

Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin
12 – 18 June

Welcome to the end of another busy week. Find out below what is happening in and around Ballarat, useful website links, members news and who made the media this week.

Quote of the week:

"He cannot kick with his left foot, he cannot head the ball, he cannot tackle and he doesn't score many goals. Apart from that he's alright"

George Best, on David Beckham

Welcome new member:

The Ballarat French Kitchen Belinda Playsted

B.L.E.N.D

Beechworth Bakery

Wednesday 28 July, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Members Free

Non-members \$15

rsvp@commerceballarat.com.au

Speaker: Tom O'Toole, founder of Beechworth Bakery

Are you 39 or under and looking for an opportunity to share ideas and impressions of today's business world? Join in for an evening with one of Australia's most entertaining, motivating and unorthodox speakers, the Beechworth Bakery's very own **Tom O'Toole**. Let yourself be entertained, moved, inspired and motivated as Tom shares the secrets to his amazing business success. Turning a failing little bakery in a small country town into a company with an annual turnover in excess of \$12 million, serving over one million customers per year, Tom has proven that if he can make it – dyslexic and without an education – anyone can. And since Tom is someone who is practicing what he preaches and has the runs on the board, his approach remains as fresh and relevant as the day he started.

Drinks and Savouries provided.

Be Inspired Luncheon

Welcomes People in Business

Oscar's Hotel & Café Bar

Friday 6 August

Lunch 12noon

Members: \$45

Non Members: \$50

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Speaker: Melva Stone OAM

The first female manager in WA for the giant **Mayne Nickless Group**; the first female president of the Western Australian Section of the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** and the first female Chairman and now Honorary Life Member of the Australian British Chamber of Commerce in Western Australia. For more than twenty years Melva has had her own marketing consultancy and has also

developed numerous training programs for non-profit groups. In 2008 Melva was named both **Honorary Life Member** of the RFDS Flying 1000 and she is the inaugural and currently only Ambassador for RFDS Western Operations.

Most recently Melva has worked with Erica Smyth to produce the book "Red Dust in Her Veins", which enjoyed a launch in New York as a part of the **G'Day USA** program in 2008 and has raised in excess of \$130,000 for the RFDS to date. The **Global Sheila** business, for the adventurous female traveler, was also created by Melva and is now run with business partner, Erica Smyth. In 2009 Melva received the **Order of Australia Medal** for her service to the community via the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

505 Club

King Print

Tuesday, 10 August, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Members Free

Non Members \$15

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An evening of networking and fostering relationships to grow your business. Drinks and Savories provided.

CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner

Date: Thursday 26 August

Time: 6.00pm – 11.00pm

Venue: Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, 613 Main Road, Ballarat

Cost: \$125.00 per person. All inclusive (bookings essential)

Tickets on sale 4 August

Join at this year's CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards for a night of fun and glamour to celebrate the achievements of local business. The evening will be hosted by award winning actor **Shane Jacobson** and WIN Television's news anchor **Bruce Roberts**.

For more information and to book: 5333 4426 or rsvp@premierpr.com.au

B.L.E.N.D

Telstra Business Centre

Wednesday 15 September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Members Free

Non-members \$15

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Drinks and Savouries provided.

Commerce Ballarat Ambrose Golf Day

Midlands Golf Course

Friday 26 November

\$280 + GST (includes Golf, BBQ and drinks on course)

N.B Teams can only be hosted by Commerce members

Book your team by emailing rsvp@commerceballarat.com.au

Members News

[2010 Membership Survey](#), we appreciate your comments.

Commerce Ballarat bumper stickers now available! Email office@commerceballarat.com.au or call 5333 3233 to get yours!

Members Sponsorship Opportunity

A sponsorship opportunity exists for a member to support a proposed panel discussion luncheon in March 2011 between two prominent Ballarat business people and guest speakers [Melissa Abu-Gazaleh](#) and [Jessica Saad](#). The topic will be Gen Y versus Gen X issues in the workplace.

Contact Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Lending Finance, Australia, Apr 2010

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/5671.0?OpenDocument>

Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, May 2010

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6291.0.55.003?OpenDocument>

Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

[Business Welcomes Paid Parental Leave Scheme](#) - 17/6/10

[Rules on Union Entry to Workplaces Upheld](#) - 11/6/10

[Access to Finance A Major Barrier to SME Exporters](#) - 11/6/10

Regional Industry Link Website

If you're not on it, how are you going to know about it?

Are you registered? www.regionalindustrylink.com.au

Project Manage/Architectural Serv-Soccer Precinct

Reference No: 1567

Published Date: 31/5/2010

Closing Date: 23/6/2010

City of Ballarat requires the services of a reliable, creative and experienced Consultant / Project Management Company to lead a consortium of specialised Consultants to formalise the Venue Design and proceed to Detailed Design and Tender Documentation / Specification for the development of the third and major phase of the Soccer Precinct at the BRSF. The third stage shall include a major regional sports pavilion, sports fields, lighting, car parks, landscaping and other associated infrastructure. For further details: www.tenderlink.com/ballarat

Media

Publication: *The Courier* www.thecourier.com.au

Saturday 19 June:

The Courier cartoonist John "Ditchy" Ditchburn believes "if a photograph can say thousand words, a cartoon can read between a thousand lines." The *In Your Face!* exhibition, which opened last night at the **Art Gallery of Ballarat**, provides a journey through Australian history as seen through the eyes of some of our greatest political cartoonists.

