

May - June 2012

## BRMC's Cultural Diversity Expo a Great Success

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council celebrated its diverse cultural background during Harmony week with the inaugural Ballarat Multicultural Food and Craft Expo. Exploring an array of colorful food, arts and craft stalls. People enjoyed demonstrations in cooking, Japanese paper cutting and cultural performances. The expo forms part of Cultural Diversity Week, which is a statewide celebration of culture, faith, language and the benefits of multiculturalism. The event exceeded all expectations. It was a wonderful event, a tremendous success and a brilliant turn up. Despite the weather about 350 to 400 people were attracted to the colorful event and day.

Stay tuned for another Expo in the near future.



## Begonia Parade

Once again BRMC entered a float in the Annual Begonia Parade. We were delighted to have ongoing support of Bartlett's Blinds who again sponsored the float. Construction of our Castle float was Coordinated by Regina with terrific member and volunteer support in painting our float to reflect the theme of Nursery Rhymes for this year's Parade. Many thanks to all members who participated in this event.



## Assistance for Earthquake Disaster

Ballarat's Filipino Association has supported the recovery from the disaster from the earthquake last February at the Guihulungan Negros Occidental Philippines. Virgie and Lawrie Hocking handed over the money from the Filipino/Australian Association they raised to assist the victims.



## Multicultural Summit for Ballarat!

Ballarat City Council is hosting a multicultural summit on the 25th of May. For more information and an invitation contact the Cultural diversity Office at the Council. Also see article on Multicultural hubs inside.

## Refugee Week June 18 to 24

More inside.

## Donations Needed!

BRMC is starting a regular Art and Craft Group on Friday Afternoons in May. The aim of the group is to allow migrant women to come together to share their skills in art and craft activities whilst conversing in English. BRMC Volunteer Maria Sozanski is coordinating the activity. We are seeking donations from BRMC supporters and members of materials that might be useful for this voluntary activity.

We are looking for the following

- Irons and ironing boards
- Sewing needles and pins
- Scissors of all types
- Embroidery threads, cottons and wools

- Medium weight cotton or linen fabrics suitable for embroidery or applique work
- Scraps of cotton and other material
- Knitting and crochet wools and needles
- Paints and brushes
- Wooden platters, bowls and trays suitable for decorating
- Protective aprons
- Disposable gloves
- Clean up cloths etc.
- And anything else you think you might be able to offer.

If you have any of these items you are able to donate please drop them into BRMC or give us a call on (03)5332-5941 and we will pick them up from you.

**BRMC General Members Meeting**  
Tues 19th June 7 pm at GPlace. All welcome.

## Chairperson's Report



Welcome to all our Cultural Associations/Groups and members to another edition of BRMC's quality Newsletter. We hope you find the information interesting and you will become much more aware of the important role that BRMC performs on your behalf.

March has been an extremely busy and challenging time for all concerned at BRMC.

With the continued sponsorship of Bartlett's Blinds we had an excellent castle float in keeping with the theme "Nursery Rhymes" for this year's Ballarat Begonia Festival Parade. The castle looked terrific thanks to the hard work of members, staff and volunteers but the attendance in the Annual Parade was very disappointing. The Earth Ball was a great initiative and engaged the large crowd and onlookers.

The next event to kick-off Victorian 10<sup>th</sup> celebration of Cultural Diversity Week was the Premier's Gala Ball at the Crown Casino Palladium Ballroom. Eight members of BRMC along with City of Ballarat staff and Multicultural Ambassadors attended this fantastic evening. A beautiful three course meal, lots of refreshments, spectacular entertainment in a wonderful venue. Then, too, what a terrific opportunity to network with other organisations, cultural groups and dignitaries, as well as to celebrate our amazing cultural diversity throughout Victoria.

Then, BRMC'S inaugural Multicultural Arts and Crafts Expo on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 after an enormous amount of planning and hard work by Regina Bautista and our other dedicated Admin staff, what a great success and outcome for all concerned. This, terrific Expo featured a variety of international food, arts and crafts, cooking and food demonstrations, performance,

displays and information stalls, along with the monster raffle and boots that were donated by Oliver's Footwear. Our special thanks to all Cultural Associations and participants who contributed to the great success of our Expo that featured and celebrated Ballarat's rich multiculturalism.

Following this event, Ms. Georgina Vagg facilitated the annual International Women's Day celebration at the Inn of Khong. Congratulations Georgina our energetic and hardworking fund raising co-ordinator on another great event that celebrated women's important role in our community and again highlighted Ballarat's rich and varied cultural diversity.

Yet another tome achievement was the publication of an article in The Ethnic Communities' Council on Victoria's March edition of Golden years on our Victorian Multicultural Commission Award-winning Multicultural Tucker (MCT) program. With a circulation of some 2,000 copies this was great publicity for BRMC throughout the State and demonstrated an example of Best Practice with our HACC programs and service to alder migrants communities.

Given the array of events and celebrations that Cultural Groups provide, I would like to challenge all our strategic partners, members and the wider community, to get involved and celebrate Ballarat's ever changing and rich cultural community and the wider Region.

Frank Williams, Chairperson BRMC

## Executive Officer's Report (From the Courier Friday April 5th 2012)

A one-stop shop for migrants and refugees would help Ballarat retain more of the funding dollar and provide cost-effective services, a peak multicultural organisation's officer has said.

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC) executive officer Jeff Langdon said the current system of multiple organisations offering different services was too fragmented, which resulted in some clients falling through the cracks.

"There is a significant number of agencies who are providing services particularly at the recently arrived migrant and refugee spectrum," Mr Langdon said. "We are concerned that the provision for services ... is much more fragmented than in other regional cities."

The City's various organisations, he said, were often competing for the same dollar. "There is competition among Ballarat agencies for limited resources," Mr Langdon said. "A multicultural hub would be more efficient and cost effective for the clients and funding providers offering less duplications."

