



# Ballarat Heritage Weekend

11 - 12 May 2013  
Mother's Day Weekend

CITY OF  
BALLARAT



**STORIES OF  
ENTERTAINMENT**





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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Ballarat Heritage Weekend is on again and I invite you to join me at what is sure to be a vibrant weekend for those of all ages.

History really does live in Ballarat all year round, but it's during Mother's Day weekend in May where we encourage residents and visitors to explore parts of the city they may not have had the chance to discover before.

This year, join us as we share 'Stories of Entertainment'. Through a range of exciting displays, activities, performances and tours visitors can reminisce about the theatre, film, radio, music and storytelling of old.

As always we will open the doors to some of Ballarat's finest heritage buildings and you can enjoy popular activities such as double decker bus tours, steam train rides and high tea.

The weekend promises to be another wonderful event and I encourage you to come along and enjoy all that Ballarat Heritage Weekend has to offer.

**Cr John Burt OAM**  
**Mayor of Ballarat**

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# WHAT'S ON

TIME	TOURS	SAT	SUN
Every 30 minutes	Double decker bus tours – 10.30am to 4pm, except 2pm and 2.30pm (Page 5)	✓	✓
Every hour	Old Colonists' Hall tours – Saturday 10am to 3.30pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm (Page 7)	✓	✓
Every hour	Ballarat Fire Station tours – 10am to 4pm (Page 7)	✓	✓
10am	Lydiard Street Walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Her Majesty's Theatre tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
10.30am	Entertainment venues of the past tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Her Majesty's Theatre tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
11am	Ballarat Historical Walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Her Majesty's Theatre tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
	Art Gallery of Ballarat - Pictures and Stories tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
	Ballarat Synagogue tour (Page 11)		✓
	Learmonth walking tour (Page 10)	✓	✓
	Buninyong walking tour (Page 10)	✓	✓
11.30am	Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Her Majesty's Theatre tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
12noon	Lydiard Street walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
12.30pm	Entertainment venues of the past tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
1pm	Ballarat Historical walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Ballarat Synagogue tour (Page 11)		✓
	Art Gallery of Ballarat - Pictures and Stories tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
	Learmonth walking tour (Page 10)	✓	✓
1.30pm	Ballaarat Mechanic's Institute tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
2pm	Lydiard Street Walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Ballarat Botanical Gardens tour (Page 9)	✓	✓
2.30pm	Entertainment venues of the past tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
3pm	Ballarat Historical Walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Ballarat Synagogue tour (Page 11)		✓
	Art Gallery of Ballarat - Pictures and Stories tour (Page 7)	✓	✓
3.30pm	Entertainment venues of the past tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
	Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
4pm	Lydiard Street walking tour (Page 5)	✓	✓
5pm	Ballarat Observatory tour (Page 9)	✓	✓
8pm	Eerie Tours – Ballarat Ghost tour (Page 9)	✓	✓
	Eerie Tours – Ballarat Old Cemetery night tour (Page 9)	✓	
9pm	The Gallery by Night torchlight tour (Page 7)	✓	

