



JANUARY EVERY SUNDAY IN JANUARY Summer Sundays | Live Music + Food Trucks + Garden Bar 3pm - 7pm | Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			New Year's Day Republic of the Sudan Independence Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	Tamil Thai Pongal Day 14	15	16	17	18
World Religion Day 19	Sikh: Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti USA: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
Australia Day India: Republic Day 26	27	28	Lunar New Year 29	30	31	

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1-7 February World Interfaith Harmony Week
2	3	Shrove Tuesday Sri Lanka: Independence Day 4	Ash Wednesday 5	New Zealand: Waitangi Day 6	7	8
Australian Ex-POW Memorial Service 9	10	11	Chinese Lantern Festival 12	17th Anniversary of Federal Apology to Broken Generation Survivors 14	Valentine's Day 15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	Hindu: Maha Shivaratri 26	27	Islam: Start of Ramadan (Days begin on sighting of the moon)	

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hindu: Ugadi - New Year of Visibility (depending on sighting of the moon)	International Transgender Day of Visibility 31					Wales: St David's Day 1
Clean Up Australia Day 2	LGBTQA+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day	4	5	6	World Day of Prayer 7	International Women's Day 8-10 March Ballarat Begonia Festival
9	Labour Day Public Holiday 10	11	12	13	14	15
16	Ireland: St Patrick's Day 17	18	19-20 March Bakula/Nava Ruz (New Year) Hindu: Holi Festival of Colours 20	National Close the Gap Day 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 22	23
23	24	Greece: Independence Day 25	26	27	28	29



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April Fool's Day 1	2	3	4	5
International Asexuality Day End of Daylight Savings	World Health Day 7	8	9	10	11	Jewish: Passover (ends 20 April) 12-26 April Easter in Ballarat
13-18 April Thai: Songkran Festival	Vesakhi - Sikh New Year Sikhale & Tamil New Year Day Hindu: Vishu Festival	15	16	17	Good Friday Zimbabwe: Independence Day 18	19
Easter Sunday Non-Binary Parents Day Christian Orthodox Easter	Easter Monday Public Holiday Bahari: Rikvan Festival	22	England: St George's Day 23	24	ANZAC Day 25	Lesbian Visibility Day 26
South Africa: Freedom Day Top: Independence Day Netherlands: King's Day	28	29	30			



MAY Philippines: Flores de Mayo/May Flower Festival (all month)
National Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

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4	Mexico: Cinco de Mayo Buddha's Birthday - Buddha Purnima	6	7	8	9	10
Mother's Day 11	12	13	14	International Day of Families 15	16-25 May Ballarat Heritage Festival	International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia - IDAHOBIT Day
18	19	20	21	Baha'i: Declaration of the Baha'is 22	23	24
Africa Day 25	National Day of Healing (Story Day) 26	Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum 27	28	Anniversary of the launch of the Torres Strait Islander Flag 29	30	China: Dragon Boat Festival 31



JUNE LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Reconciliation Day Irish: Republic Day 2	Mabo Day 3	4	World Employment Day 5	Islam: Eid Ul-Adha 6	7
8	King's Birthday and Public Holiday 9	Portugal: National Day 10	11	Philippines: Independence Day 12	13	14
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 15-21 June National Refugee Week	16	17	18	19	UN World Refugee Day 20	Winter Solstice 21
22	23	24	25	26	Islamic New Year Muharram 27	28
29	30					



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Canada: National Day 1	2	3	USA: Independence Day 4	5-27 July Ballarat Winter Festival
6-13 July NAIDOC Week 6	Japan: Tanabata Star Festival 7	8	Republic of South Sudan: Independence Day 9	10	11	12
13	France: National Day (Bastille Day) International Non-Binary People's Day	15	16	17	Nelson Mandela International Day 18	19
Colombia: Independence Day 20	Belgium: National Day 21	22	23	24	25	26
National Tree Day 27	28	29	30	31		



