



# Let's Chat Ballarat Community Expo

Thursday 20 March 2025, 4 – 8pm

Friday 21 March 2025, 9am – 1pm



This book has been created to use as a learning tool and will help individuals understand what to expect when visiting the Let's Chat Ballarat Community Expo.

This book aims to provide information about:

- The Let's Chat Ballarat Community Expo and activities
- Where to get help
- Some sounds and sights people may experience.
- Things people can do to feel comfortable and safe.



Coffee with a Councillor



Have your voice heard



Food and kids' entertainment



Prizes to be won

I am going to the Let's Chat Ballarat Community Expo at Civic Hall Ballarat. I can take a support person with me if I want to.

The Expo provides community members with an opportunity to give in-person feedback, engage with Councillors and staff and learn more about local services.

# March 2025

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The Expo will be held over 2 days:

- Thursday 20 March, 4-8pm
- Friday 21 March, 9am-1pm.

I can go at a time that suits me on either day.





The Expo will be held at Ballarat Civic Hall at 300-304 Mair Street Ballarat, 3350.

On-street parking is available around the venue and throughout the Ballarat CBD. Free parking is available within a short distance of the venue at Doveton Crescent.

Metered parking is available at the following locations:

- Ararat Street
- Market Street
- Armstrong Street North
- Doveton Street North



**DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE**

There are designated accessible parking permit carparks close to the venue:

- 2 parks in the Ballarat Library carpark, enter off Doveton Street North
- 2 in Market Street, between Doveton North and Armstrong streets
- 4 in Armstrong Street, between Mair and Market streets.

There will be 3 designated 5-minute parking spaces at the front of the venue to support quick drop-off and pick-up for anyone who needs.





Civic Hall is a big building. It has three doors at the front that I can use to get inside.

Helpers will be at the doors to welcome me.



When I go through the doors I will be in the foyer.

There will be displays and information I can look at here before going into the Expo.

I might think the lights feel bright in the foyer.

I might notice a contrasting zig zag pattern on the floor.

I can stay close to my support person.



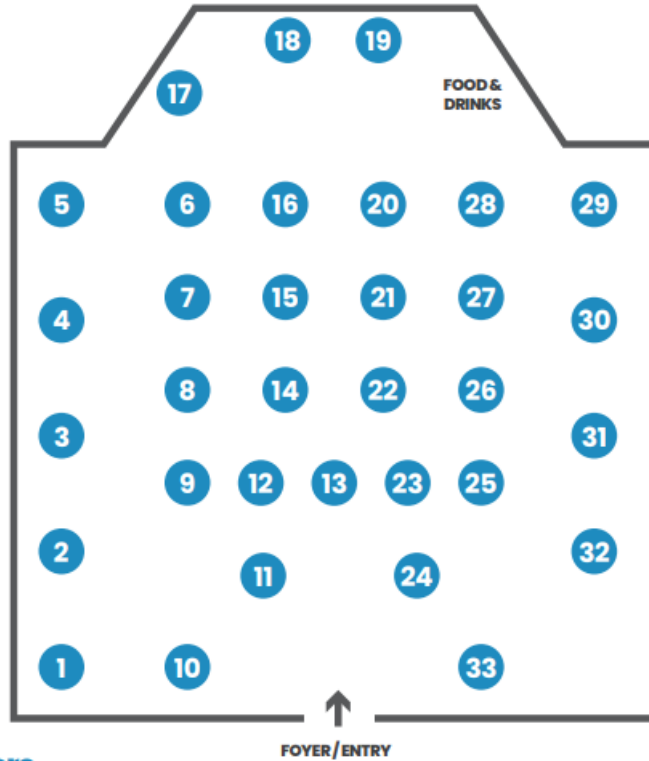


Inside the hall there will be lots of different stalls set up. I can visit the stalls to learn more about City of Ballarat services.

There might be other people visiting the stalls at the same time as me.

Sometimes I might have to wait my turn. Waiting my turn is the fair thing to do.

# Exhibitor Map



## Exhibitors

- |                               |   |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Councillor Corner           | 13 Eureka Centre                                    | 23 Engaged Communities          |
| 2 Art Gallery                 | 14 Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre              | 24 Events                       |
| 3 Ageing Well                 | 15 Regulatory Services - Animal Services            | 25 Customer Service             |
| 4 Communications & Design     | 16 People & Culture                                 | 26 Infrastructure               |
| 5 Business Services           | 17 Sustainable Environment Ballarat                 | 27 City Design / Open Space     |
| 6 Operations                  | 18 Development Facilitation                         | 28 Ballarat Libraries           |
| 7 Major Projects              | 19 Heritage   | 29 Ballarat Libraries           |
| 8 Recreation Services         | 20 Statutory Planning                               | 30 Family & Children's Services |
| 9 Visitor Economy             | 21 Regulatory Services - Parking, Health & Building | 31 Youth Services               |
| 10 Executive & Civic Services | 22 Financial Services & Rates                       | 32 Economic Growth              |
| 11 Cultural Venues            |   | 33 Graffiti Response            |
| 12 Governance                 |   |                                 |

Exhibitor locations may change. Correct at time of printing

There is an Exhibitor Map that will show me how the hall will be set up.

I can view the Map online by clicking [this link](#).

There will be hard copies available at the Expo.

## Thursday 20 March



**Cr Jay Morrison**  
Wendouree Ward  
4-5pm



**Cr Des Hudson OAM**  
Sebastopol Ward  
5-6pm



**Mayor Cr Tracey  
Hargreaves**  
Delacombe Ward  
6-7pm



**Cr Damon Saunders**  
Alfredton Ward  
7-8pm

## Friday 21 March



**Cr Samantha  
McIntosh**  
Central Ward  
9-10am



**Cr Ted Lapkin**  
Brown Hill Ward  
10-11am



**Cr Jim Rinaldi**  
North Ward  
11am-12pm



**Cr Tess Morgan**  
Golden Point Ward  
12-1pm

There will be sessions to have a conversation with a Councillor scheduled across the two days.

I can look at the schedule by clicking on [this link](#).

I don't have to book a session to see a Councillor at the Expo. I can just go at that time.

There might be other people talking to the Councillors at the same time as me.





There will be food and water available at the Expo.

The food is free and available to everyone. I will only take what I need so there is some for everyone.

I might notice food smells while I'm at the Expo.



There will be fun activities to do at the Expo.

There will be a photo booth, face painting, colouring and craft activities, story time and more.

I can join in if I want to. My support person can help if I need.

There will be prizes for engaging with the Expo stalls and sharing my feedback.





A quiet space will be set up at the Expo.

I can find it on the second level of the Civic Hall building.

I can use the stairs or lift in the foyer to get there.

The quiet space can be used by anyone who feels like the Expo is too busy or noisy.

I won't take any food or drink there.

I can ask a Helper or support person to show me where to find the quiet space.





There will be Helpers at the Expo.

Some will be wearing a navy shirt with a white City of Ballarat logo on it.

Some will be wearing a black shirt with a blue Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat logo on it.

They can answer my questions and tell me where to find things.



There are 2 wheelchair accessible toilets in the foyer.

There are more toilets up the stairs on both sides of the foyer.

I can ask my support person or a Helper to show me where the toilets are.





The Let's Chat Ballarat  
Community Expo is a fun  
event for everyone to attend.





**For more information, I can visit the website.**

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