Dr Langdon urged the Ballarat Council to create a platform for all the

concerned peak bodies to come together.

"We would encourage the Council to convene a meeting," he said. "We are looking to them to take the lead."

A City of Ballarat spokesperson said the Council would start a process of open community engagement at the end of May. "We will work with our multicultural communities to understand what sort of spaces they would like to see in Ballarat in the future," he said. "This will be an open community discussion in which we would like to hear all of the community's ideas."

Child and Family Services Ballarat (CAFS) chief executive Kevin Zibell said they would support the idea in principle however would also like to see a number of possible service outlets. "Our experience though, is that some people or groups may prefer to receive services from a variety of venues, thus allowing a degree of choice," Mr Zibell said.

**Note the Summit has now been called by Council. Contact them if you would like to go (03 5320 5853).**

## Who's Who

### **BRMC Executive Committee**

**Chairperson:** Frank Williams  
**Deputy Chair:** David Vendy  
**Secretary:** Khushi Maharaj  
**Asst. Secretary:** Carmel Kavanagh  
**Treasurer:** Lisa Howlett  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Lynda Andeobu  
**Interfaith Officer:** Fr. Peter Kunen  
**Publicity Officer:** Brigitte Kerrutt  
**Women's Officer:** Georgina Vagg  
**Youth Officer:** Dr Sundram Sivamali  
**Community Representatives:**  
Sherley Hart, Mona Hatwal, Mary Nyaw,  
Ugo Lo Iancono

### **Staff**

**Executive Officer:** Dr Jeff Langdon  
**Admin Trainee.:** Annie Hamerton  
**Finance Coordinator:** Regina Bautista  
**Volunteer Coordinator.:** Nenita Drough \*  
**HACC Team Leader:** Jason Shorter  
**HACC Support:** Vacant  
**MCT Food Coordinator:** Juliet Montague  
**CPP Coordinator:** Kim Romeo  
**Telelink/SSG Coord:** Virgie Hocking  
**Migrant English Program:** Judy Brumby\*  
**Community Safety Officer:** Tracey Steiner  
\* Voluntary positions.

### **Contact BRMC (Closed Mondays)**

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PO Box 1418 Bakery Hill, 3354

## Become a member of BRMC.

Membership is free and is open to organisations and individuals who support the aims and objectives of BRMC.

For details on how to become a member see our website [www.brmc.org.au](http://www.brmc.org.au) or call the office

### Tales from the Tucker

The Multicultural Tucker Program continues to be a very lively event in the BRMC calendar: a social highlight in the lives of many of Ballarat's over-seas-born seniors.

This month we saw the introduction of our new and very talented Food Coordinator, Juliet Montague (See below), who cooked a superb Hungarian feast complete with Goulash and baked Hungarian Cheesecake. Yum! We had a great informative talk from Jim Watkins from the Uniting Care Transport in Ballarat, explaining the services they provide for older people with all different kinds of transport needs. So much more than just trips to

the doctor!! The new projection system is working well, now people from both halls are able to see as well as hear the visiting speaker and be much more involved and included in the Tucker.

Also this Easter we had a wonderful Trivia competition. Guests had a chance to show off how many languages they could say 'Happy Easter' in as well as their general knowledge. Apart from this, there was even an Easter egg drawing competition, we had some very beautiful designs. All in all a great Tucker this Easter!! Also of note last month.

Thanks very much to Jill Spicer for organising a great bus trip to Halls Gap on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The weather, the food and of course the scenery were all wonderful!

### BRMC Forums

BRMC is keen to get started later in the year with regular forum sessions in the evenings, after 5 pm at GPlace. The purpose of the session is to share information between consumers and service providers. As there are already information sessions being conducted by BRMC groups that are very beneficial to our members.

These forums are not in competition but to provide complementary support to the activities of BRMC. We would like to hear your views about the proposed forums that you recommend would be beneficial to ALL or majority of us at BRMC.

You can also nominate yourself to be the speaker on your topics of interest. Or you can suggest a topic and BRMC Executive Committee will find

the most suitable and available speaker to match your suggestion. Both the speakers and attendees are cost free. Please also let us know the session times about the forums. It is envisaged that the forums will be held in the evenings so that people can attend after work (say starting maybe at 5.30pm?). Most of the sessions may be for 30 mins and will be followed by 30 mins questions and discussions.



We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed idea. Any suggestions or a contribution about the forums is most welcomed. You can either write to us or ring us with your suggestions using our BRMC contacts on (03-53325941)

Many thanks and warm regards Sundram Sivamalai  
(On behalf of the Management Committee)

### Delacombe Community Safety

This year BRMC, Delacombe Neighbourhood Renewal and the Delacombe Community House worked in partnership and successfully obtained a grant from the Department of Justice to run a 3 month project titled 'Community Safety Project'.

This project aims to work with whole of community and promote community safety within the South West area.

Some of the areas that the worker will be focussing on are;

- Art and sports activities for whole of family / community
- Safety in the home (fire, police, SES, ambulance, DHS – housing)
- Safe walking paths, and
- A multicultural forum – working towards enhancing community understanding of different cultures.

The project worker, Tracey Steiner, can be contacted on 5335 6633 or alternatively by email at t.steiner@brmc.org.au

**Brief Profile of Tracey:** I have lived in the Ballarat area for 13 years now.

For the last three years I have had the pleasure of working at the Delacombe Community House. This continues to be a great experience, assisting families living in and around the Delacombe area. This can include supporting them with any day to day issues or advocating for them with other service providers.

From the relationships that I have formed with families in Delacombe, we have successfully established a homework club 'Community Learning +'.

As we head into our third year of this great program we have over 30 Sudanese children who attend the community house once a week to get assistance with their homework, reading etc.

I love seeing the children improve their literacy and numeracy skills!

Delacombe Community House is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. You can contact the house on 5335 6633.

