



**JANUARY** EVERY SUNDAY IN JANUARY Summer Sunday: Live Music + Food Trucks + Garden Bar 3pm - 7pm | Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Year's Day Republic of the Sudan Independence Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	Tamil Thai Pongal Day Hindu: Makar Sankranti	15	16	17
World Religion Day	USA: Martin Luther King Jr Day	Sikh: Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti	21	22	23	24
18	19	20				
25	Australia Day India: Republic Day	27	28	29	30	31

**FEBRUARY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-7 February World Interfaith Harmony Week	2	3	Sri Lanka: Independence Day	5	New Zealand: Whangai Day	7
Australian Ex-POW Memorial Service	9	10	11	12	Anniversary of Federal Apology to Stolen Generations Survivors	Valentine's Day 14
Hindu: Maha Shivaratri	16	Shrove Tuesday Lunar New Year of the Horse	Ash Wednesday Islam: Start of Ramadan (Depends on sighting of the moon)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**MARCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wales: St David's Day Clean Up Australia Day	2	Chinese Lantern Festival	Hindu: Holi Festival of Colours	5	World Day of Prayer	7-9 March Ballarat Begonia Festival
International Women's Day	Labour Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	Ireland: St Patrick's Day	18	Hindu: <i>New Year</i> Nations Close the Gap Day	20	Islam: Eid al-Fitr (Depending on sighting of the moon) Hindu: Good Friday for the Elimination of Harmful Impurities Harmony Day Pongal (New Year)
22	23	24	BRMC's Welcome Morning Tea Order: Independence Day	26	Easter in Ballarat: 27 March - April 19	28
National Neighbour Day	30	International Transgender Day of Visibility				



**APRIL**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April Fool's Day 18 April Jewish: Passover	2	Good Friday	End of Daylight Savings
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday International Asexuality Day	World Health Day	8	9	10	11
Christian Orthodox Easter	13-16 April Thailand: Songkran Festival	Vaisakhi - Sikh New Year Sunaha & Tamil New Year Day Hindu: Vishu Festival	15	16	17	Zimbabwe: Independence Day
Non-Binary Parents Day	20	Baha'i: Rihvan Festival	22	England: Saint George's Day	24	ANZAC Day
Lesbian Visibility Day	South Africa: Freedom Day Togo: Independence Day Netherlands: King's Day	28	29	30		



**MAY** Philippines: Flores de Mayo/May Flower Festival (all month)  
National Reconciliation Week: 27 May - 3 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					Buddhist: Vesak Day	2
3	4-10 May Children's Book Week	Mexico: Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	International Day of Families	16
International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia & Interphobia - IDAHOBIT Day	18-24 May: National Volunteers Week	19	20	21-24 May Ballarat Heritage Festival	22	23
International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia & Interphobia - IDAHOBIT Day	25	National Day of Healing (Story Day)	Anniversary of the 1961 Referendum BRMC's Welcome Morning Tea Islam: Eid ul Adha	28	LGBTIQA+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day	Anniversary of the launch of the Torres Strait Islander Flag



**JUNE** LGBTIQA+ Pride Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Reconciliation Day	Italy: Republic Day	Mabo Day	4	World Environment Day	6
7	King's Birthday	9	Portugal: Nations Day	11	Philippines: Independence Day	13
14-20 June National Refuge Week	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	16	Islamic New Year Muharram	18	China: Dragon Boat Festival	UN World Refugee Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	Ballarat Winter Festival: 27 June - 19 July
28	29	30				



# 2026

## all of us embracing diversity in Ballarat

### Year of the Horse



**Acknowledgement of Country**  
The City of Ballarat acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we live and work on, the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

**Welcoming Cities**  
Ballarat is a Welcoming City

- 2026 Victorian Government State School Term Dates**
- Term 1 28 January to 2 April
  - Term 2 20 April to 26 June
  - Term 3 13 July to 18 September
  - Term 4 5 October to 18 December

The information above is relevant to Victoria government state schools. Independent and Catholic schools do base their terms on the state school dates but their term dates can vary from school to school. You should check directly with the relevant school to find out the correct term date information.