TIME	ENTERTAINMENT	SAT	SUN
Every hour	Ballarat City Brass Band and Memorial Concert Band performances at the George balcony	✓	✓
10am	Ballroom dance lesson (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
10.30am	The Last Great Magic Lantern Show (Ballarat Mining Exchange)	✓	
	Comic strip workshop (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
11am	Ballroom dance lesson (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
	Goldfields dance lesson (Ballarat Town Hall)		✓
	Radio Play performance (Art Gallery of Ballarat)	✓	✓
	On for Young and Old performances (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)	✓	✓
11.30am	Goldfields Vaudeville Show (Ballarat Mining Exchange)	✓	✓
	1920s dance lesson (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)		✓
	The Miss Muffet show (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
	Story time: Banjo's famous poems come to life (Ballarat Town Hall)		✓
12noon	Rock n Roll dance lesson (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
12.30pm	A Tivoli Lovelie performance (Ballarat Mining Exchange)	✓	✓
	Andrew Nolte 1920s jazz band (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)		✓
1pm	Emu Creek Bush Band performance (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
	1920s dance lesson (Ballarat Mechanics' Institute)		✓
	Goldfields musical instruments demonstration (Ballarat Town Hall)		✓
	On for Young and Old performances (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)	✓	✓
	Radio Play performance (Art Gallery of Ballarat)	✓	✓
1.30pm	Comic strip workshop (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	✓
2pm	Mike Brady interview with Ernie Sigley and Wilbur Wilde (Ballarat Mining Exchange)	✓	
	Rock n Roll dance lesson (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
	Andrew Nolte 1920s jazz band (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)		✓
2.30pm	Goldfields Vaudeville Show (Ballarat Mining Exchange)		✓
3pm	Radio Play performance (Art Gallery of Ballarat)	✓	✓
	On for Young and Old performances (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)	✓	✓
	The Miss Muffet show (Ballarat Town Hall)	✓	
	Story time: Banjo's famous poems come to life (Ballarat Town Hall)		✓
3.30pm	Goldfields Vaudeville Show (Ballarat Mining Exchange)	✓	
	A Tivoli Lovelie performance (Ballarat Mining Exchange)		✓
	Andrew Nolte 1920s jazz band (Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute)		✓
4.30pm	A Tivoli Lovelie performance (Ballarat Mining Exchange)	✓	✓



*- Fares -*

**RETURN JOURNEY**  
ADULT - \$20.00  
UNDER 16 - \$10.00  
FAMILY - \$50.00  
Family Ticket is 2A + 2C or 1A + 3C

*- Timetable -*

**DEPARTS BALLARAT**  
9.30am, 11am, 1pm,  
2.15pm, 3.45pm  
All timetables subject to change.

*- Tickets -*

AVAILABLE AT THE STATION  
AND ON THE TRAIN  
ON THE DAY

STEAM RAIL VICTORIA

SATURDAY 11 & SUNDAY 12 MAY

# BALLARAT

*- Steam Shuttles -*

Steamrail Victoria invites you to ride our historical steam shuttles between Ballarat and Lal Lal. Journey behind locomotives Y112 and K153.





# STORIES OF ENTERTAINMENT TRAIL

## START YOUR JOURNEY AT THE BALLARAT MINING EXCHANGE



### A TIVOLI LOVELIE & GOLDFIELDS VAUDEVILLE SHOWS

Come to the Ballarat Mining Exchange and see two variety shows put together by local performers for your enjoyment. Check the schedule on page 3 for performance times.



### WILBUR WILDE ERNIE SIGLEY MIKE BRADY NOT TO BE MISSED EVENT!

#### MEMORIES OF AUSTRALIAN SHOW BUSINESS

**When:** 2pm (Saturday only)  
**Where:** Ballarat Mining Exchange, 8 Lydiard Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

Join three of the biggest names in Australian entertainment - Wilbur Wilde, Ernie Sigley and Mike Brady combine to present the interview style format: Memories of Australian Show Business. With careers spanning many decades, these three entertainment icons will share their experiences and recollections of radio, television and live stage. This is an event not to be missed so come along, join the fun and meet the stars after the event.

### ONE MINUTE MEMORIES

Have you got a treasured memory of entertainment in Ballarat you wish to share? The Ballarat Historical Society will be recording stories at the Ballarat Mining Exchange that will contribute to a bank of digital stories to be archived for future generations. To help tell your story, bring a photo or object with you.

### 2 CRATE DIGGER RECORD FAIR & HELLO SAILOR VINTAGE FAIR

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Police Lane, next to the Art Gallery of Ballarat  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

On Saturday, the Crate Digger Record Fair will make a special trip to Ballarat. Enjoy listening to your favourite vinyl classics whilst enjoying a unique shopping experience along Police Lane.

On Sunday, the Hello Sailor Vintage Fair will take up the stalls in Police Lane to offer visitors an opportunity to spoil mum with vintage goods for Mother's Day.

