

# HARMONY FEST

14 – 27 March 2025 | Program Highlights

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## Everyone Belongs

### Daily

#### Tai Chi

8.30am–9.30am | Lake Wendouree (Near Pipers)

No booking required. Free event.

### Friday 14 March

#### Harmony Week Intercultural Celebration

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

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

Bookings required. Call: 03 5329 3272

Email: [Reception@ballaratnc.org.au](mailto:Reception@ballaratnc.org.au)

Bookings via [facebook.com/BallaratNC](https://www.facebook.com/BallaratNC)

### Saturday 15 March

#### Ballarat Italian Association – Passata & Pasta

11am–3pm | Barkly Square 25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat

11am–3pm Pasta Demonstrations

12.30pm Lunch

Members \$10 U/14 Members Free

Non-Members \$20 Non-Member Children \$5

Bookings [trybooking.com/CZJUJ](https://trybooking.com/CZJUJ)

#### Interfaith Friendship Walk

2pm–4.30pm | Intercultural Garden, Corner Sturt Street and Pleasant Street, Ballarat

Commencing at the Intercultural Garden at 2pm corner of Pleasant and Sturt Streets. Final stop at Lydiard St Uniting Church, followed by an afternoon tea.

#### BKFA Indian Food Festival

5pm–8.30pm | St Patrick's Cathedral Hall,

3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat

Hosted by the Ballarat Keralites' Foundation of Australia Inc.

Bookings required. [trybooking.com/CZSTW](https://trybooking.com/CZSTW)

### Ballarat and District Irish Association 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 12 March to Helen 0407 770 209.

### Sunday 16 March

#### Ballarat Chinese Community Committee – Chinese Cemetery Tour

10.30am–12pm | New Cemetery, Ballarat North

Meet inside the Norman Street gates (top of Lydiard Street, Ballarat North).

The tour runs for 1.5 hours and encompasses some hilly and uneven terrain – wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather. This tour is not accessible for those with wheelchairs, walkers or prams. *No booking required.*

### Monday 17 March

#### Lunchtime music performances from around the world – Monday 17 – Friday 21 March

12noon–1pm | Various locations including The Bridge Mall and Sturt Street between Lydiard Street and Dawson Street.

Hear music from around the world.

#### Alliance Francaise French Film Festival

##### Palace Regent Theatre Ballarat

Diverse range of films including Bolero, Miss Violet, and Monsieur Aznavour. Commencing 6 March details at:

[affrenchfilmfestival.org/films/ballarat](https://affrenchfilmfestival.org/films/ballarat)

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Supporting City of Ballarat venues and services include Youth Services, Ballarat Libraries, and the Eureka Centre.

## Wednesday 19 March

### CMY – Join us at the table

Join Us At The Table is a free session for multicultural parents/carers, where dinner is provided, and an informal discussion on youth mental health is held between parents, staff and experts. Held every 3 months and March's session will focus on gang recruitment of young people in Ballarat and is specifically for the African community. Places are limited, only 10 available, bookings are essential.

For bookings contact: Shiree Pilkinton 0438 871 503  
[spilkinton@cmymy.net.au](mailto:spilkinton@cmymy.net.au)

### BRMC and Ballarat Library – Chai Workshop

10am–12pm | Ballarat Library, 178 Doveton Street North, Ballarat

Join Ballarat Library and the BRMC Intercultural Women's Friendship Circle in the hands-on workshop. You will learn the ins and outs of making the perfect chai tea. Celebrate Harmony Week with a warming cup of chai, morning tea and new friends.

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

### Eureka Centre Ballarat – Documentary Film and Panel Discussion – 'Nuestras Voces'

6pm–8pm | Eureka Centre, Eureka Street, Ballarat East

Screening of the documentary film, 'Nuestras Voces' (Our Voices), directed by Ballarat-based filmmaker Diana Paez, about Spanish-speaking migrant and refugee settlement in Australia. (With subtitles) Discussion following the screening, with film maker Diana Paez and SBS Spanish language program producer Claudio Vásquez. Free

## Thursday 20 March

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

6pm–8.30pm | Ballarat South Community Hub

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.

### CMY Ballarat – Documentary Making Workshop

4pm–6pm | Barkly Square, 25 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

Hosted by Diana Paez, Documentary Filmmaker Learn how to tell your story through documentary filmmaking. Explore the fundamentals of documentary, combining interviews, b-roll, sound, and archival footage, while using cinematic techniques to add depth and emotion, creating your own mini-documentary—even with your phone.

## Friday 21 March

### Harmony Day Celebration

2pm | Intercultural Garden, Corner Sturt Street and Pleasant Street, Ballarat

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Come and Celebrate Harmony Day at the Intercultural Garden, followed by an afternoon tea.

### Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

10.30am–11.30am | 178 Doveton Street North, Ballarat

Celebrate our diverse community and learn about the art of Chinese calligraphy, Chinese culture and zodiac signs.

Test your skills and take home your own example of the Chinese character 福 (Fú), symbolising 'blessing' or 'good fortune'.

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

## Saturday 22 March

### Harmony in the Mall

10am–2pm | Bridge Mall, Ballarat

A free community event, with music, dance, food trucks and activities for families. Fun for all ages – All Welcome.

### Ballarat Indian Association Holi Festival of Colours

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

Event details at [facebook.com/BallaratIndianAssociationInc](https://facebook.com/BallaratIndianAssociationInc)

### Taste of Africa – Afrobeat and Food Night

7pm–9pm | Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol

Gold Coin Donation. All ages – No bookings required.

## Wednesday 26 March

### Welcome Morning Tea

BRMC (Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council)

10.30am–12pm | Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25–39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

1st Anniversary of the Peace Pole.

### Christ Church Anglican Cathedral – Harmony Fest Interfaith Service

5.30pm | Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

## Thursday 27 March

### Dutch Related 'Borrel Avond' Catch Up

7pm–10pm | Oscar's Hotel & Café Bar, 18 Doveton Street South, Ballarat

Food & drinks at own cost.

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