This calendar promotes and reflects the wonderful cultural, religious, ethnic and linguistic diversity of Ballarat's community, and features a range of dates of celebration and significance that are relevant to Ballarat's people. This list is by no means exhaustive and may vary from year to year. The calendar is produced in good faith, and it is not the intention of the City of Ballarat to offend any individual or group. The dates are accurate to the best of our knowledge, please forgive any inaccuracies.

For all updated event information, please refer to [visitballarat.com.au/whats-on](http://visitballarat.com.au/whats-on)

**Farmers Markets**

**The Bridge Market**  
Every 1st Saturday of the month  
9am - 1pm  
Bridge Mall, Ballarat Central

**Ballarat Farmers Market**  
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month  
9am - 1pm  
North Gardens Reserve, Lake Wendouree  
(June to August - Equestrian Centre - Ballarat Showgrounds)

**Twilight Christmas Market**  
4 - 8 pm on Friday December 18 - Last market of the year

**JULY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5-12 July NAIDOC Week	6	Japan: Tanabata Star Festival	8 Canada: National Day	2	3	4 USA: Independence Day
12	13	France: National Day (Bastille Day) International Non-Binary People's Day	15	16	17	18 Nelson Mandela International Day
19	Colombia: Independence Day	Belgium: National Day	22	23	24	25
National Tree Day	27	28	BRMC's Welcome Morning Tea	30	31	



**AUGUST** Philippines: Buwan ng Wika - National Language Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Malaysia: Merdeka Day (Independence Day)	31					Japan: Inagawa Sister City Anniversary
2	3	National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day	5	Japan: Hiroshima Memorial Day	7	8
International Day of the World's Indigenous People Japan: Nagasaki Memorial Day	10	11	12	13	Pakistan: Independence Day	India: Independence Day
16	Indonesia: Independence Day 17-27 November Korila: Thiruvonam	Vietnam Veterans Day - Long Tan Day	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	Hindu: Onam Festival	27	Hindu: Raksha Bandhan Hindu: Ganesh Chaturthi Wear It Purple Day	29



**SEPTEMBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Father's Day	7	National Wattle Day Anniversary of Yangzhou Friendship City	Vietnam: National Day	3	Hindu: Krishna Janmashtami	5
6	8	International Liberty Day	9	R U OK? Day	10	11 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
13	14-20 September Dementia Action Week	15	16	Australian Citizenship Day	17	18 Chile: Independence Day
20	International Day of Peace: World Alzheimer Day Jewish: Yom Kippur	22	Celebrate Steensvalley Day	23	24	China: Mid-Autumn Festival
27	28	29	30			



**OCTOBER** Community Safety, Seniors and Mental Health Month  
Victorian Seniors Festival - Ballarat Seniors Festival

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				National Day of the People's Republic of China International Day of Older Persons	2 India: Ganesh Jayanti Birthday	3 Germany: Unity Day
Start of Daylight Savings	5	6	7	8	Agem Awareness Day	10
11-17 October National Careers Week International Day of the Girl Child National Coming Out Day	12	13	14	International Day for Rural Women	15	16 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18	19	Hindu: Dussehra Vijaydashami	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day
25	Intersex Awareness Day	27	28	29	Hindu: Karva Chauth	30 31 Halloween

**NOVEMBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Saints' Day	All Souls Day	Melbourne Cup Day	4	5	6	7
Hindu: Diwali Festival of Lights International Solidarity Day	9	Baha'i: Twin Holy Days - Birth of the Bab	10 Remembrance Day Pogrom: Independence Day Baha'i: Twin Holy Days - Birth of Baha'u'llah	12	13 19 November Transgender Awareness Week	14
15	International Day of Tolerance	17	18	19	Universal Children's Day	21
22	23	Sikh: Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti	BRMC's Welcome Morning Tea International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - 16 Days of Activism begins	USA: Thanksgiving Day	26	27 Timor-Leste: Proclamation of Independence Day
Springfest Ballarat	Scottish: Saint Andrew's Day	30				

**DECEMBER** Christmas in Ballarat (all month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		World Aids Day	2	Eureka Stockade Rebellion Anniversary International Day of People with Disability	4-12 December Jewish: Start of Makhan	5
6	7	8	9	Human Rights Day	10	12
13	14	15	South Africa: Day of Reconciliation	17	International Migrants Day	19
20	21	Summer Solstice	23	24	Christmas Day	Boxing Day
27	28	29	Philippines: Rizal Day	30	31 New Year's Eve	