### 3 BROADCASTING HISTORY

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** McCain Annexe, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

In 1938, 'radio' was considered one of 'theatres' few competitors. Learn how the phenomenon of radio broadcasting changed the social fabric of Australia in the 30s and marvel at the technology which brought global affairs closer to Ballarat. Local 3BA and BTV6 broadcasting history will be on display, plus watch an authentic 1930s radio play come to life, with multiple performances over the weekend.

Check the schedule on page 3 for performance times.

### TOWN HALL BELLS

From lunchtime on Sunday, the Ballarat Bellringers will continue the long tradition of ringing the Town Hall bells, as they have done since 1871 for memorable public events, community celebrations and historic occasions.



## TOURS

### ENTERTAINMENT VENUES OF THE PAST

**When:** 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm both days  
**Where:** Burke and Wills Fountain (Sturt and Lydiard Street intersection)  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
Where did Ballarat people go to be entertained before the advent of television? What forms of entertainment were available where they could socialise with people with like interests? Find out when you join the National Trust for this walk.

### LYDIARD STREET WALKING TOURS

**When:** 10am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm both days  
**Where:** Burke and Wills Fountain (Sturt and Lydiard Street intersection)  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
Join a walking tour of one of Australia's most intact heritage streetscapes with the National Trust Ballarat Branch as your guide. Along the way, learn about Ballarat's architectural significance.

### BALLARAT HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS

**When:** 11am, 1pm and 3pm both days  
**Where:** Departs from the Ballarat Railway Station, Lydiard Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
Listen to stories from the past while surrounded by some of Australia's most beautiful and historic architecture.

### DOUBLE DECKER BUS TOURS

**When:** Every 30 minutes (except 2pm and 2.30pm) both days  
**Where:** Departs from the Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** Free  
Jump on board a double decker bus and enjoy the sites of Ballarat from the top deck. Along the way, learn stories of Ballarat's entertainment past. Limited seats available. Visit the Ballarat Mining Exchange during the weekend to book a seat.

### BALLAARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE TOURS

**When:** 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm both days  
**Where:** Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute, 117 Sturt Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation  
Join a forty five minute tour of the spectacular refurbished Mechanics' Institute. More than \$5 million has been spent to restore the Institute to its former glory. Make sure you take the time to visit the Heritage Library, Minerva auditorium and Humffray Room.

START



### 1 BALLARAT MINING EXCHANGE

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** 8 Lydiard Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

Explore the stories of Ballarat's rich entertainment history. Visit the front desk to collect a set of fact sheets on some of Ballarat's most significant heritage venues. Whilst here, take the time to talk to some of the region's local heritage groups and associations.





## STORIES OF ENTERTAINMENT TRAIL

### ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT

#### VOX at the movies

Saturday 2.30pm

Classical A Cappella group VOX present a selection of songs from their recent concert of music from the movies. Highlights include songs from 'The Mission', 'The Lord of the Rings', 'Jungle Book', 'The Lion King' and 'Les Choristes'.

#### Traditions Poetry book reading and launch

Sunday 4pm

Following the success of last years anthology *Flora Captured*, local writers from Ballarat and the University of Ballarat come together once again to respond to artworks in the National Gallery of Victoria's touring exhibition *Living Traditions*. Join them for this roving recital and book launch. Bookings essential, 5320 5858.

### BACKSPACE GALLERY

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days

**Where:** Huyghue House at Alfred Deakin Place, Camp Street

**Wheelchair access:** Yes

**Cost:** Free

Enjoy a visit to the Backspace Gallery to see an exciting exhibition that explores the contrast between the landscapes of pre-colonial Ballarat and the contemporary built environment.

### GAMES - BOARDS TO JOYSTICKS

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days

**Where:** Trades Hall, 24 Camp Street

**Wheelchair access:** Limited

**Cost:** Free

What did we do for fun before television? For hundreds of years, board games have been a source of entertainment for people across the world. In recent history, the board game has been shelved, unable to compete with technological advances and virtual effects. Explore this private collection of over 100 board games and relive your own memorable board game successes or re-program to your favourite retro video games.

