

# HARMONY FEST

15 – 27 March 2024 | Program Highlights

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## Our Shared Stories – Celebrating Together

### Friday 15 March

#### BKFA Indian Food Festival

5.30pm–8pm | St Patrick's Cathedral Hall,  
3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

Hosted by the Ballarat Keralites' Foundation of Australia Inc. An unforgettable celebration of culture, cuisine, and community all in support of a great charitable cause.

Bookings required: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1182283?](https://trybooking.com/events/landing/1182283?)

#### Flourish Fest – Centre for Multicultural Youth Gardening Bee

4pm–5.30pm Ballarat North Neighbourhood House  
Madame Web Movie Screening  
7pm–9.15pm, Showbiz Cinemas, Delacombe.

First 50 people are FREE, \$8 for remaining tickets.

A full list of events can be seen here:

[cmy.net.au/cmy\\_events/flourish-fest](https://cmy.net.au/cmy_events/flourish-fest)

### Saturday 16 March

#### Tai Chi

9am–10am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)  
No booking required. Free event.

#### Ballarat Italian Association – Passata & Pasta

Barkly Square 25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat  
11am Pasta making

11.30am and 1.30pm Pasta Demonstration

12.30pm Lunch with guest speaker

BYO jar to take some Passata home.

Members \$15 Non-Members \$25 Children Free

Bookings via TryBooking: [trybooking.com/COYLX](https://trybooking.com/COYLX)

#### Flourish Fest – Centre for Multicultural Youth Seven different FREE events to attend

12noon–8pm | 25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

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#### St Patrick's Eve Dinner

6pm for 6.30pm start | Golf House Hotel,  
920 Doveton Street North, Ballarat North

Ballarat and District Irish Association St. Patrick's Eve Dinner in the Doveton Room.

Bookings required. Cost as per menu. RSVP before 13 March to Helen 0407 770 209

### Sunday 17 March

#### Tai Chi

9am–10am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)  
No booking required. Free event.

### Monday 18 March

#### Harmony on Sturt – musical performances from

#### Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March

12noon–1pm | Corner of Lydiard and Sturt Streets,  
(Bourke & Wills Fountain)

Hear music from around the world.

#### Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony

11am–12noon | BRMC Welcome Centre Forecourt,  
25–39 Barkly Street, East Ballarat

### Tuesday 19 March

#### Tai Chi in the Library

10am–11am | Sebastopol Library

Bookings: [events.humanitix.com/introduction-to-tai-chi](https://events.humanitix.com/introduction-to-tai-chi)

#### Launch of the new Ballarat Chinese Heritage Trail Brochure

2.30pm | Trench Room, Ballarat Town Hall

Highlighting Ballarat's Chinese history.

### Wednesday 20 March

#### Chatty Wednesdays

9:30am–10:30am, walk along nearby trail

10:30am–11:30am, cuppa and a chat

Chatty Wednesdays is a lovely opportunity to come along and meet people in a relaxed, casual environment held in or close to the cafe at Barkly Square, Ballarat East.

Free event. No bookings required.

#### Baha'i New Year (Naw Ruz)

6pm–8.30pm | Buninyong Town Hall

Join the Ballarat Baha'i Community's new year (Naw Ruz) celebration. The free event will include dinner, music and special reflections on the significance of the festival.

Please RSVP for details on 0423 242 972

Free event.

### Thursday 21 March

#### Harmony Day Official Flag Raising Ceremony

10.30am | Sturt Street Ballarat (opposite the Town Hall)

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Flag raising at Queen Victoria Square, followed by a Morning Tea at Town Hall.

#### Holi Fest – Ballarat Nepali Samaj Inc.

4pm–7pm | Lake Esmond Playground, 201 Lal Lal St, Canadian  
Free event, everyone welcome.

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## Thursday 21 March

Christ Church Anglican Cathedral – Harmony  
Fest Service

5.30pm | 49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Central

**Beyond Tolerance: Strengthening Social Cohesion in a  
Multicultural World | Presented by the Eureka Centre**

6pm | Eureka Centre

Australia is often remarked as being one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world, but what does that actually mean?

Join Ballarat-based journalist Dellaram Vreeland in conversation with distinguished sociologist and demographer, Professor Andrew Markus AO about the challenges facing multiculturalism in an increasingly complex and divided world.

[eurekacentreballarat.com.au](http://eurekacentreballarat.com.au)

Free – Bookings via Eventbrite

**Anh Do, The Happiest Refugee**

Doors open 7pm | Civic Hall Ballarat

Bookings: [hermaj.com/events/anh-do-the-happiest-refugee](http://hermaj.com/events/anh-do-the-happiest-refugee)

## Friday 22 March

**Harmony Week Intercultural Celebration**

6pm–9pm | Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre,  
Ballarat South Community Hub

Ballarat Community Health & Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre invite you to a Free family event celebrating cultural diversity. Performances, taster workshops, children's activities, and dinner.

Bookings required: [trybooking.com/CPQVO](http://trybooking.com/CPQVO)

**Barkly Square Global Market**

4pm–8pm | 25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

This market will celebrate the multicultural community in Ballarat. Markets will feature workshops, food, activities and entertainment. This is the perfect place for families and community minded people to come together, enjoy some delicious food and browse locally made goods.

Free event.



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[ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

## Saturday 23 March

**Tai Chi**

9am–10am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)

No booking required. Free event

**Flourish Fest – Centre for Multicultural Youth  
Rollerskate Sessions – FREE**

2pm–3pm and 3–4.30pm

Rsk8 Fit Club, 6 Nandiriog Drive, Delacombe

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**Holi Festival of Colours**

Family fun activities, Victoria Park (near Children's Playground)

10.30am–3pm | The Ballarat Indian Association

**Flavours of India – Indian Food Festival**

6pm–9pm | St Patrick's Cathedral Hall,

3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

Hosted by Ballarat Malayalee Association Inc.

Bookings required: [tinyurl.com/2hd2rk5j](http://tinyurl.com/2hd2rk5j)

**Chinese Library Tour**

11am and 1pm | Xin Jin Shan Chinese Library,

200 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

Learn all about the library's history, collections and functions.

Free entry, booking is essential: [chineseballarat.org.au](http://chineseballarat.org.au)

## Sunday 24 March

**Tai Chi**

9am–10am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)

No booking required. Free event

**Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP)**

Session 1: 11.30am–12.30pm

Session 2: 12.30pm–1.30pm

Lake Wendouree

Standup Paddleboarding is a free program for young people aged 12–25 years old hosted by Ballarat Youth Services.

Free event. Bookings: [youthsup.eventbrite.com.au](http://youthsup.eventbrite.com.au)

**Harmony by the Lake**

12pm–3.30pm | View Point, Lake Wendouree

A free community picnic, with music, dance, and activities for families and everyone at View Point, Lake Wendouree (new location for 2024). Bring your own chairs, picnic blankets and enjoy the day. Food trucks will be on site at own cost. Also including FAABI's "Pista Sa Nasyon" activities and dances.

\*No alcohol please.

## Wednesday 27 March

**Welcome Morning Tea**

**BRMC (Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council)**

**Launch of Intercultural Directory**

10.30am–12pm | Ballarat Welcome Centre,

25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

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