### Welcome Juliet Montague

Hi I'm Juliet and I am the new Multicultural Tucker food coordinator. I am very excited to be working with the vibrant team of volunteers at Multicultural Tucker.

I come from a catering background and have worked for many years at outdoor festivals all across Victoria; from the Royal Melbourne Show to Port Fairy Folk Festival and Food and Wine festivals in many country towns. At these events I brought my own kitchen with me in the back of a truck. I had to unload all of the appliances and unpacked everything I needed until I had a little kitchen nice and snug within my tent. All this before I could even start cooking.

You can imagine how having everyone come to me at BRMC at my first Tucker was a welcome change. However, there was an unexpected problem. As the volunteers and I were busy preparing and cooking on Tucker day, they kept complaining: "Who keeps dropping things on the floor?" "Where is all this mess coming from?" "I have mopped this floor three times today!"

Well, at first I thought that it must be one of the volunteers doing it. Until I saw that there was a trail of goulash drips only where I had been. As if Hansel and Gretel had snuck into the kitchen and were stealing goulash from the pots and hiding behind the dishwasher.



The thought struck me, however, that it was me making the mess. I had never before cooked in a kitchen with a floor. My previous kitchens had been set up in tents - I had never had to sweep or mop, having just grass under my feet. At the end of the day I would just pack up the kitchen and drive away.

I believe that it is never too late to learn new things and develop new habits. Although my appreciation of the value of floors is still in its infancy, I will try my best to not leave Hansel and Gretel trails behind me in the kitchen. An appreciation that is already fully developed, however, is my appreciation of the valuable contribution made by all the volunteers. I am greatly looking forward to working with you all, and discovering what other new things I can learn.

### Feedback on BRMC Cultural Expo

On Saturday 24th March 2012 ...a beautiful Festival was organised by the BRMC. It was a day of fun and information and excitement. I am glad that it only went for one day otherwise I would have put on so much weight by all these lovely food stalls. But there was much more than that, stalls, which displayed information about refugees, multicultural diversity and beautiful scarfs etc. There was dancing, singing as well.

I had invited a girlfriend in a wheel chair to experience something different. She suffers from MS. And I am and so she is proud to say that BRMC has provided very appropriate facilities for people with a disability, or I better should say with people who cannot move around as many of us do. There is the ramp in the front; there are appropriate toilets and so much more. But the most important thing is the caring, friendly staff. They always greet you with a welcoming smile.

So, congratulations to BRMC for providing such a great place for intercultural diversity, people who are not in their full body capacity. You are doing a great job.

Klaudia and Friend.

#### And also ...

A fun Saturday experience. Even if the weather didn't agree with us we were pleasantly surprised by the large numbers who attended. The children had great fun outside, and the food stalls provided much appreciated hot food. There were a lot of beautiful Arts and Crafts for sale, and wonderful dance items from some of our cultural groups.

Judy Brumby

## Some of the Representative Bodies in Ballarat looking after Multicultural issues

### Ballarat's Multicultural Ambassadors

Ghulam Mohammad	
Moqaddam	Afghanistan
Aldona Kmiec	Poland
Igor Zovko	Croatia
Catherine Toro Bernal	Chile
Jessica Chuang	Taiwan
Maryam Aghdaee	England/Iran
Dimitri Dollard	Togo
Jeme Liang	China
Meeta Narsi	South Africa/India

### Ballarat Council's Intercultural Advisory Committee

Jim Quinn	Chair Ballarat China Community Committee
Sherlita Hart	President Filipino/Australian Association of Ballarat Inc
Khushi Maharaj	Vice President Ballarat Indian Association
Stan Deutscher	Chair Ballarat Interfaith Network
Peter Rademaker	Manager Community Engagement, DPCD
Bill Moy	Vice President Chinese Australian Cultural Society Ballarat Inc
Subatra Sivamalai	Member CHAAVI; Ballarat Health Services Coordinator for International Programs; Malaysian community
Gwendoline Blake	Member Alliance Francaise de Ballarat
Rev Fr Gerald Loos	former Victorian Council of Churches Interfaith sub committee; former NESBLinks; Sri Lankan community
Ebelenna Okafor	African/Nigerian community
Dimitri Dollard	President Ballarat African Association
Frank Williams	Chair Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council
Tony Lovett	Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd

### BRMC Executive Committee

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*These lists don't include community and voluntary sector organisations nor the University of Ballarat which runs the Federal Government funded Migrant English program.*

### Victorian Government Grampians Regional Advisory Council

Chairperson: Yasser Soliman
<b>Community Representatives</b>
Gaynor Atkin
Dimitri Dollard
Mona Hatwal
Sundram Sivamalai
Joshua Morris
Sujatha Umakanthan
Vivian Bradbury
Frank Williams
Maria Calandro
<b>Local Government Representative</b>
Peter Appleton

### Central Highlands Regional Settlement Planning Committee

Robyn Reeves	Chair
<small>(Full Committee members listing available through Ballarat Community Health 5338 4500)</small>	

### SHARE

**(Settlement, Humanitarian and Refugee Enhancement Working Party)**

Christine Reupert	Chair
<small>(Full Committee members listing available through Ballarat Community Health 5338 4500)</small>	

### Snippets

- Congratulations to Regina and John, Penny (volunteer and Community Artist) Kim, Khushi, Satya and so on for providing and painting our terrific float for the annual Ballarat Begonia Festival Parade.
- Congratulations to the Bangladeshi Community of Ballarat (some 11 families) for forming a new Cultural Association and displaying initiative in applying for an RACV grant to assist your community obtain their diving licences
- Congratulations and well done to all the food vendors, stall holders, performers, cooking demonstrations and so on that all contributed to the excellent outcomes of BRMC'S Multicultural Expo.
- Congratulations to FAABI on your Easter Celebrations in the Eureka Stockade Reserve recently. Then too, to the BIA and their New Year celebrations at GPlace recently.
- Many thanks to all our very hard working Admin Staff- Regina, Annie, Nenita and Jeff for all your hard work and fine contributions to the success of BRMC's Multicultural Expo. Also to Georgina, Ugo, Roman and Teresa, Khushi and Brigitte for their terrific support and kind assistance
- Special thanks to the Executive Committee members who have attended our three Review Meetings with the DOH.

