

HARMONY FEST

12 - 28 March 2021 | Program Highlights

Brought to you by  CITY OF BALLARAT

From 5 - 25 March, nightly between 8.30 - 10.30pm
Captain Moonlite Rides Again

A projection art installation, an online and physical event. Celebrating Ballarat's LGBTIQ+ communities with an art installation, projected onto the side of the Cafs historic building in Lydiard St North.

March 12, 6 - 9pm

Harmony Week Intercultural Celebration

Enjoy delicious multicultural foods and special guest performances, at the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre at the Ballarat South Community Hub, Tuppen Street, Sebastopol.

Bookings required: Free.

www.socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=1530

March 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28, from 9 - 10am

Tai Chi

Tai Chi near Pipers Restaurant, Lake Wendouree. Tai Chi is a form of exercise and martial arts, practiced for defense training, health benefits, and meditation. The practice can help to promote better balance control, flexibility, strength, respiratory and cardiovascular function, by Mount Clear College. Free.

March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28 March

Indian Film Festival at the Regent Cinemas

March 15 and 22 from 10 - 12pm

Spanish Playgroup

A fun and relaxed session with Spanish songs and stories for pre-schoolers, 112 Victoria Street, Ballarat East (next to St Alipius Primary School). Free.

Enquiries: Araceli 0468 969 072

March 15 - Wendouree Library, March 16, 18 - Ballarat Library, March 17, 19 - Sebastopol Library

Harmony Fest Storytimes

Join in the City of Ballarat Libraries, 15-minute stories exploring the diversity of the people in our community. Free.

March 15 from 8 - 9pm

No Lights, No Lycra

A one-hour endorphin-pumping dance party in the dark. Part of a world-wide dance community, this session allows you to let go and lose yourself in the music. \$10pp.

Bookings required. Victorian Railways Institute Hall, 240 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat. www.facebook.com/NLNLBallarat

March 16 from 6.30pm

**Ballarat and District Irish Association
St Patrick's Eve Dinner**

Casual family gathering to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Everyone is welcome. Cost: as per menu.

Bookings required.

RSVP by 13 March to Marlene Shanahan

Phone 0402 447 546 or email marlene@brimars.com

At Lake View Hotel, 22 Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree

March 16 from 10.30 - 11.30am

Virtual Harmony Fest Flag Raising Ceremony

Join us online for a livestreaming flag raising ceremony and a special performance by Hanz on Drumming, featuring special guest speakers: Dr Micheal Akindeju, President Ballarat African Association and Krushnadevsinh Ravalji from the Centre for Multicultural Youth.

March 16 and 23, from 1 - 3pm

Community Street Soccer

Come and join in The Big Issue's Community Street Soccer Program. Everyone over the age of 16 is welcome. Eastern Oval Netball Courts, Scott Parade Ballarat East. Free.

March 17 from 8 - 9.30am

UBUNTU Breakfast

UBUNTU (I am because we are), spirit interconnectedness, connection, sharing and empathy. Join Father Constantine Osuchukwu for a discussion of UBUNTU while enjoying a meal from the A Pot of Courage Café.

Bookings required via www.facebook.com/brmc.ballarat.

Enquiries: 5383 0613

March 18 from 1 - 1.45pm, March 21 from 3 - 3.45pm

Intercultural Dance Workout for Fitness

Latin-inspired, pre-choreographed group dance class with easy to master moves and chart-topping hits. Free.

Bookings required via our facebook page, at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre, Prince of Wales Recreation Reserve, Gillies Street North, Lake Gardens.

March 20 from 10 - 11.30pm

Meet your neighbour: Morning tea with the Islamic Society of Ballarat

Do you have questions about Islam? Enjoy informative one-on-one conversations with members of the Islamic Society of Ballarat. All welcome. Morning tea provided, at the Sebastopol Library. Free.

March 20 from 2.30 - 3.30pm

Intercultural Welcome Afternoon Tea

Bring a friend or meet someone new at this afternoon tea to welcome new migrants and international students. Featuring special guest Tammy Gilson to give a traditional welcome from the local Wadawurrung people. Refreshments provided. Free.

Bookings required via our facebook page.

At IneXterior Café,

401 Mair Street (corner of Mair and Doveton Street), Ballarat.

March 20 from 4pm till late

Ballarat Malayalee Association Indian Food Festival

Taste the authentic Indian food prepared by the people from Kerala, vegetarian options available, at St Patrick's Parish Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat. \$20 per person.

Bookings required.

ballaratmalayaleeassociation.org.au

Sijo Mathew 0422 040 627 or email bmaballarat@gmail.com

March 20 from 6 – 8.30pm

Baha'i Naw Ruz (New Year)

Join in the festivities as part of the Ballarat Baha'i community's Naw Ruz celebration, the evening will feature dinner, reflections on the significance of Baha'i Naw Ruz, and live music by Deborah N.

