

Intercultural directory

Ballarat Community Health (BCH)

Community Health in Ballarat is provided across four sites including Sebastopol, Lucas, Smythesdale and Wendouree. Outreach services and clinics are also provided at a range of locations throughout the Central Highlands.

The primary emphasis in all service delivery is health promotion and illness prevention.

Contact: (03) 5338 4500

Website: bchc.org.au

Facebook: [ballaratcommunityhealth](https://www.facebook.com/ballaratcommunityhealth)

Twitter: @BallaratCH

Ballarat Refugee and Asylum Seeker Network

The Ballarat Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group aim to raise awareness and collect material resources for refugees and asylum seekers around Victoria.

Address: Ballarat Welcome Centre

Contact: 5383 0613

Email: brasn@brmc.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/brassg

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC)

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Address: 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East, VIC, 3350

Contact: (03) 5383 0613

Email: admin@brmc.org.au

Website: brmc.org.au

Facebook: [facebook.com/brmc.ballarat](https://www.facebook.com/brmc.ballarat)

Twitter: @BRMCVic

Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees

Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees supports refugees and asylum seekers. Formerly called Ballarat Circle of Friends - Australian Refugee Association.

Website: ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au

Facebook: facebook.com/BallaratRAR

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Phone: (03) 5317 7172

Email: ballarat@cmy.net.au

Website: cmy.net.au

Facebook: facebook.com/likeCMY/

Twitter: @TalkToCMY

Children & Family Services (CAFS)

CAFS aims to prevent the need for the removal of children and young people from their families, and to promote positive family life and community connectedness. We work with parents and children in their homes when there is a concern for the wellbeing of a child, providing short-term or long-term intensive support.

Address: 115 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5337 3333

Fax: (03) 5332 1724

Email: intake@cafs.org.au

Website: cafs.org.au

Facebook: [cafs.org.au](https://facebook.com/cafs.org.au)

Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV)

The Ethnic Communities Council is a community-based organisation committed to empowering people from a wide range of multicultural backgrounds.

Address: Suite 101, 398 Sydney Road, Coburg, VIC, 3058

Phone: (03) 9354 9555

Email: eccv@eccv.org.au

Website: eccv.org.au

Facebook: [facebook.com/ethnicvic](https://www.facebook.com/ethnicvic)

Twitter: @ethnicvic

Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA)

FECCA is the peak, national advocacy body, representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Address: FECCA House, 1/4 Phipps Close, Deakin, ACT, 2600

Phone: (02) 6282 5755

Email: admin@fecca.org.au

Website: www.fecca.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/iFECCA

Twitter: @iFECCA

Intercultural Ambassador Program City of Ballarat

City of Ballarat – Intercultural City

The program is to enhance community awareness and foster inclusion of existing and new CALD communities in Ballarat, to support leadership within the CALD community and to recognise the commitment and contribution made by migrants and Indigenous people to the Ballarat community and advocate for and promote the benefits of cultural diversity through learning, exchange and celebration

Address: PO Box 655, Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5320 5853

Website: <http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/cultural-diversity/intercultural-ambassadors.aspx>

Facebook: [facebook.com/InterculturalAmbassadorProgram](https://www.facebook.com/InterculturalAmbassadorProgram)

Intercultural Service Desk

The Intercultural Service Desk (ISD) is located at the Central Ballarat Library. Information is available regarding various services to assist new and existing migrants. Ask the friendly volunteers questions that relate to settlement such as employment, housing, education, significant places to visit, and learn about the region. Volunteers available from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Address: Ballarat Library, 178 Doveton Street North, Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5338 6867

International and Multicultural Student Support – Federation University

The International Student Support (ISS) office provides assistance to students who may experience difficulty adjusting to life at university and in Victoria. The support staff provides guidance and support through a number of programs and support options, including a peer support program, social activities and information sharing opportunities, individual assistance and a student committee.