### Forthcoming events

- Refugee Week will be held in from the 18th to the 25th of June 2012 and we look forward to various events and activities that will be held during this time.
- Dr Sundram Sivamali is currently organising some Community Forums for our members and the wider Community. Think about how you might like to contribute to this new BRMC initiative. Why not propose a topic and do a brief presentation?
- Congratulations to Dr. Sundrum Sivamalia, Ms. Mona Hatwal and Mr. Frank Williams on being successfully nominated and appointed to the new Regional Advisory Committee (RAC's) for the Grampians Region. This Liberal Government initiative will enable the eight Regions throughout Victoria the opportunity to advocate on the needs of migrants and New Arrivals in their respective regions. Our first Regional meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
- Well done Ms. Judy Brumby on training more Home Tutors to assist "New Arrivals" develop their English skills and proficiency in a relaxed and informal setting, thereby facilitating their more effective settlement in the Ballarat region.

### Volunteers

- BRMC would like to thank and congratulate all our hard working and dedicated volunteers who make such an invaluable contribution to our wider community
- Then too, if there are other people who might like to become a volunteer to assist our migrant communities in the City of Ballarat or the Central Highlands Region (CHR), then contact BRMC at your convenience and become involved.
- Have you made a submission yet? The City of Ballarat is seeking brief submission(s) (1 page or so on), on concepts, ideas, suggestions for the use of the Civic Hall? BRMC encourages all its members to consider and support the notion of a "Multicultural Hub" in the CBD of Ballarat This "one stop shop" for information and services could also possibly incorporate the Tourist Info Centre, an Art precinct and Community Centre. Why not put your ideas forward to influence the Council on the best use of this iconic building for the benefit of all Cultural Associations/Groups as well as for the benefit of the wider Ballarat Community.
- The Australian Rights Commission is also seeking submissions for its National Anti-Racism strategy. Why not have your say and submit your thoughts and ideas by the 11 May 2012. (For more Information and details contact BRMC 03 5332 5941).
- The City of Ballarat will hold a Summit of all service providers on multicultural service on the 25 May 2012. If you are interested and would like to participate, please contact Ms. Frances Salenga, City of Ballarat, Tel: (03) 5320-5853

### Combating Racism in our Communities

At the ECCV Executive Meeting on the 24 April 2012 Ms Karen Toohey was the Guest Speaker. Karen highlighted the new initiative of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to try and document the type and nature of Racism that is occurring in our communities and then developing strategies to both combat and overcome this type of activity.

As a result a new survey is now available to try to assess the varying forms of racism that have occurred recently in Victoria. This survey will be available for completion over the next 8 to 10 weeks. Once this data and information has been collected and collated the commission will attempt to develop a range of appropriate strategies to help people overcome and deal effectively with different forms of racism.

BRMC will conduct two Round Table discussions with our new migrants to discuss the survey and any particular incident of racism that may have occurred recently We will advise members of this Forum in due course and provide more details shortly. We ask all members to consider filling in the survey and be actively involved in this important process. Again, if you have any question or queries about this matter don't hesitate to contact BRMC.

### Other Events and activities:

See page 8 for more details

Frank Williams  
Chairperson  
BRMC

## Migrant English Tutor Program

The BRMC Migrant English Program continues to support our migrants with English language by providing a Conversation Class, and individual tutoring to meet clients' particular language needs, varying from beginners to advanced levels.

The Conversation cClass is generally conducted by our Chairperson, Frank Williams plus Pam and Dawn's small specialised groups.. Individual tutoring usually takes part in the client's home, providing help for specific needs such as language for general Settlement purposes, Reading and Writing, English for Work and Study, assistance to pass the Cambridge IELTS Examinations.

We have also commenced an important initiative with Delacombe Community House, where many of our African Refugees attend. Along with a group of tutors, we are arranging a class there, with some individual assistance for adults, to complement the homework clubs which Delacombe provides for their children.

A group of very competent and dedicated tutors give their valuable time to assist in this very important work to help our new arrivals

Judy Brumby, Migrant English Tutor

## Issues:

# JUST IN JUSTICE IN THE GRAMPIANS

Residents across the Grampians region will be able to get advice about consumer rights and access to a wealth of other justice-related information and services during Law Week next week.

On Tuesday 15 May the Mobile Justice Service Centre ('Justice Bus') will visit Bridge Mall in Ballarat to highlight Justice Services to the community. Experts from a range of agencies will be on hand to answer all your justice related questions.

Between 10am and 4pm representatives from Consumer Affairs Victoria, Victoria Legal Aid, the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, Centacare's Victims Assistance and Counselling Program and the Central Highlands Community Legal Centre will be at the mall to help answer all your consumer and legal queries. There will also be show-bags and a sausage sizzle.

Department of Justice Grampians Regional Director, Catherine Darbyshire, said this is a great opportunity for people to find out more about the Victorian legal system and the range of Department of Justice services on offer.

"The Justice Bus delivers a range of Department of Justice information and services directly to the public in a relaxed and informal environment," Ms Darbyshire said.

"From the courts to consumer affairs, the Victorian Justice system encompasses a vast array of agencies and the bus will bring them together in the one place where Ballarat residents can come and learn about their rights and responsibilities."

"People will be able to get assistance applying for a birth certificate, talk to Department officers, get advice about dispute settlement services, and access a range of other information."

"If you have any questions or need information about any of the Department's services then this is your chance to come down and ask."