### THE ART OF PAST AND PRESENT ENTERTAINMENT

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days

**Where:** B1 Gallery, 14 Camp Street

**Wheelchair access:** No

**Cost:** Free

The Ballarat Society of Artists will exhibit a display of works relating to Ballarat's history of entertainment in a special one off show.

### ON FOR YOUNG AND OLD

**When:** 11am, 1pm and 3pm both days

**Where:** Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, 117 Sturt Street

**Wheelchair access:** Yes

**Cost:** Free

On for Young and Old (Grit Youth Theatre) will share stories from Ballarat in the 1940s to 1960s as remembered by those who lived them; stories of love, loneliness, scarcity and fun – and stories about dancing. Devised from interviews by the director, Tracy Bourne and the cast.

REGIONAL  
ARTS  
VICTORIA

### LIVING HERITAGE

**When:** 11am and 2pm both days

**Where:** Meet at the Mining Exchange Lydiard Street

**Wheelchair Access:** Yes

**Cost:** Free

Living Heritage brings to life our unsung characters of Ballarat's history sharing the stories of people who have helped shape this town. First year University of Ballarat performing arts students have developed a character and story around eight of our most significant heritage sites for this weekend only. Come join our guided tour as we discover these living sculptures amongst our extensive Heritage streetscape.

For bookings email [juliecollins@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:juliecollins@ballarat.vic.gov.au) or come to the Ballarat Mining Exchange front desk.

### BALLARAT HERITAGE MARKET, CAFÉ AND MUSIC IN THE MINERVA

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days

**Where:** Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, 117 Sturt Street

**Wheelchair access:** Yes

**Cost:** Free

On Saturday, enjoy browsing retro collectables, designer goods, handmade art and craft inside one of Ballarat's best kept secrets... the lovingly restored Minerva Room. Browse the market, enjoy a coffee from Vegas and Rose in the vintage styled cafe and pose for a picture in the pop-up photo-booth.

On Sunday, the excitement continues at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute with the Andrew Nolte 1920s Jazz band and early Swing dancing lessons. Enjoy the sounds of this lively band as you relax with a coffee or join in the fun of dance lessons and the pop-up photo-booth.

### ANDREW NOLTE 1920's JAZZ BAND

With a dedication to authenticity and musical brilliance, Melbourne's very own 1920's orchestra the Andrew Nolte Band will have you wishing it was still 1926. Check the schedule on page 3 for performance times.



### THE UNICORN HOTEL

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days

**Where:** 130 Sturt Street

**Wheelchair access:** No

**Cost:** Free

The Unicorn Hotel will present an exhibition of its history with articles and stories displayed on the walls of the cafe. The chefs will also offer traditional 'olde' Ballarat dishes on the menu.

## TOURS

### HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE TOURS

**When:** 10am, 10.30am, 11am and 11.30am both days

**Where:** 17 Lydiard Street South

**Wheelchair access:** Limited

**Cost:** Free

Take a behind the scenes look at one of Australia's most historic theatres. Her Majesty's Theatre has been a central part of the cultural life of Ballarat since it first opened its doors in 1875 as the Academy of Music. Her Majesty's has been continuously used as Ballarat's home of live performance ever since. Numbers are limited, to book contact 5333 5888 by Friday 10 May. Bookings for Auslan interpreted tour email [majestix@hermaj.com](mailto:majestix@hermaj.com)

### PICTURES AND STORIES TOURS

**When:** 11am, 1pm and 3pm both days

**Where:** Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard Street North

**Wheelchair access:** Yes

**Cost:** Free

Join the Gallery guides as they take tours through the Gallery's stunning permanent collection, giving some of the stories behind the artworks. Poet in residence, both days.

### The Gallery by Night - Torchlight tour

At 9pm on Saturday come on a torchlight tour for an unusual insight into the Gallery's collection. Bookings essential 5320 5858.