Address: Mt Helen, Multicultural Student Services Office - 1st floor, Building U, Room 117

Phone: (03) 5327 9446

SMB (Tuesday and Friday) - Building D (Student HQ building)

Phone: (03) 5327 8089

Email: multicultural.ss@federation.edu.au

Website: <https://federation.edu.au/international/student-support>

CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS

Asian-Australian Association of Victoria (AAA)

AAA strengthens the relationship between Asians and the broader Australian community through information sharing, providing support for international students, promotion of Asian language skills and offering support for new settlers from Asia.

Postal Address: PO Box 13235, LAW COURTS PO, VIC, 8010

Phone: 0437 516 594

Email: info@aaavic.asn.au

Website: <http://www.aaavic.asn.au>

Australian-East Timor Friendship Association (AETFA)

The AETFA promotes the human rights and ongoing self-determination of the East Timorese people. It assists the Timorese to rebuild their lives and country and creates public awareness in Australia on the history, culture and contemporary situations in East Timor.

Postal Address: PO Box 240, Goodwood, SA, 5034

Phone: (08) 8295 6481 or (08) 8344 3511

Email: William.Fisher@postgrads.unisa.edu.au

Website: <http://aetfa.org.au>

Australian-German Welfare Society (AGWS)

The Australian-German Welfare Society (AGWS) is a not-for-profit member organisation dedicated to supporting community members with German cultural links in Australia.

Address: 4th Floor, 24 Albert Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205

Email: contact@germanwelfare.org.au

Phone: 03 9696 0907

Website: <http://www.germanwelfare.org.au/>

Australian-Iranian Society of Victoria (AISoV)

AISoV is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious organisation which aims to: promote Persian culture; provide welfare, social services, and support to the Iranian community; to enhance the employability of the Iranian community; to promote social, recreational and sporting activities; to liaise with the government and non-government agencies to enhance their understanding of community needs.

Address: 79 Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill, VIC, 3131

Phone: (03) 9894 2644

Email: info@iranian-vic.org.au

Website: <https://www.aisov.org.au/index.ph>

Ballarat African Association

Members are Africans from any African country. The aim is to strengthen membership participation in the positive development of the Ballarat community and to identify as “one people” in spite of cultural diversity.

Website: www.ballaratafricanassociation.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/429439313786238

Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative Inc (BADAC)

BADAC focuses on prevention and early intervention. Service programs include: active lifestyle, administration, cultural connections, health, housing, Koori children support, Koori family services and vocation.

Address: 5 Market Street, Ballarat

Phone: (03) 53315344

Email: Reception@badac.net.au

Website: <http://www.badac.net.au>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BADACBallarat

Ballarat Indian Association Inc. (BIA)

The Ballarat Indian Association aims to actively promote the Indian culture within the Indian community. It also actively strives to promote and develop goodwill, understanding and harmony within the wider Ballarat community.

Address: C/O Unit 2/1173, Geelong Road, Mount Clear

Phone: 0418 315 773

Email: tbiainc@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.ballaratindianassociation.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BallaratIndianAssociationInc

Ballarat Interfaith Network (BIN)

The Ballarat Interfaith Network aims to build bridges of understanding and respect between people of all faiths and those of no faith. The Network runs annual forums, projects, and visits to places of worship of different religions. All people interested in furthering interfaith harmony are welcome to attend meetings, every fourth Wednesday of each month at the Eastwood Leisure Centre at 7pm.

Phone: (03) 5342 0286 or 0421 001 363 or 0418 383 802

Email: Maureen.doonan@gmail.com

Ballarat Region Indonesian Community

Email: ballaratindonesiancommunity@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Ballarat-Region-Indonesian-Comm

Ballarat Italian Association

A multicultural social club for people with Italian ancestry and for people keen to embrace Italian culture and language.

Address: PO Box 167, Ballarat, VIC, 3353

Phone: 0400 990 542

Email: cedichiera@bigpond.com

Website: <https://ballaratitalianassociation.teamapp.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ballaratalianassociation

Ballarat Koorie Engagement Group (KEAG)

The City of Ballarat's Koorie Engagement Action Group works to enhance opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in the region.