From Monday 14 May to Friday 18 May, Department of Justice Information booths will also be set up in two locations

- the Central Highlands Regional Library, 178 Doveton Street North, between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm
- the Horsham Plaza Shopping Complex, 40 Darlot Street Horsham between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

The Information booths will have advice, information and publications on a range of topics relating to Consumer Affairs Victoria, Births Deaths and Marriages, Community Corrections, Sheriffs, Dispute Settlement Centre Victoria, Centacare's Victims Assistance and Counselling Program, Victoria Legal Aid and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

Anyone who would like to access information or advice but is unable to attend during the week, can contact the Ballarat Regional Office at 206 Mair Street ph.: (03) 4301 7000 or the Horsham Justice Service Centre at 21 McLachlan Street ph (03) 4344 1444 or visit [www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au) for more information

## BRMC Fundraising Film Event

### May 27th 2 pm

A great Fundraising event will be held at the Regent Multiplex Cinemas on the 27th May 2012 at 2 pm. Come along and enjoy the film "What to Expect when you are Expecting". We want to sell lots of tickets and guarantee the success of BRMC. Contact BRMC for tickets at 5332 5941



### Croatian Aged Care Forum

The Ballarat Croatian Association Hosted an Aged Care forum at their clubrooms in Ballarat East, on Saturday, 28th April. They had invited many former members to attend this most interesting function and a result there were representatives of the Croatian Communities from Ballarat, Geelong and Melbourne, etc.

Mr Paul Zaric, Victorian President of the Croatian Association, formerly from Ballarat and now residing in Geelong welcomed everybody to the function. He recounted how the first Croatian Club/Association was formed in Ballarat in 1964. Proudly the large Croatian Community invited guests from throughout the state to attend their annual flag raising ceremony at the front of the Town Hall in Queen Victoria Square. The Mayor and local politicians always attended such formal occasions as well as the great dinners and celebrations that often were an integral part of such important occasions.

Paul also highlighted that Geelong has over 5,000 Croatians living there and they have three Croatian Clubs. Unfortunately, many Croatian families from Ballarat have shifted to Geelong, Melbourne and elsewhere. As a result the Croatian Community has slowly been dwindling in Ballarat for some time now, even though a few families

have recently moved into the region and bought small farming properties.

Mr Boris Skontra, President of the Ballarat Croatian Association also welcomed many of the members back to Ballarat as well as the distinguished guest, including Hon. C. King, the Ballarat Federal MP. A sumptuous spit roast dinner was provided to the 75+ people in attendance in the clubrooms. People certainly enjoyed the terrific social atmosphere and the gathering of both new and old friends alike.

Prior to the lunch and immediately thereafter the Aged Care Forum was facilitated by the Croatian Club. Many guest speakers addressed the gathering and shared their expertise via an interpreter, to the diverse Croatian Community.

Ms. Kim Romeo, BRMC's CPP Project Co-ordinator helped organise and facilitate this important event along with her colleague Silvana from the Croatian Association in Melbourne (Footscray) .

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful gathering friendship and delicious meal together. Congratulation to the Croatian Association of Ballarat for organising and facilitating this great social occasion and most informative Aged Care Forum in such a lovely bush and rural setting well done to all concerned it was a great event.

## Services:

### Free Counselling and Psychological Services

BRMC is pleased to announce that we are now offer free counselling and psychological services to our group members. Counseling is available for individuals, couples, families and groups.

**Subject:** Counselling and Psychological Services.

**Position/title:** Counsellor

**Organisation:** Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC)

**The targeted group:** All migrants people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, refugees, students, etc.

**Counselling and psychological services we offer:**  
Practices offer a wide range of psychological services:

- The Counselling Program provides counselling and therapy sessions to families and children, couples and individuals assisting people to manage difficult times in their lives.
- The counselling program offers counselling to promote psychological recovery and wellbeing for individuals to meet their psychological needs.
- Assistance in Mental health issues (such as depression, anxiety, adjustment disorder, Isolation, feelings of loneliness, a sense of belonging and identity, loss of cultural identity, homesickness, etc..).
- Assistance in understanding cultural conflict, identity and adapting to the Australian lifestyle, society and culture.
- Assistance in accessing information about health system and social care services, enroll in English classes, apply for Medicare, open a bank account, obtain a tax file number, find and rent accommodation, find employment and gain information on how to enroll children in schools.
- Learning new skills to cope with your fears and stresses.
- Changing patterns of living or relationships that are unsatisfying.
- Provide appropriate assistance and referral to appropriate agency (if a referral is required).
- Assisting victims and the families of victims who are affected by a violent crime.
- Provide counseling for a variety of life's problems including anxiety, depression, relationship issues and general life stressors.
- Assisting families affected by relationship or separation issues.

- We provide counselling services for asylum seekers who are experiencing high levels of psychological distress trauma, grief and loss.
- Assistance in preparing job applications and preparing for job interviews.



**Who can use our service?**

People of any age who live or work in Ballarat are eligible for assistance.

**Confidentiality:** Files and records relating to you will be kept secure at all times as required.

We have a code of ethics for all Counselling services and legislation that guarantees confidentiality. Confidentiality means that your discussions with a counsellor will not be shared with others. The exceptions occur when clients threaten to harm themselves or others, or when incidents of child abuse are disclosed. In these cases health professionals are legally bound to ensure that people are protected. This may require informing authorities.

You can visit the Counselling and Psychological Services at the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC)

102 English Street Golden Point VIC 3350, Australia  
(03)5332 5941.

You will need to make an appointment by email:  
Alnaimi\_s74@yahoo.com  
Suleiman Alnaimi  
Counsellor

**Brief Profile:**

Mr Suleiman Alnaimi is a counsellor and member of The Australian Psychological Society (APS), APS Ballarat Branch as well as a member of The Jordanian Psychological Association. He is currently associated with the University of Ballarat as a co-researcher in a Quality of Life Needs Assessment for Cancer patient's projects. He graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor degree of Psychology, followed by a Master degree in 2002 in Guidance and Counselling Psychology. He has worked in the Ministry of Education, Jordan, for 8 years, and was Head of the Counselling Department at the Directorate of Education in Al-Mafraq.