### BALLARAT FIRE STATION TOURS

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days

**Where:** Corner East Street South and Barkly Street

**Wheelchair access:** Limited to ground floor

**Cost:** Free

The Ballarat Fire Brigade's history is filled with many social events and activities. View a display of traditional fire brigade events around Ballarat such as demonstrations, torchlight parades, the old Sebastopol to Ballarat bed race, bonfire nights at Fraser Reserve, as well as photographs and certificates.

### OLD COLONISTS' HALL TOURS

**When:** Depart on the hour from 10am to 3.30pm

Saturday, 10am to 4pm Sunday

**Where:** 20 Lydiard Street North

**Wheelchair access:** No

**Cost:** Gold coin donation (Devonshire tea available for purchase upstairs)

This is a unique opportunity to visit a building which is not generally open for public access. The Old Colonists' Association was formed in Ballarat in 1883 and the Hall was built in 1888. Devonshire Tea will be available on the balcony overlooking the magnificent heritage streetscape. Tours of the Hall will highlight some of the social activity held within its walls.







## STORIES OF ENTERTAINMENT TRAIL

### 6 HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

**When:** 10am to 2pm both days  
**Where:** 17 Lydiard Street South  
**Wheelchair access:** Limited  
**Cost:** Free  
 Dame Nellie Melba's piano, a gift of charity from the once most famous vocal sensation in Australia, still rests in the Long Room of Her Majesty's Theatre. The Long Room will be open for viewing across the weekend and will also feature a costume display by BLOC Music Theatre.

### 7 CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** 10 - 16 Lydiard Street South  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
 Adam Lindsay Gordon's spirit still lives within the walls of Craig's Royal Hotel where he once resided. Enjoy poetry readings inspired by Lindsay's passion in Craig's Bar every hour from 11am to 4pm, or take in a sitting of High Tea and allow yourself to be treated royally.

### 8 COMIC STRIPS AND STORY TELLING

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Upstairs, Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
 Wander through the Ballarat Town Hall and listen to what it can tell you. Hall keepers will be on duty to show you the hidden features of Ballarat's civic history. While there, enjoy a special presentation of comics and classic books from the State Library of Victoria and the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Why not try your own hand at the skill of pictorial comedy with comic strip artist Dillon Naylor. Dillon's comics have appeared in The Sydney Herald, KZone, Total Girl and MAD Magazine. Check the schedule on page 3 for workshop times.

### THE MISS MUFFET SHOW AND BANJO'S FAMOUS POEMS COME TO LIFE

Like a child's dream come true The Miss Muffet Show unfolds out of a giant pop-up book at the Ballarat Town Hall. When the Dish runs away with the Spoon the audience is taken on a hilarious journey through the best-loved stories of childhood.



On Sunday, you can also join in a humorous parody of Banjo Patterson's Mulga Bill's Bicycle and the Man from Ironbark by Bernard Caleo, a story telling genius. Check the schedule on page 3 for performance times.

### MUSIC AND MERRY MAKING

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Dance Hall, Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
 View a unique collection of musical instruments and relive the old time dances by joining in a dance lesson. Lessons include early Colonial, Ballroom or Rock n Roll. Don't miss the Emu Creek Bush Band at 1pm on Saturday as they perform traditional bush dance music in the Ballarat Town Hall.

### CHINESE ENTERTAINMENT

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Upstairs, Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
 See historical accounts of the entertainment provided by the Chinese in the 19th century through to recent history. In particular it will highlight the Chinese circus and music.

## BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS

### Garden Tour

**When:** 11am and 2pm both days  
**Where:** Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree Parade  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

Explore the Gardens with the Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Garden guides and learn how this grand setting provided entertainment for the Ballarat community.

### Squirrel spotting

The National Trust of Victoria (Ballarat Branch)  
 During the mid-1900s children were entertained by 'squirrel spotting' in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. Squirrels had been introduced to further replicate European gardens. Relive this pleasant pastime by spotting as many squirrels as you can find. Collect a map from the National Trust desk in the Robert Clark Centre.

### Begonia Princess

**When:** 11am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Departs next to Pipers Restaurant, Lake Wendouree  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Adults \$10, Child / Concession \$5, Family (2 Adults + 2 Children) \$25  
 Experience the beauty of Lake Wendouree as you come on board the Begonia Princess vessel.

