

Weekly what's on

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26 January 2012

Welcome to this week's edition of the *What's On This Week* from Ballarat's Visitor Information Centre.

This Weekend

Thursday 26 January: Australia Day

There will be live music, community BBQ, ice cream and snow cones, the "Great Australian Face Space" photo stand, temporary tattoos & Aussie flags to wave. As well as the highlight of the evening, the Fireworks Spectacular! Cost: Free. Time: Activities: 5pm. Fireworks: Approx 9pm. Location: Wendouree Pde, Lake Wendouree, Ballarat. Ph: 5320 5500

Thursday 26 January: Mary Doumany

"A voice that is fire and ice.." Clifford Hocking one of the most original voices in the Australian art community, Mary Doumany traverses the genres of jazz, contemporary and folk performing some of her favourites on her Salvi Arianna pedal harp. Cost: Adult \$15, Conc: \$10. Time: 7pm - 8pm. Location: Old Sheriff's Office, University of Ballarat Performing Arts Academy Camp St, Ballarat. Ph: 0414 547 947

Friday 27 - Sunday 29 January: Australian Canoeing Grand Prix

This event will be held on Lake Wendouree near Loreto Point, all welcome to come and view, over 200 participants in the Australian Canoeing Grand Prix. Cost: Free viewing. Time: 8am - 5pm. Location: Lake Wendouree, Wendouree Pde, Ballarat. Ph: 0429 468 499

Friday 27 - Sunday 29 January: Pride in Performance

Celebrating 120 years of Competitions at Royal South Street An exhibition rich in photographs, objects, costumes and documents exploring the remarkable history of Ballarat's Royal South Street competitions. Cost: Adult \$10.20, Conc \$8.10, Child \$5.40. Time: 9.30am - 5.30pm. Location: Ballarat Gold Museum, Bradshaw St, Ballarat. Ph: 5337 1107

Friday 27 - Saturday 28 January: Sheep Dog Trials

See some of Australia's best trainers and dogs in action. Cost: Gold coin donation. Time: 8am - 6pm. Location: Ballarat

Showgrounds, Creswick Road, Ballarat. Ph: 5344 9338

Saturday 28 January: Starry Summer Nights

Music with a little bit of astronomy theme, tour the night sky with Perry Vlahos, viewing at the telescopes. Astroburgers and refreshments available can bring BBQ picnic. Cost: Adult \$30, Conc \$25, Child U/18 \$10, Family \$45. Time: 6.45pm - 11pm. Location: Ballarat Observatory, Cnr Magpie and Cobden sts, Ballarat. Ph: 5332 7526

Sunday 29 January: Visionary Wedding Expo

All of your wedding planning needs under one roof! Talk to the leading wedding suppliers and gain advice on creating your dream wedding. Cost: \$10pp. Time: 10am - 4pm. Location: Mercure Ballarat, 613 Main Rd, Ballarat. Ph: 5331 8036

Sunday 29 January: Summer Sundays

Come and enjoy a classic cinematic film by Orsen Welles called Citizen Kane. This black and white American drama was nominated for an Academy Award in 9 categories. Cost: Free. Time: Dusk. Location: Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree Pde, Ballarat. For more information please visit: www.visitballarat.com.au/events

Sunday 29 January: Chinese New Year At Sovereign Hill

The Chinese New Year program is presented in conjunction with the Chinese Australian Cultural Society Ballarat. This family event will include a lion dance, Chinese calligraphy, mask making, lucky envelopes and more. Cost: Sovereign Hill admission fees apply. Time: 10am - 5pm. Location: Sovereign Hill, Bradshaw St, Ballarat. Ph: 5337 1100

Sunday 29 January: Ballarat Duo

Run, ride, orienteering/enduro event taking you through streets, parks and bushland. Pre-entry essential by 22 January. Cost: Adult \$37, Junior \$22. Time: 8am (Registration), 9am (Briefing), 10am (Commencement). Location: Sparrow Ground Recreation Reserve, Spencer St, Canadian. Ph: 0418 310 125