Phone: (03) 5320 5500

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KEAGBallarat/

Ballarat Malayalee Association Inc.

Address: 28 Jarrah Drive, Alfredton, VIC, 3350

Contact: Sherly Saju

Phone: 0470-556-935

Email: sajumru@yahoo.com

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Chinese Australian Cultural Society of Ballarat Inc (CACSB)

The Chinese Australian Cultural Society of Ballarat promotes friendship, cultural exchange and understanding; educates individuals on the history and cultural practices of China; provides support and opportunity for those of Chinese and other ethnic backgrounds; plus participates in activities within the wider community.

Postal address: PO Box 2038, Ballarat, VIC, 3354

Phone: 0421-608-783

Email: info@chineseballarat.org.au

Website: www.chineseballarat.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Chinese-Australian-Cultural-Society-Ballararat-Inc

Cornish Association of Victoria Inc. (Ballarat)

To promote and foster goodwill among Cornish people in Victoria and to stimulate interest in the history and traditions of Cornwall.

Email: lajenkin@bigpond.com

Website: http://www.cornishvic.org.au/ball.html

Dutch (the Netherlands)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DutchrelatedinBallaratandsurrounds

Filipino Australian Association of Ballarat Inc.

Postal Address: PO Box 72, Ballarat, VIC, 3350

Phone: 0468 559 563

Email: sherlita_hart@hotmail.com

Website: <http://faabi.org.au>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FAABI.Ballarat

The Filipino Australian Sports Club of Ballarat Inc. (FASCOBI)

The birth of the club originally came from Filipino community members with a shared passion of basketball, the most popular sport in the Philippines.

Email: fascobi2016@yahoo.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FASCOBI.Ballarat

Hellenic Orthodox Community of Ballarat (Greek Association)

Postal Address: 116 Humffray Street North, Ballarat East, VIC, 3350

Phone: 03 5331 6831 or 0438 671 809

German – Austrian Association

Phone: (03) 53318902 (Secretary Brigitte Kerrutt)

Email: bkerrutt@ncable.net.au

L'Alliance Francaise De Ballarat Et District Inc.

L'Alliance Francaise is a French cultural organisation that has world-wide links and conducts various activities in Ballarat.

Postal address: PO Box 729, Ballarat, VIC, 3353

Email: afdeballarat@gmail.com

Website: <http://afballarat.com.au>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/afdeballarat

**Ballarat Scottish Country Dance
Group**

Phone: 0416 153 463

Website: <https://www.ballaratscd.com>

Spanish Speaking People Living in Ballarat

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/1146249128780250

Thai Cultural Group Ballarat

Address: 246 Albert Street, Sebastopol

Email: tastethailand@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT

Intercultural Employment Pathways (IEP) Program

This program aims to support participants to become 'job ready' through the provision of training, mentoring and industry engagement.

Phone: (03) 5320 5144

Facebook: www.facebook.com/IEPBallarat

MEDIA

SBS RADIO & TV

SBS Radio broadcasts Australian news & information in 68 different languages across the channels - Radio 1, Radio 2 and Online.

For a program in your language: www.sbs.com.au/radio/yourlanguage

Website: www.sbs.com.au

99.9 Voice FM

Voice FM is Ballarat's own Community Radio station, broadcasting 24 hours a day 7 days a week, fully staffed by volunteers. Voice FM is an independent not-for-profit community broadcaster founded in 1982. Broadcasting in: Japanese, German, Dutch, Mandarin, Thai, Filipino, Irish, Hindi and an Inter cultural Ambassador Program starting at the end of 2018.

Address: Dawson House, Level 1, 15 Dawson Street South, Ballarat

Email: info@voicefm.com.au

Website: <https://voicefm.com.au> Facebook: www.facebook.com/voicefm

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Anglican Diocese of Ballarat

Address: 'The Diocesan Centre' at 49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5331 1183

Email: secretary@ballaratanglican.org.au

Website: ballaratanglican.org.au/about-us

Ballarat Synagogue

Address: Cnr Princes and Barkly Streets, Ballarat, VIC, 3355

Phone: (03) 5332 1271

Website: ballaratsynagogue.org

Breakthrough Worship Centre Inc.