### Ballarat Tramway Museum and Tram Rides

**When:** Electric trams 10am to 5pm (Saturday), 12 to 5pm (Sunday). Horse Trams 11am to 4pm (Sunday only)  
**Where:** Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree Parade  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** Saturday: Adults \$4, Child \$2. Sunday: Adult \$8, Child \$4.  
 Experience riding on a horse tram as they did one hundred years ago when horse power reigned supreme. The electric trams will operate both days and on Sunday, a special horse tram service will operate.

### Adam Lindsay Gordon Cottage

**When:** 10am to 4pm both days  
**Where:** Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree Parade  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** Free  
 Visit the cottage once owned by one of Ballarat's most famous residents, Adam Lindsay Gordon. The cottage features a wide range of high quality, locally produced arts and crafts available for purchase across the weekend.

### TWEED RIDE

**When:** Saturday 9.30am, ride at 10am  
**Where:** Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree Parade (finishes at Camp Street)  
**Wheelchair Access:** No  
**Cost:** Gold Coin donation.  
 Bring your bike and dress in vintage gear for a fun social ride through the beautiful Ballarat streets. All bikes and riders welcome. Organised by the Ladies Classic Bicycle Association and Ballarat Rotaract. Please email [events@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@ballarat.vic.gov.au) for bookings



## TOURS

### EVENING TOURS

#### BALLARAT MUNICIPAL OBSERVATORY TOUR

**When:** 2 to 8pm both days  
**Where:** 439 Cobden Street, Mt Pleasant  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Students \$6, Family \$35 (to book contact 5332 7526)  
 In the early settlement days, people spent a lot of time outdoors and campfires became the focal point for storytelling and observing the night sky. Come and see the display, attend a lecture at 3pm and stay for campfire and tour of the night sky from 5pm.

#### EERIE TOURS BALLARAT – GHOST TOUR

**When:** 8pm both days - duration 1.5 hours  
**Where:** Departs Ballarat Railway Station, Lydiard Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Children \$15, Family (up to 5 people) \$65  
 Ballarat's story is a tale of tragedy, triumph, romance and mystery and an evening with Eerie Tours will tease out the stories behind some of Victoria's most magnificent buildings from the 1800s. For bookings contact 1300 856 668.

#### EERIE TOURS BALLARAT – OLD CEMETERY NIGHT TOUR

**When:** 8pm (Saturday only) - duration 1.5 hours  
**Where:** Commences at the Ballarat Old Cemetery gates, corner Macarthur and Drummond streets  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Children \$15, Family (up to 5 people) \$65  
 One of the most important cemeteries in Australia, Ballarat's Old Cemetery is home to some 35,000 early Australians, including memorials to both the Eureka miners and soldiers. For bookings contact 1300 856 668 or if you are hearing impaired: National Relay Service 133 677, quote 1300 856 668.

### SELF GUIDED WALKS

#### WEBSTER STREET TRAIL

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Starts corner Webster and Drummond streets  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
 This self-guided walk showcases a section of residential Ballarat and provides a guide to the architectural styles and features of each housing era from the 1850s to present. Collect a trail sheet from the Ballarat Mining Exchange during the weekend.



# LEARMONTH TOWNSHIP

Leave your car and take a short bus trip to Learmonth. Transfers will depart from outside the Ballarat Mining Exchange at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 3pm both days. Returning transfers will depart from Learmonth at 12pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

### Belle of the Ball Display

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Old Ballarat Shire Offices, Learmonth  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation

Learmonth Historical Society together with the Learmonth & District Community presents the 'Belle of the Ball' – a display of gowns from past era's. Visitors will also enjoy the beautiful floral arrangements by the Waubra Horticultural Society.

### Walking Tours

Join a walking tour of Learmonth Township at 11am or 1pm both days. A range of venues in Learmonth will open throughout the weekend including: Old Shire Hall, Stag Hotel, churches, Court House Gardens, Café 321, Learmonth Antique Store and the Masonic Lodge Hall.