Mid Week

Monday 30 January: East and Beyond

Prints, gouache and collage work by Jane McDougall, inspired by the vivid colours and decorative patterns observed during her journeys to Asia. Cost: Free. Time: Mon - Fri: 8.30am - 5.30pm, Sat: 9am - 12pm. Location: Radmac Gallery, 104 Armstrong St Nth, Ballarat. Ph: 5333 4617

Monday 30 - Tuesday 31 January: Lost In Translation: Aldona Kmiec and Casey Tosh

Lost In Translation exhibition and film screening is a body of work on travel featuring collaborations between international photographer Aldona Kmiec and prolific painter Casey Tosh. Cost: Free. Time: Tues - Sun: 10am - 10pm. Location: Portico on Sturt, 31 Sturt St, Ballarat. Ph: 0458 362 670

Monday 30 - Tuesday 31 January: McCallum Community Connections

A exhibition that showcases the amazing talents of the McCallum Industry Connections Art Studio Artists. Cost: Free. Time: 9am - 5pm. Location: Radmac Gallery, 104 Armstrong St Nth, Ballarat. Ph: 5333 4617

Monday 30 - Tuesday 31 January: Pro Hart Art Exhibition and Sales

Pro Hart is one of Australia's most popular and controversial artists. Born in Broken Hill, he was self-taught with no formal art training. Pro Hart's final creative burst came during 2001-2004 when he embraced printmaking with tremendous enthusiasm. These graphic prints are available for purchase. Cost: Free. Time: Mon - Fri: 9am - 5.30pm, Sat: 10am - 2pm. Location: Gallery on Sturt, 421 Sturt St, Ballarat. Ph: 5331 7011

Thursday 2 February: Summer Races at the Ballarat Turf Club

Enjoy a lazy summer day at the races with friends and family at Dowling Forest Racecourse. Enjoy a mini marquee, umbrella packages or a picnic on the lawn. Superb dining package options are available. Cost: Free Entry. Time: 11am - 6pm. Location: Dowling Forest Racecourse, 240 Kennedy's Rd, Ballarat. Ph: 5334 6273 or www.ballaratturfclub.net.au

Next Weekend

Friday 3 - Thursday 16 February: The Red Brick Group Show

A mixture of sculpture, paintings, photography and drawings from an array of wonderful Ballarat artists. Cost: Free. Time: Tue-Sun: 10am - 5pm. Location: Red Brick Gallery, 218a Skipton St, Ballarat. Ph: 0417 676 539

Friday 3 February: Andrew Wishart Live

Come and see X-Factors runner up Andrew Wishart and Jacqui Newland perform their favourite songs. Cost: Adult \$39.50. Time: 7.45pm - 10pm. Location: Regent Multiplex, 49 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat. Ph: 5330 5555

Sunday 5 February: Marmalashes Judging & Awards

In 2011, Buninyong marmalade enthusiasts coached and coaxed by local aficionado, Russell Luckock, sent 11 jars of home-made marmalade to compete against 11 of the best from the UK at the world Marmalade awards in Cumbria. So commenced the Marmalashes challenge which the Australians won, a title they will be defending at Cumbria in 2012. The CWA ladies will be out in force. Cost: Free. Time: 12pm - 3pm. Location: Buninyong Town Hall, Midland Highway. Ph: 0428 995 287

Upcoming Events

Friday 10 February: Harmony Festival

Come along and enjoy a cultural celebration Harmony Fest 2012, featuring world music and dance, craft market, Koorie market, children activities and international food. Cost: Free. Time: 4.30pm - 8.30pm. Location: Alfred Deakin Place, Camp St, Ballarat. Ph: 5320 5500

Sunday 12 February: Sunday Summer Races at the Ballarat Turf Club

Enjoy a lazy summer day at the races with friends and family at Dowling Forest Racecourse. Enjoy a mini marquee, umbrella packages or a picnic on the lawn. Free childrens entertainment on the day and superb dining package options are available with details on our website. Cost: Adult \$10, Conc Free, Child Under 16 Free, Pens \$5. Time: 11am - 6pm. Location: Dowling Forest Racecourse, 240 Kennedy's Rd, Ballarat. Ph: 5334 6273 or www.ballaratturfclub.net.au