During his counselling career he has covered a range of issues, including Oncology counselling services, depression, illness, relationship, work-related problems, suicidal thoughts or attempts, stresses from work, family or society, low confidence, anxiety, bereavement and loneliness. As a counsellor he has worked in several large organizations within the community, working with and managing people. He has acquired broad communication skills and many life experiences.

Contact Suleiman direct for appointment.  
Alnaimi\_s74@yahoo.com

### Need help?

**PC Training**

BRMC can offer you assistance with learning how to use a computer and the various programs that run on it.

**Financial Counselling**

We also have volunteers that can help individuals or groups with financial matters such as budgeting, using financial software, etc.

**Friendly Visiting Service**

If you are stuck at home why not ask BRMC to organise a visitor to come to your house and keep you company on a regular basis.

**New Craft and Art Group**

BRMC is starting an art and craft group particularly targeting newly arrived migrant women. If you are interested contact us at the office for more details.

**Immigration Agent**

The Immigration Law Service (provided by DIVERSITAT) visits Ballarat on the third Thursday of the month. The service is available to refugee and humanitarian clients who have been in Australia for under 5 years. Please contact Evie Dichiera to arrange appointments with details of client visa-type, language requirements, and family migration issues. Contact details. Tel: 5337 3353

## International Women's Day Dinner

The International Women's Day Dinner at the Inn of Khong was a great evening with 66 guests of which everyone enjoyed, a great banquet; plenty of food was enjoyed by 99% ladies who thought it was one of the best. Our guest artist Ms. Shimona Thevathasan from Ballarat Grammar gave us some beautiful piano playing as well as singing well done. Our Guest Speaker was Ms Anne Maree Kierce from Sovereign Hill who brought along old Irons back in the old days, late 1860's onwards. Once again our tables looked great in the colours of purple, green, white carnation and colourful boxes and ribbon and green foliage. Beautiful bookmarks were a gift for all ladies to remember the evening by. A big thank you to Teresa, Mary and Faye for helping me with the tables and to Kim for doing the serviettes to Joe and the Inn of Khong staff and anyone who has helped in anyway.

Great thanks to Mr. Geoff Howard MP, Ms. Sharon Knight MP, Ballarat Leagues Club, Ms Sherey Hart, Inn of Khong, Stems and I Do for their generous donations. A candle was lit at the start of the night to remember all ladies around the world.

It was great to hear lovely remarks from Cr. Cheryl Broomfield saying this is a great evening, I have had a great time, good tables, everyone mingling sitting in the right position watching everyone talking and enjoying themselves.

Thanks a lot Cr. Cheryl.Bromfield A good profit was raised, Thanks to Mr Frank Williams for opening the evening. Again deepest thank you to all who helped organise this wonderful occasion. Love to you all

Georgina Vagg  
Women's Officer  
Fundraising Coordinator



## Chinese Association Bus Trip

Chinese/Australian Cultural Society Inc. had a most great and wonderful trip to the wineries at the Big Shed Daylesford, Guildford and Mt. Alexander fun was and excitement for the day, making friends at the wineries, even though Charles Zhang got us lost several times,. T

he wineries were all set in the bush a very big trip. lunch was held at the RSL Bendigo (not very exciting) thank you to Davis's bus lines for their generous help and to my son Gary Vagg for his very capable driving putting up with this big and exciting day, and for Davis's buses for their coffee/tea and nice bikies. Everyone bought up wine's from all wineries, with bottles clanging all the way home. The excitement for the day was when i could not walk up the hill back to the bus at Mt. Alexander they bought me up on a motor/scooter bike a sight not to miss unbelievable.

Lots of photos thanks to Annie and all, a good profit was made. Thanks to you all. Our lions and dragon preformed at the Easter parade at Bendigo for two days and stayed the night having fun.

Our lions are all ways busy preforming thank you once again looking forward to arranging another trip later on.

(Thanks Charles Zhang/Bill Moy and Michelle Phillips for paying the bill.)

Georgina Vagg  
Women's Officer  
Fundraising Coordinator



## Forthcoming Events!

- BRMC's Film Night May 27th 2012
- BRMC's Sovereign Hill Miners Ball on September
- BRMC's Cultural Concert on 16 November
- FAABI 's Mother's Day Celebration at the GPlace consortium on the 5th May 2012
- FAABI's Independence Day Gala Ball Celebration at GPlace on the 16th June 2012
- FAABI's Anniversary Celebration at the Ballarat Golf Club 16th July 2012
- Italian Seniors Bus Trip to Temple Stone, Melbourne on the 20th June 2012
- Polish Seniors Bus Trip June 2012

## Climate Action Leaders Wanted!

The Multicultural Climate Action program aims to raise awareness of climate change, energy efficiency in the home, renewable energy and the price on carbon via leadership, training and workshops.

Environment Victoria recognises that multicultural Victorian communities often miss out on 'mainstream' environmental messages because the messages haven't been tailored in a way to culturally resonate with people speaking English as a second language. The Climate Action Leadership model means that communities will learn important information from people of their culture or faith.

## Leaders from Sudanese and Togolese communities wanted!

Environment Victoria is currently recruiting for four volunteer community leader positions from the Sudanese and Togolese communities in Ballarat.

The community leaders will be trained to become Climate Action leaders within their own cultural communities with the aim of informing, engaging and inspiring members of their community to live sustainably and understand messages of cleaner, greener ways to live within Victoria, Australia and around the world. The Climate Action leaders will help their community to understand energy bills and ways to reduce their use of energy in their homes. A small payment goes with this position. Contact BRMC if you are interested.

## The Sovereign Hill allurements.

Its distinctive lifelong mark it left on me;



Coming from overseas the Netherlands; we bought an old weatherboard place at the corner of York Street and Geelong road Ballarat.