# BUNINYONG TOWNSHIP

Bus transfers to Buninyong will depart from outside the Ballarat Mining Exchange at 10.15am, 11.45am, 1.15pm and 2.45pm both days. Return transfers will depart Buninyong at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm.

### Buninyong Town Hall

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Buninyong Town Hall  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

The Buninyong and District Historical Society will showcase Buninyong's renowned community spirit through a display of public gatherings through the ages, featuring parades and festivals from 1859 to the present. A guided walk will depart at 11am both days and take visitors around Buninyong, commencing at the Buninyong Town Hall (duration one hour).

### Old Buninyong Library

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Old Buninyong Library  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free

Visit the Old Buninyong Library to explore the history of debates in the Buninyong Shire and surrounds. Also within the Library, research your own family connections to Buninyong using the cemetery record database which includes reference to residents in the Old Buninyong Shire between 1838 – 1940. (No wheelchair access)

Whilst in Buninyong take the time to visit one of the many enticing eateries and cafes during the weekend.



# TREAT YOURSELF

*Ballarat has many cafes and restaurants waiting to welcome you this Mother's Day weekend. Below is a snapshot of what's on offer.*

## HIGH TEA AT CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL

**When:** 2pm and 4pm (Saturday).  
11am, 2pm and 4pm (Sunday).  
**Where:** 10 – 16 Lydiard Street South  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** \$59.50 pp includes glass of sparkling on arrival, entertainment (poetry recital) and tour of the hotel in the Grand Dining Room. Booking preferred, contact 5331 1377.

## THE BALLAARAT RESTAURANT AND BAR

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** 203 Dana Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes (Limited)  
**Cost:** Traditional Devonshire Tea \$10.50; High Tea \$35 (Adults and Children over 12 yrs); The Royal Tea \$45; Nursery Tea \$15 (Children under 12 yrs).  
Traditional Victorian style morning and afternoon tea will be served in the Reading Room in the majestic environs of The Ballaarat Club.

## LYDIARD WINE BAR

**When:** 3 to 5pm (Sunday only)  
**Where:** 15 Lydiard Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** \$52 per adult, \$20 per child (under 12 years of age)  
The Lydiard Wine Bar will host an elegant High Tea on Mother's Day. Join us at the Wine Bar to treat Mum and the rest of the family on her special day with both sweet and savoury delicacies. Bookings are essential and spaces are limited. Bookings for large groups are available. Drinks will be charged at bar prices. To book contact 5327 2787.

## IN THE EVENING ...

### BALLARAT OLD COLONISTS' CLUB HERITAGE DINNER

**When:** 7pm (Saturday only)  
**Where:** 20 Lydiard Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** \$50 pp (bookings essential, contact 5331 2461)  
You are invited to a special Ballarat Heritage Weekend dinner featuring a guest appearance by Craig McLachlan and George Adams from the ABC television series 'The Dr Blake Mysteries'. Bookings are essential, contact 5331 2461.

### 1920s-1930s DANCE NIGHT WITH AMIE BRÛLÉE AT THE BALLAARAT

**When:** Saturday 11 May, 8pm  
**Where:** Bar Eighteen88 - 203 Dana Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes (Limited)  
**Cost:** \$20

Kick up your heels and dance like there's no tomorrow with Amie Brûlée and her swinging 1920s-1930s style band. Good old-fashioned music that conjures up the spirit of dance halls of yesteryear in the heritage surrounds of The Ballaarat. Find your most stylish frock or suit, and polish your shoes and your moves for an evening of vintage style and fun. Drinks and meals available at the bar and restaurant. For tickets visit [www.amiebrulee.com.au](http://www.amiebrulee.com.au) or contact: 0408 350 932.