Thursday 16 - Saturday 18 February: Zombie Prom

An alarming anecdote of atomic adolescent angst! Cost: \$25 - all tickets. Time: 8pm. Sat Matinee: 2pm. Location: Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre, Camp St, Ballarat. Visit: www.blocmusictheatre.com.au

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 February: Vintage & Classic Car Club Begonia Rally

Come and see 120 spectacular vintage cars. This Club has been running for 40 years this year. Cost: Free. Time: 9am - 1pm. Location: Dog Track, Morsehead Park, Cnr Sutton & Rubicon sts, Ballarat. Moving to SMB, Lydiard St, Ballarat after 1.30pm. Ph: 0408 033 839

Friday 17 - Thursday 1 March: Cathy Kirwan "Blossom and Bloom"

Blossom and Bloom is an exhibition about growth. It's about the process we go through to find ourselves and how ultimately that process often leads us right back to our beginnings. To what we've always known about ourselves. Cost: Free. Time: Tue- Sun: 10am - 5pm. Location: Red Brick Gallery, 218a Skipton St, Ballarat. Ph: 0417 676 539

Friday 24 February: Ross Noble - Nonsensory Overload

Brilliantly inventive, quirky stand-up, see him and marvel. Cost: Adult \$44, Conc \$39, Child Under 16 \$39. Time: 8pm. Location: Her Majesty's, Theatre, Lydiard St Ballarat. Ph: 5333 5888 or visit www.hermaj.com

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 February: Ballarat Swap Meet

This two-day swap meet attracts over 2000 site holders, and 20,000 people to Ballarat each February. It is the largest swapmeet for used motor vehicle parts and memorabilia. Cost: \$10p/p, \$15 for weekend pass. Time: Saturday 6am - 5pm, Sunday 7am - 5pm. Location: Ballarat Airport, Airport Rd, Mitchell Park. Ph: 0487 175 996 or visit www.facebook.com/ballaratswapmeet

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 February: Get Creative with

Off cuts

Talented textiles designer Lesley Shea returns to the Mills to run her highly successful and information design workshops. Come see the fantastic display of award winning designs and learn the tricks of the trade from Lesley. Cost: Free. Time: Mon - Sat: 10am - 6pm. Sun: 11am - 3pm. Location: Creswick Woollen Mills, Railway Parade, Creswick. Ph: 5345 2202 or visit www.creswickwool.com.au

Regular Events

Wednesday - Sunday: Eerie Tours Ballarat

Friday and Saturday: Eerie Tours of the Ballarat Cemetery Explore the dark side of Ballarat in this entertaining walking tour hosted by a professional team of historians and story tellers. Tour length is 90 minutes. Cost: Adult \$25, Conc \$20, Family (2+3) \$65. Time: 8pm. Location: Tours commence at either the Ballarat Train Station or at the Old Cemetery gates, arrive 10 minutes before tour time. Bookings are essential, dinner and tour packages available. Ph: 1300 856 668

Every Evening: Blood on the Southern Cross Set under the night skies at Sovereign Hill, this sound and light spectacular tells the story of the Eureka Rebellion. Packages are available if you are also visiting Sovereign Hill during the day or Dinner and Show. Cost: Adult \$51.50, Conc \$41.20, Child \$27.50, Family \$139. Time: As scheduled. Bookings are essential. Location: Sovereign Hill, Bradshaw St, Ballarat. Ph: 5337 1199

First Friday of each Month: Meet the Winemaker

On the first Friday of each month the Lydiard Wine Bar will be hosting a "Meet the Winemaker" evening featuring a different winery each week, doing tastings and chit chats on their wines. To top the evening off, their resident pianist will be in house playing some relaxing tunes. Cost: Free entry. Time: 5pm. Location: Lydiard St Wine Bar, 15 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat. Ph: 5327 2787