A **Ballarat City Council**-produced publication has stated that groundwater would be unsuitable to refill Lake Wendouree. The comment directly conflicts a \$1.3 million state government announcement on Monday that will see water pumped from the Ballarat West Bore to refill the lake by the end of 2011.

People & Places: **Children of Phoenix** harness racing night fundraiser

Monday 14 June:

Foster children have been recognised for their skills at the Fostering Art Exhibition. **Child and Family Services** initially began the exhibition as a recruitment strategy for foster families. But it was so successful, it became a bi-annual event, and this year took on the theme "From Little Things Big Things Grow".

Ballarat has been labelled the rural capital of festivals, according to a research conducted by the University of Wollongong. The report, which was based on 2007 figures, showed that Ballarat held a total of 73 festivals, more than any other regional town. **Councillor Samantha McIntosh** said this was a clear indication of Ballarat's focus on events such as Heritage Weekend, the Begonia Festival and the Cycle Classic.

The University of Ballarat will host the Central Highlands Wimmera Tertiary Information Service from Wednesday to Friday. About 2000 Year 12 students from 26 schools will participate at four locations around the region.

People & Places: Opening of the *In Your Face!* exhibition, **Art Gallery of Ballarat**

Innovation has been recognised, with a Ballarat engineering company nominated for a Premier's Design Award. **Gekko Systems** is one of 10 finalists, nominated for their Python Underground Processing Plant. The system, used for processing gold and other ores, differs from existing plants as it is able to be taken underground.

Tuesday 15 June:

Eureka Stadium is set to receive a \$1 million boost to help attract AFL matches to Ballarat. The money will not only go to towards an upgrade of the home of the **North Ballarat Football Club**, but in partnership with the **City of Ballarat** and the AFL, the government hopes to work towards Ballarat hosting an AFL home and away game by 2013.

Wednesday 16 June:

Ballarat City Council is expected to adopt its 2010-2011 draft budget tonight. The draft lifts rates by four per cent for the second consecutive year and reduces debt to \$11.195 million.

Thursday 17 June:

A total of 13 submissions were made towards the **Ballarat City Council** 2010-11 draft budget at a meeting last night, only two of which were verbal. The special meeting was held to hear the community's verbal submissions.

The Courier Charity Fund will donate \$20,000 over two years towards **McCallum Disability Services'** plans to build a new factory and day facility unit following federal funding issues which have a negative impact on the disability sector. The money will be used to support both projects on land behind its existing Sturt Street factory.

The University of Ballarat will play a major role in connecting other universities with stand-alone TAFE institutes, vice-chancellor David Battersby said yesterday. Professor Battersby's comments following the release this week of the state government's *Ready for Tomorrow: A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria*, in which the Regional Tertiary Education Partnerships program was announced.

5 minutes with... Adam Powers, **University of Ballarat** Arts Academy

Friday 18 June:

600 new jobs will be created in Ballarat after a global information and communication technology company announced it would be setting up business here. Yesterday's announcement was one of the largest single job-creating ventures in Ballarat's history and was the result of six months' work between the **City of Ballarat** and Vertex.

Who's in it today? John Thomas, **Ballarat Business Centre**, Colleen Fillippa, **Fifteen Trees**, Cr Ben Taylor, **City of Ballarat**, Andrew Boatman, **UnitingCare** and Tony Stone, **Selkirk**.

Dates of Interest:

NBN Twilight Community Information Session

Date: Tuesday 22 June

Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Alexandria on Lydiard, 30 Lydiard St, Ballarat

RSVP: by Friday 18 June to communityforums@dbcde.gov.au or www.dbcde.gov.au/broadbandcommunityforums

Topic: Ballarat Broadband Community Information Session

This information session will highlight the opportunities that high speed broadband services offers the community, particularly small and medium enterprises. The session will also provide an update on Australia's largest national infrastructure project, the National Broadband Network.

Click here to view [event flyer](#)

Westpac BEBiz Presentation - Find your Business Voice

Date: 22 June

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, 613 Main Road, Ballarat

RSVP: By Friday 18 June to gillianjames@westpac.com.au

BEbiz is a different kind of presentation, designed to help determine how to approach your marketing. It is part motivational business session, with audio visual stimulus. The BEbiz Presentation ignites passion, sparks ideas and inspires future business success.

Ballarat ICT Limited Forum

The implications for e-Health in a changing political landscape

Date: Tuesday 29 June, 2010.

Time: 10.00am for a 10.30am start- 12 noon.

Presenters: Details of presenters and panel participants will follow soon.

Venue: Greenhill Enterprise Centre, Ballarat Technology Park, University Drive, Mt Helen.

Cost: No charge- thanks to sponsorship from IBM Australia.

RSVP: enquiries@ehealthvic.org.au

2010 Victorian Management Development Toolkit Management Program

Date: 12 – 13 August

Venue: Alexandria on Lydiard

Contact: Nick Williams on nwilliams@leadership-institute.com.au or 1300 886 629

This intensive two-day management program is designed to assist middle managers from organisations throughout Victoria in their own approach to leading others. Under the guidance of acclaimed leadership experts, participants explore themes central to effective leadership. With a focus on skills development and capability, the MDT aims to inspire participants towards confident personal performance, ensuring they drive maximum productivity within their workplace.

As 2010 host city, participants from Ballarat will be entitled to discounted attendance. The MDT is part of the National Excellence in Workplace Management Scheme (NEWMS), which is a broad-ranging initiative designed to support leadership development across all sectors and industries.

[More information and registration form](#)

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