We were told the Chinese lived in this place; while they were digging for gold. The Yarawee Creek run alongside that house not far from our just occupied home; we discovered a statue; saying Gold discovered here, "The Welcome Stranger".

Gold is a precious metal we only saw it in the Jeweller shops back home in the Netherlands. To see this precious metal in its natural state for the first time is a real thrill, it's beautiful. We liked to learn more about gold and the area it was found maybe we had gold fever? This to us new home in Ballarat was 5 minutes' walk from a reminder stone, where that lucky strike happened "The Welcome Stranger".

Perhaps this could happen to us auslanders as well as we made up our mind to try, even if it was for the exciting experience. Gold near our home was unbelievable? It took us some time to penetrate the reality. We felt special to live near a place with so much history; we liked to learn more about Ballarat, and went to the library provided us with a wealth of information about those happenings.

When the news came about that Ballarat would build an Historic centre about those "Golden Days" for tourism we were happy to hear. We felt proud of the city we lived and felt part of what an interesting and inviting place Sovereign Hill came to be! Our first visit at completion was very impressive its representation is so realistic, its style of clothing is so stimulating, and one can feel the atmosphere of those days for a moment and image to be among those gold seekers and their battle to survive.

The "Welcome Stranger" discovery was and still is an excitement for many, it made a permanent mark on Ballarat, this beautiful city.

Being a Migrant from the Netherlands in 1954, we have learned so much about Ballarat History, it came through our knowledge from Ballarat Library Books; that 3 men of our country birth the Netherlands, were

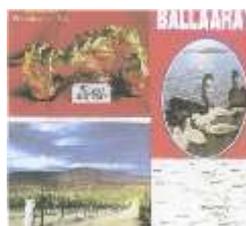


among the Eureka Rebellion They were being known by wearing red collard pantaloons and friend of Peter Lalor.

I almost feel like a pre-existence of being among them, yes I did write overseas about our exciting experience and Sovereign Hill tourist centre it would be no good to miss out on its history.

Mrs Maria Rosenberg

Eureka I've found it, the outcry is Gold;  
 Only a speck in the dust, but to endeavour we were told.  
 Possible a rich strike can unfold.  
 Hard labour this is; so it's been told.  
 Toiling and digging in this ditch,  
 Within limits, we could strike it rich  
 The opportunity roused us spellbound.  
 We'll be happy with any amount  
 This experience its feeling makes rich  
 An opportunity not willing to miss  
 The muddy dirt, a spoilage mess  
 It's part of the game we gets  
 To explore and discover, its value is wealth  
 A little Histories in our life we felt.



## Sherlita Teope Hart



Sherley Hart is currently the president of the Filipino/Australian Association of Ballarat Incorporated. Married in 1984 to Mr. Stuart Hart an accountant by profession and blessed with three grown up children Tanya 23, Darren 22 and Claire 19. Upon arrival in Melbourne in 1984 she became actively involved in the then Australia Filipino Guidance Association as Vice President participating in community and cultural activities. Her involvement in the mid 80's brought her great experience, meeting many friends and challenges along the way. During that time she was also working at the Melbourne Magistrates Court before moving to Rural Water Commission for a further two years.

The Hart Family lived in Clayton South for eight years before deciding to move to Ballarat in 1993 to operate the business they purchased the Peppinella Motel and successfully ran it twelve years.

Sherley Hart finished her Bachelor of Science in Management from the National College of Business and Arts. She worked for eight years as civilian employee of the Armed Forces of the Philippines under Metropolitan Citizen Military Command from 1975 to 1983 before migrating to Australia.

In 2006 Sherley Hart decided to get involved again with community volunteering and accepted her role as President of the Filipino/Australia Association of Ballarat Inc. in which she is serving her seventh year term. She is actively involved with the Filipino Australian Community Representative of the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council of the City of Ballarat. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Philippines Australian Foundation Inc.

In 2007 Sherley Hart decided to open a new business "Ballarat Asian Grocery" to cater for the needs of the growing Filipino/Ethnic community in the Ballarat Region.

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**Time: 6.00PM**

**Venue: G'Place, 102  
 English Street, Golden  
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Entry by donation only  
 (BYO drinks)

**\$20 for an Adult**

**\$10 for a Child  
 (under 16)**

**\$45 for a Family  
 (2Adults + 2Children)**

Tickets available at BRMC, 102 English Street, Golden Point

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

## Artistic Penny!

The first time I discovered that traffic signal boxes (TSB) could have murals painted on them was when I was living in Geelong and I was keen to paint one or two myself. That never eventuated but once I got married and moved to Ballarat, my dreams of painting a box became a reality. As a member of the Facebook group 'Ballarat Arts Alive', I found an advert from the Ballarat City Council asking for artists to paint mural on TSB's. I jumped at the chance and sent five photos of previous paintings works I had done for other projects and wrote a description of how I would paint my TSB. It took time for Julie Collins from the Arts and Culture unit to get back to me, but when she did, she congratulated me and told me I had the job!

Next, I had to create an online account with Urban Smart Projects and communicated with company's manager Nicole Gaunt via email. It was from here I was asked to choose which TSB (using Google maps) I would like to paint and had to create a short list of three locations. I tried to choose three areas that were the closest to Wendouree Lake as possible (also on offer) and Drummond Street (across the road from St John of Gods



Hospital) was my first choice. Once again I waited for the council to make a decision on which box I could paint, in the mean time I downloaded a TSB template from the Urban Smart website and began to draw down my ideas for the TSB box. I knew from the beginning that I wanted to paint something about the Wendouree Lake because it is my most favourite part of Ballarat. I love how at the Lake there is always something happening there, eg: keen joggers running around the Steve Mongetti track, rowers or yachts sailing on the Lake's water, the beautiful black swans and their cute grey fluffy cygnets and water hens walking around. Once I sent the Wendouree Lake design onto Urban Smart Project, Vic Roads approved the design pretty quickly.