Monday - Sunday: Ballarat Walking Tours

Golden Nugget Discovery Tours offer a 90 minute guided walking tour of Ballarat City. Included in the tour is morning/afternoon tea at Craig's Royal Hotel. Cost: Adult \$29, Family \$70. Time: By arrangement. Location: The 90 minute tour begins and ends at the Gold Monument, Cnr Sturt & Albert sts, and covers the inner city area of Sturt, Lydiard and Camp sts. Ph: 5332 9199 or 0407 542 796 or email golden.nuggettours@bigpond.com

Friday - Saturday: Discover the Amazing Universe - Ballarat Observatory & 3D Movie

Discover the universe and view the night sky with rare 19th - 20th century telescopes, or join an astrotour and view a 3D movie. Bookings recommended confirming viewing times. Cost: Adult \$15, Conc \$6, Family \$35. Time: 8.30pm - 11pm.

Location: Ballarat Observatory, Magpie St, Mount Pleasant.
Ph: 5332 7526

Ongoing Events

Until Thursday 2 February: Ben Kelly - Metaphor

This exhibition consists of drawings and sculptures. Ben is self taught was born in Ballarat. He draws his inspiration for his art work from life, other people, imagination, stories and music. Cost: Free. Time: Tue-Sun: 10am - 5pm. Location: Red Brick Gallery, 218a Skipton St, Ballarat. Ph: 0417 676 539

Until Wednesday 7 February: Meet and Feed the Alpacas

Looking for a school holiday activity with a difference? Why not visit the Creswick Woollen Mills and their Alpaca family Tumi, Diego, Theodore, Javier and Kuzco. These gentle animals are inquisitive and enjoy being patted and fed. Cost: Free. Feeding Time: 11am - 2pm. Location: Creswick Woollen Mills, Railway Pde, Creswick. Ph: 5345 2202

Until Sunday 12 February: Michael Shannon

A Retrospective Michael Shannon is one of Australia's most under-regarded major artists from the 1950s to the 1980s. In his heyday, Shannon's distinctive paintings were as avidly collected and frequently displayed as those of his near contemporaries John Brack and Fred Williams. Cost: Free. Time: 9am - 5pm. Location: Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat. Ph: 5320 5858

Until Sunday 18 March: NEXT Gen 2012

Every year, the Gallery stages an exhibition which comprises a diverse range of art works by young artists from Ballarat and Grampians Region Secondary Colleges. Students who have undertaken studies in VCE Art, Studio Arts, Design and Technology, Visual Communication and Design in 2011 are invited to submit works for Next Gen - VCE Art and Design 2012. Cost: Free. Time: 9am - 5pm. Location: Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat. Ph: 5320 5858

Until Sunday 13 May: China Today - Modern Development of an Ancient Art

An exhibition of over fifty contemporary Chinese ceramics covering a wide range of styles and techniques. There are some ultra modern ceramic works, while others reflect Chinese traditions in ceramic art. Cost: Adult \$10.20, Conc \$8.10, Child \$5.40, Family \$26.80. Time: 9.30am - 6pm. Location: Gold Museum Ballarat, Bradshaw St, Ballarat. Ph: 5337 1107

This Weekend's Market

Saturday

Ballarat Lakeside Market
Windmill Drive,
Ballarat (beside Botanical Gardens)
9am - 1pm

Ph: 0405 193 282

Community Market
Polish Hall, Orion St,
Sebastopol
8.30am - 1pm
Ph: 0408 501 779

Sunday

Trash & Trivia Market
Ballarat Showgrounds,
Creswick Road
8am - 1pm
Ph: 0418 518 106

Daylesford Sunday Market
Daylesford Train Station
Raglan St, Daylesford
8am - 1pm

If you have an upcoming event and would like it added to our Weekly What's On Newsletter, please [email the details](#) by Wednesday each week or call 03 5320 5758.

Yours Sincerely,

Staff and Volunteers

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