrating 150 years of water supply to Ballarat with a Community Open Day.

The Community Day will be held on Sunday 18 November from noon to 3pm at Kirk's Reservoir Garden, Ballarat Daylesford Road, Ballarat.

Share the 150th anniversary cake and enjoy plenty of activities for children, garden tours, a live band and giveaways. A commemorative plaque will be unveiled.

All activities are free and hundreds of local primary school children's posters from National Water Week will be on display.



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A Brand New Museum

The branding for the \$11 million Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (M.A.D.E) was recently unveiled.

The logo consists of two main elements – the M.A.D.E word mark and the 'M' symbol which is a stylised representation of the Southern Cross.

The brand colours of yellow, black and white are designed to evoke connection to the Eureka Flag and the Ballarat Goldfields landscape.

The acronym M.A.D.E will be channelled in many different forms including catchphrases such as 'M.A.D.E you look' and 'M.A.D.E you think'.

Victorian Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional and Rural Development Peter Ryan launched the brand in September.



Want to make an impact?

Does your community organisation have a great project that needs some funding?
Are you planning a community event but don't have the money to get it off the ground?

Applications for a City of Ballarat Community Impact Grant are now open year round.

Applications are accepted from not for profit community organisations, groups and associations to provide grant funding for projects, events, exhibitions and performances which contribute to a vibrant community in the City of Ballarat.

The Community Impact Committee assesses applications every month ensuring that grant money

is distributed in the community throughout the year.

This grant program encourages organisations to build community relations, create connections and improve health and wellbeing opportunities in Ballarat.

For information about Community Impact Grants and applications, call the City of Ballarat Community Development team at 5320 5746 or visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT/EVENT TITLE	ALLOCATED AMOUNT
BLOC Music Theatre	Performance of <i>Narnia</i>	\$4,000
Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre	Tennis court seating	\$5,000
Ballarat Hospice Care	Celebration of Remembrance	\$1,750
Alexandra Croquet Club	Croquet – Come and Try Day	\$842
H.O.L.A – Home of Latin Association	Launch of H.O.L.A	\$3,870
Brown Hill Progress Association	Removable non-slip pool steps	\$4,600
Central Highlands Agribusiness Forum	2012 Central Highlands Bioenergy Expo	\$1,300
Conservation Volunteers Australia	Rediscovery of Kenny - Avenue of Honour	\$4,105
Wendouree West Exodus Community	Exodus Community Family Camp	\$6,000
Leadership Ballarat & Western Region (LBRW)	School Leaders Forum	\$2,000
Sweet Mona's Choir	Sweet Mona's Choir & Friends CD recording	\$3,060
Buninyong & Mount Helen Lions Club Inc	Carols in the Park	\$2,000
Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society	Cover/safety barriers for fish growing races	\$6,560
Ballarat Vocal Arts Association Inc	Live Your Dream Senior Star Quest	\$1,135
Life Members of Mount Pleasant Kindergarten Inc	Mount Pleasant Kindergarten 50 years celebration and history project	\$1,100
The Salvation Army (VIC) Property Trust – Karinya Ballarat	LARF Mentor Training – Youth mental health first aid course	\$3,305

Take Back the Streets

A City of Ballarat Community Impact Grant helped make the *Take Back the Streets* youth art project a success.

Take Back the Streets provides opportunities for youth from diverse backgrounds to be mentored by experienced artists to create new public artworks.

The program aims to engage and up skill youth while reviving graffiti hotspots in Ballarat and preventing future graffiti and tagging at these sites. It has engaged a wide variety of young people and enabled them to develop new skills and contribute to their community in a positive way.

Lead On Ballarat received a Community Impact Grant to assist with running workshops and purchasing supplies for its art projects. Some of the projects benefiting from the grant include bus shelters in Sebastopol, walls of the Uniting Care op shop in Wendouree, the Junior Red Devils Soccer Club in Redan and Karden Disability Support Foundation in Ballarat CBD.

Take Back the Streets is funded by BGT Youth Connections and run by Lead On Ballarat.

Lead On Ballarat provides opportunities for youth to develop real life skills and community connections.

Want to know more about Lead On?

Visit www.leadonballarat.com.au, email emily@leadonballarat.com.au, or call 5332 3896.



Lead On's *Take Back the Streets* project team: Back row (left to right): Karen McCraw (CEO Karden Disability) with participants Cody Webb, Alysha Creek, Robbert Solly, Toby Egan and Emily Macdonald (Lead On Ballarat Project Officer). Front row (left to right): Anne Chiball (participant), Linda Franklin (artist) and Tim Sedgwick (participant)

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