AUGUST Philippines: Buwan ng Wika - National Language Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					Japan: Inagawa Sister City Anniversary 1	2
3	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day 4	5	Japan: Hiroshima Memorial Day 6	7	8	International Day of the Girl Child Japan: Nagasaki Memorial Day Hindu: Raksha Bandhan
10	11	12	13	Pakistan: Independence Day 14	India: Independence Day 15	Hindu: Krishna Janmashtami 16-22 August National Children's Book Week
Indonesia: Independence Day 17	Vietnam Veterans Day - Long Tan Day 18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	Hindu: Ganesh Chaturthi 27	28	Wear It Purple Day 29	30



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	National Wattle Day 1	Vietnam: National Day 2	3	4-7 September Kerala: Thyrogam 8	Hindu: Onam Festival 9	6
Father's Day 7	International Literacy Day 8	9	10	R U OK? Day 11	12	13
14	15-21 September Domestic Violence Awareness Week	16	Australian Citizenship Day 17	Chile: Independence Day 18	19	20
International Day of Peace World Alzheimer Day 21	22-24 September Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)	Celebrate Diversity Day 23	24	25	26	AFL Grand Final 27
28	29	30				



OCTOBER Community Safety, Seniors and Mental Health Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Start of Daylight Savings 5	China: Moon Cake Festival 6	Agriam Awareness Day 7	International Day for Rural Women 8	Hindu: Dusshera Vijaydashami India: Gandhi Jayanti Jogger International Day of Older Persons	10	International Day of the Girl Child National Coming Out Day
12-18 October National Carers Week 12	13	14	15	16	International Day for Rural Women 17	18-26 October Children's Week 18
19	Hindu: Diwali Festival of Lights 20	21	Baha'i: Twin Holy Days - Birth of the Bab 22	Baha'i: Twin Holy Days - Birth of Baha'ullah 23	United Nations Day 24	25
Intersex Awareness Day 26	27	28	29	30	Halloween 31	

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scotland: Saint Andrew's Day 30						All Saints' Day 1
All Souls Day 2	3	Melbourne Cup Day 4	Sikh: Guru Nanak Jayanti 5	6	7	Intersex Solidarity Day 8
9	10	Remembrance Day Poland: Independence Day	12	13-19 November Transgender Awareness Week 13	14	15
International Day of Tolerance 16	17	18	19	Universal Children's Day 20	21	22
23	24	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - 16 Days of Activism begins	26	USA: Thanksgiving Day 27	Timor-Leste: Proclamation of Independence Day 28	29

DECEMBER Christmas in Ballarat (all month)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	World Aids Day 1	2	Eureka Stockade Rebellion Anniversary International Day of People with Disability 10	4	5	6
7	8	9	Human Rights Day 10	11	12	13
14-22 December Jewish: Start of Hanukkah 14	15	South Africa: Day of Reconciliation 16	17	International Migrants Day 18	19	20
21	Summer Solstice 22	23	24	Christmas Day 25	Boxing Day 26	27
28	29	Philippines: Rizal Day 30	New Year's Eve New Year's Eve Fireworks 31			



2025
all of us embracing diversity in Ballarat
Year of the Snake



Acknowledgement of Country
We acknowledge the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land we live and work on and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2025 Victorian Government State School Term Dates

- Term 1: 28 January to 4 April 2025
- Term 2: 22 April to 4 July 2025
- Term 3: 21 July to 19 September 2025
- Term 4: 6 October to 19 December 2025

The information above is relevant to Victoria government state schools. Independent and Catholic schools do base their terms on the state school dates but their term dates can vary from school to school. You should check directly with the relevant school to find out the correct term date information.

This calendar promotes and reflects the wonderful cultural, religious, ethnic and linguistic diversity of Ballarat's community, and features a range of dates of celebration and significance that are relevant to Ballarat's people. This list is by no means exhaustive and may vary from year to year. The calendar is produced in good faith, and it is not the intention of the City of Ballarat to offend any individual or group. The dates are accurate to the best of our knowledge, please forgive any inaccuracies.

For all updated event information, please refer to visitballarat.com.au/whats-on

Farmers Markets

The Bridge Market
Every 1st Saturday of the month
9am-1pm
Bridge Mall, Ballarat Central

Ballarat Farmers Market
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
9am-1pm
Zoo Drive, just off Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree
9am-1pm
June to August - Windmill Drive, Lake Wendouree