Enquiries: 0423 242 972 bahaiballarat.org.au

March 21 from 4pm

Unity in Diversity - Interfaith Forum

A forum exploring the role of faith during Covid-19. Including a panel from a wide cross-section of faiths exploring spirituality and care of our neighbours. St Patricks Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat. Free.

No bookings required.

Margaret Ellis, 0400 650 234

mfellis@netconnect.com.au or via facebook:

Ballarat-Interfaith-Network

March 22 – 5-6pm

No Waste Cook Club Webinar for Young People with Open Table

This webinar for young people features Alanna Brown from Open Table who will demonstrate No Waste recipes for tzatziki and hummus, followed by a Q&A session.

Supported by VicHealth.

Free online event. Limited places.

Bookings required via facebook.com/ballaratyouthservices

March 25 from 4.30 – 6pm:

Language Café

Learn about Greek culture and language and try some traditional Greek desserts. Refreshments provided. Free.

Bookings required. For bookings and updates:

www.facebook.com/ballaratlibraries

Enquiries: Ballarat Libraries (03) 5338 6850

March 26 from 10am - 2pm

Harmony Market

Barkly Square will come alive with women-owned businesses showcasing their wares. Grab a coffee at the A Pot of Courage café and enjoy shopping local for gifts and homewares.

Ballarat Welcome Centre, Barkly Square, Ballarat. Free.

No bookings required at the Ballarat Welcome Centre,

Barkly Square, 25 – 39 Barkly Street, Bakery Hill.

Follow: facebook.com/brmc.ballarat

Enquiries: 5383 0613 admin@brmc.org.au

March 26 from 3.30 – 6.30pm

Intercultural Youth Gathering

City of Ballarat Youth Services and BADAC invite all to celebrate Intercultural Diversity through music, song and dance, featuring Mitch Tambo. Free event.

No bookings required at View Point, Lake Wendouree.

Follow [@ballaratyouthservices](https://twitter.com/ballaratyouthservices) on facebook and instagram.

March 26 from 7 – 8.30pm

Virtual Intercultural City Gala

A livestreamed event with an exciting range of local performers, including Spanish Latin Band Los Locos, singer songwriter Geoffrey Williams, performances by the Australian Irish Dance Company, Virasat E Pujab and Chinese Lion Dancers, featuring Mitch Tambo who is a renowned didgeridoo player, actor, presenter and performer and proud Gamilaraay/Birra Gubba man. Mitch Tambo is one of Australia's most talented entertainers, as seen on the 2019 season on Australia's Got Talent. A virtual event livestreamed from Ballarat Trades Hall. Stream on your TV and dance in your lounge room!

March 27 from 10 – 12pm

Fill the information gap; the African-Australian contribution to Ballarat

Learn more about the contribution of African Australians in Ballarat. Featuring a talk by Ghana-born actor, Terry Yeboah, who played African American Eureka rebel, John Joseph in 'Australia On Trial: The Eureka 13'. and a panel discussion led by community leader, Dr Michael Akindeju. Presented by the Ballarat African Association in partnership with Eureka Centre. Free event. **Bookings required.** facebook.com/eurekacentreballarat

March 27 from 11am – 12 midday and 2 – 3.30pm

Harmony Fest Workshops: Islamic Art and Calligraphy Workshop

At the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Arabic calligraphy (khatt) is the artistic practice of handwriting and design based on the Arabic alphabet. Join Khalid Alharthi, to learn the basics of Arabic calligraphy and its place within Arab culture and the Islamic religion. Free event.

Bookings required: artgalleryofballarat.com.au

For updates: artgalleryofballarat.com.au Enquiries: 5320 5858

March 27 from 11am – 3pm

A Celebration of Philippines Culture

A picnic (BBQ lunch) celebrating Filipino cultural dress, dance, music, food and children's activities. Cost: Donation

Bookings required for catering purposes: Contact Gerson

Morano 0417 331 756. Location: Eureka Stockade Reserve

Follow: facebook.com/FAABI.Ballarat

March 28 from 4pm:

'A Better Place'

A virtual choir project conceived and developed for the members of Diversity Homework Club (DHC) – a welcoming community of students and volunteer tutors – to celebrate the diversity and community spirit of Ballarat.

View 'A Better Place' Virtual Choir on the BRMC Facebook page facebook.com/brmc.ballarat

Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) Video Series

Capturing the thoughts and experiences of young people across Ballarat, Horsham and Nhill.

facebook.com/CMYBallarat

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Supporting City of Ballarat venues and services include Youth Services, Ballarat Libraries, Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre and the Eureka Centre.

The City of Ballarat is a
Refugee Welcome Zone