Urban Smart provided me with a tub full of paint colours that are designed not to fade in the sunlight. Over the next eight days, I proceeded to paint my mural on the TSB. My husband Andrew Hetherington and mother in law Joy



Hetherington helped me put up the flat colours and later I worked on the harder part of adding light and shade to the work.

There is one more TSB to paint and I have to mentor a group of students from a Ballarat secondary college. Looking forward to that job too.



The Thai Cultural Group and the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council proudly invites you to join

Muay Thai (known to some outside of Thailand as Muay Thailand kickboxing) a national sport of Thailand as well as a national passion. A fighting technique borne out of combat reality.

But Muay Thai kickboxing is more than just learning how to fight

Muay Thai kickboxing is a strong and vigorous martial art, art that teaches self-discipline and self awareness.



**Time:** Saturday 10:00am- 11am

**Cost:** \$5 per person/ class

**Register:** BRMC office

**Phone:** (03)5332 5941

**Email:** admin@brmc.org.au

**Location:** Barbarian Muay Thai Gym.  
1/110 Creswick Rd, Ballarat



## Also coming soon!

**Thai Cooking Classes**

**Contact BRMC for more information.**



**Italian Senior Citizens of Ballarat**

**Templestowe Hotel Bus Trip**

**Wed 20th June**

Bus leaving at 8.45am Sharp from Davis Bus depot in Norman Street

\$25 pp

For bookings Contact  
Ugo Lo Iacono 5339 2911  
loincono@optusnet.com.au

### Exciting Opportunity 2012 Ballarat Seniors Festival

The 2012 Seniors Festival will take on a new look this year. The Department of Health have provided funds to establish a Festival Hub at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute.

The Festival Hub will operate for a week in early October and will coincide with the Victorian Seniors Festival and free transport available.

The Hub will act as a meeting place, a place to refresh and as the main venue for a range of entertainment, demonstrations, exhibitions, displays, performances and information sessions.

#### Opportunity to be involved in the Festival Planning

Are you passionate and committed to making a difference to seniors in Ballarat?

Are you interested in making this year's Seniors Festival a fabulous vibrant event?

Do you have ideas you would like to contribute?

Would you like to be part of the Festival Working Group?

**For more details please contact:**

**Jannie Alday**

**Positive Ageing Development Officer**

**City of Ballarat**

Ph: 5320 5783

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AMCS RTO

Suite 111, 44-56 Hampstead Rd

Maidstone, Victoria 3012

Direct Line: (03) 8371 2326

Public Line: (03) 9689 9170

Fax: (03) 9687 7446

Email: [training@amcservices.org.au](mailto:training@amcservices.org.au)

RTO Website: [www.amcs.vic.edu.au](http://www.amcs.vic.edu.au)

### Save Our SBS!

You may have heard that government funding for the SBS for the next triennium will be announced on Budget night, 8 May 2012 and that the SBS needs a massive increase in government monies to carry out its day to day operations and expand its services.

Save Our SBS Inc – *supporters & friends of SBS* – made two submissions to the Commonwealth last year as did SBS and other stakeholders putting the case for a significant increase in public funding.

SBS has been underfunded for many years and is now at cross roads. For this reason Save Our SBS has commenced a public campaign in which supporters of SBS may message the finance and communications ministers and other politicians putting the case for greater funding for the SBS. The outcome could be a win-win-situation. The SBS could see a substantial increase in government funding coupled with a gradual de-commercialisation of SBS television; advertisements between programs rather than in.

Save our SBS Inc has studied the detail of a *Bill* that was recently introduced into the Senate, the *Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012* which, if passed will phase out in-program advertising on SBS-TV by 2016. We believe the *Bill* is fair and sensible. It establishes a scheme whereby the SBS would ultimately be better funded and without intrusive breaks in SBS television programs. That would be welcomed by all viewers. SBS

Radio would not be affected by the *Bill*.

SBS has the lowest operating budget of any mainstream broadcaster when compared to all other broadcasters. It was one sixth of Channel 7 and less than 1/4 of the ABC. However, since the introduction of in-program and advertising on SBS-TV five years ago, the rate of growth from advertising on SBS has decreased significantly. It has been negative since 2010.

The hybrid public-commercial model that was handed to the SBS, has now caused it to be facing a severe funding crisis. Public funding has not kept pace with basic operating costs. SBS is too important to all of us to see it continue to remain underfunded. Forecasts are that this will worsen as long as the SBS is pushed to rely on advertising to the extent that has occurred. The passing of the *Bill* mentioned above would be an excellent solution.

We would like to invite you and your constituents and their friends, to take advantage of this opportunity to support the SBS and participate in this community wide request for a significant increase in government seeking a steep increase in funding for the SBS along with the passing of the *Bill* referred to above.

Please feel free to inform others to add their voice to the community wide program at [www.SaveOurSBS.org](http://www.SaveOurSBS.org).

Steve Aujard President

## Help BRMC by becoming a Volunteer

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**Hepburn Moorabool  
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When: Wednesday June 6, 2012

Where: Wallace Hotel  
741 Bungaree /Wallace Road Wallace

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$5.00 two course meal  
RSVP. By 30th of May



Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

The Hepburn/Moorabool Multicultural program is a social support program for people from diverse cultural backgrounds who are aged, have a disability and feel isolated. Their carers are most welcome.

If you feel this activity would benefit you or a friend, need transport and have any special dietary needs.

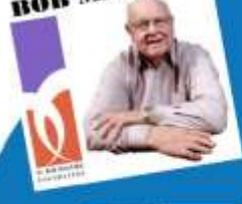
Please contact: Vigné Hacking - BRMC Social Support / Telstra Coordinator  
Phone: 5332-5941 or E-mail: [vigneh@brmc.org.au](mailto:vigneh@brmc.org.au)



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RSVP Essential by 18th May to:  
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