Address: 34 Caravan Street, Wendouree, VIC, 3355

Phone: (03) 5339 6488

Ballarat (Islamic) Mosque

Address: 116 Elsworth Street, Ballarat, VIC, 3355

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Ballarat-Abu-Bakr-Islamic-Mosque

Ballarat North Baptist Church

Address: 316 Walker Street, Ballarat North, VIC, 3350

Phone: 0414 891 411

Email: pastor@ballaratnorthbaptist.org.au

Website: ballaratnorthbaptist.org.au

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Address:

Address: 5 Lyons Street South Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5337 7121

Email: bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Address: 1 Grammar Street, Wendouree, VIC, 3355

Phone: (03) 5338 2294

Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicolas

Address: 116 Humffray Street North, Ballarat East, VIC, 3350

Phone: (03) 5336 2544

Jikishoan Zen Buddhist

Address: 416 Dawson Street, Ballarat, VIC, 3350

Phone: (03) 5333 1354

Carmel Welsh Presbyterian Church

Address: 261 Albert Street, Sebastopol, VIC, 3356

Phone: (03) 53358252

Soul Food

Soul Food features live music, audio-visual pieces and readings from faiths and philosophers, authors, leaders and indigenous cultures, from all over the world. The purpose of Soul Food is to inspire us to transform our lives, our neighbourhoods and communities, with actions that promote the unity and betterment of society. Soul Food is presented by the Baha'is of Ballarat and is held 10:30 to 11:30am, every second Sunday at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat, VIC, 3350.

Postal address: P.O. Box 136, Ballarat, VIC, 3353

Phone: Kevin Pitcher – (03) 5332 7142

Website: <https://bahaiballarat.org.au/devotional-gatherings/soul-food>

Salvation Army

Address: 102 Eureka Street, Ballarat, VIC, 3350

Phone: (03) 5337 0600

Email: corpsofficer.ballarat@aus.salvationarmy.org

Website: www.salvationarmy.org.au/en/Find-Us/Victoria/BallaratCommunityChurch/

Ballarat Central Uniting Church

Address: 103 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Central

Phone: (03) 5333 1361

Email: youth@bcuc.org.au

Website: bcuc.org.au

TRANSLATION SERVICES

AMES Education

AMES provides English support for immigrants and refugees, asylum seekers in Ballarat and the Central Highlands Region. Free English classes for eligible clients available via AMEP.

Address: 12 Lilburne Street, Lucas, VIC, 3350

Phone: (03) 5338 4500

Website: www.ames.net.au

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

TIS is a national translation service provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for people who do not speak fluent English and for English speakers who wish to communicate with non-English speakers. Translation services are provided over the phone and onsite.

Phone: 131 450

Website: www.tisnational.gov.au

Email: tispromo@immi.gov.au

YOUTH

BYou

BYou, the City of Ballarat's Youth Services Department, provides and supports a range of programs, support groups, services and events while promoting and advocating for the best interests and outcomes for young people aged 12 to 25 years. The bYou staff are based at the Central Highlands Library in Doveton Street South, Ballarat but regularly conduct events and outreach work across the area.

Phone: (03) 53205140

Email: youthballarat@ballarat.vic.gov.au.

Website: www.youthservicesballarat.com.au

Facebook: business.facebook.com/ballaratyouthservices

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Website: www.cmy.net.au

Facebook: facebook.com/likeCMY

Twitter: @TalkToCMY

Headspace Ballarat

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation helping young people of all backgrounds who are going through a tough time. Able to assist people aged 12 to 25 years experiencing a broad range of issues relating to their general, mental and sexual health, as well as providing services or links to counselling, education and employment services and drug and other alcohol services.

Address: 28 Camp Street, Ballarat, VIC, 3350

Phone: (03) 5304 4777

Email: info@headspaceballarat.org.au

Website: headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/ballarat

Facebook: www.facebook.com/headspaceBallarat