# EVENTS OF INTEREST AROUND TOWN

## ART SPARKS

**When:** Friday 10 May, 5.30 to 8pm  
**Where:** Courthouse Theatre, Lydiard Street South (University of Ballarat, SMB Campus)  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** \$8/ \$5 concession and Ballarat Arts Alive members  
Ballarat Arts Alive will present an Art Sparks event showcasing and celebrating recent local entertainment history, including archival footage from iconic venues like the Bridge Mall Inn and Grainery Lane, graphic art and memorabilia, and live performances from the Dead Salesmen Duo and more. For more information visit [www.baa.mx](http://www.baa.mx)

## VINTAGE DANCE

**When:** Friday 10 May, 7 to 11pm  
**Where:** Ballarat Mechanics Institute, Minerva Room  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Tickets \$20 pre-sale (available at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) and Red Brick Gallery); \$25 at the door.  
Get dressed up in your favourite era, step back in time and dance the night away to the 60s themed band the Vonda Bouys and the Falsetto's. Best dressed competition, sweet treats and bar drinks available.  
For more info email [popupcollective@yahoo.com.au](mailto:popupcollective@yahoo.com.au)

## M.A.D.E

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** 501-525 Eureka Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
M.A.D.E celebrates the contribution of women to democracy and the Eureka story over Heritage Weekend. Come and see the 159-year-old flag of the Southern Cross (The Eureka Flag) in its new purpose-built gallery and hear about its recent restoration from Australia's most celebrated textile conservator Kristin Philips, as well as other guest speakers

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**When:** 2.30pm (Sunday only)  
**Where:** 606 Armstrong Street North  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Adult \$25, Concession \$23. Tickets can be purchased at the door.  
Ballarat Choral Society presents *Out of the Archives*, a celebration of the last 50 years of entertainment. Accompanied on the heritage Fincham organ, the choir will perform a selection of popular songs.



## ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH TOURS

**When:** 10am and 2pm (Saturday only)  
**Where:** 1309 Sturt Street  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation  
Join a guided tour of this historically significant bluestone church and learn of its connected history with Ballarat and its founders. Built 1864, St Peter's is home to impressive fittings, stained glass windows and the only working church bell tower. Tour includes bell tower and hymns played on the heritage listed pipe organ.

## MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

**When:** 9.30am (Sunday only)  
**Where:** Lake Wendouree  
**Cost:** \$20 for adults, \$12 student/heath card holders, \$10 children (16 years and under)  
The Women in Super Mother's Day Classic is the major fundraising event for breast cancer research in Australia. Whether you walk, run, cheer or volunteer you're helping to fund essential research. Ballarat will host a 6km and 12km run/walk.  
To find out more or to register as a participant or volunteer visit [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au)



## UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT POST OFFICE GALLERY

**When:** 10am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Corner Sturt and Lydiard streets  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Free  
See a selection of Australia's most exciting contemporary artists in Ballarat's inaugural new art prize.

## BALLARAT SYNAGOGUE

**When:** 10am to 4pm (Sunday only)  
**Where:** Corner Princes and Barkly streets  
**Wheelchair access:** No  
**Cost:** Free  
Visit Ballarat's Jewish Synagogue which was built in 1861 and designed by architect T.B Cameron for the Ballarat Hebrew congregation. At 11am, 1pm and 3pm there will be a historical talk and anecdotes about the people and the history of the oldest mainland Synagogue in Australia.

## AVIATION MUSEUM

**When:** 11am to 5pm both days  
**Where:** Ballarat Airport, Sunraysia Highway  
**Wheelchair access:** Yes  
**Cost:** Adults \$8, Children \$4, Family \$20  
View a collection of aircraft and aviation artefacts dating back to the 1930s at the Aviation Museum. The Museum was established as a memorial to Australian airmen and women, particularly those who trained at the Ballarat Aerodrome during the Second World War.



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## STORIES OF ENTERTAINMENT TRAIL VENUES

- ★ BALLARAT MINING EXCHANGE
- ★ POLICE LANE
- ★ ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT
- ★ BALLARAT TRADES HALL
- ★ BALLAARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE
- ★ HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE
- ★ CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL
- ★ BALLARAT TOWN HALL

## FEATURE VENUES

- ① BALLAARAT OLD COLONISTS' CLUB
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