



BALLARAT & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION

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Welcome:

Yet again some Covid restrictions put a dampener on our plans, but, we are keen to get underway. We'll be starting with a gathering at **Irish Murphy's during their Sunday Sessions**. More about that further on.

We have been having some chats with Ballarat Mechanics' Institute (BMI) about an Irish night. All are keen, just a few details to iron out and we will let you know soon.

We were able to take up an opportunity presented by our membership with Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC). They have a regular segment on air with Voice FM. I chatted with Allan Steinman on Tuesday 15th June about who BDIA are and what we are hoping to achieve. There will be other opportunities to participate in these segments.

Brian Shanahan O.A.M. - President

BMI - Newsletter:

Have you got your copy of the BMI July Newsletter? It is a great read and good reminder of upcoming events. You can access via their website or Facebook page. Here is their link:-

<https://ballaratmi.org.au/news-and-newsletters/>
[Ballarat International Foto Biennale](#) [The Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas](#) [Councillor Daniel Moloney - City of Ballarat](#) [Kelsie White Designs](#) Yuria Okamura Geoff Roderick

Eureka Centre – Talking History:

Talking History is a forum for the sharing of research into the history of Eureka and the Ballarat region, with a special focus on the colonial period.

Talks are held monthly from March to November on the first Thursday of each month at 5.30pm at the Eureka Centre. Next month – August 5th - **'Skirts on Fire' Talking History with Robyn Anear**

Note: This program is also live-streamed via their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/eurekacentreballarat

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC):

BRMC also have a great newsletter. Did you see their May edition which featured BDIA Member Phillip Moore in their “Meet The Board” section. Phill is their *Assistant Treasurer, BRMC Executive Committee*.

Their newsletters are an easy way to keep up to date with events, opportunities and don't forget they are always on the look out for volunteers for their many programs. For example, here is a copy of their “Social Support Programs”:-

BRMC July Social Support Programs

Please note that all programs are subject to COVID-19 restrictions and may be postponed with short notice.

Tai Chi: 13, 20 & 27 July, 1pm - 2pm (\$5)

Multicultural Tucker (Spanish): Wednesday 14 July, 12pm - 3pm (\$10)

Carer Support Hub / Social Hub: Thursday 22 July, 10am - 3pm
(\$5 Social Hub, \$10 Carer Support Hub)

Health & Wellbeing Seasonal Lunch: Wednesday 28 July, 11.30am - 2pm (\$10)

All programs are held at Victoria Bowling Club, 231 Victoria St, Ballarat East (enter via Stawell St N). Bookings essential.

If you know someone who would benefit from BRMC Social Support Services, contact Teresa on 0417 109 052 or teresa@brmc.org.au.

Ballarat Film Society:

A few of our members are also members of the “Ballarat Film Society”. We are keen to work with them for an Irish Film night next year. Perhaps you have some suggestions for options.

Their screenings are open only to members and guests, but new memberships in July cost only \$30 for the remainder of the year. Please check out their website at the following link for details, including how to join and pay online. <https://ballaratfilmsociety.weebly.com/program.html>

Irish National Association of Australasia:

A recent INAA Newsletter had information about a new Irish film “**Herself**”. Fresh from Sundance, it charts a single mother's journey to have a home and safety. Here is a link to the

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9kfZkx9lfY>

They also included early notice regarding the upcoming Irish Film Festival in Sydney : Wednesday 8 – Sunday 12 September. Will be interesting to see the program.

Talking of films and such:

Have you seen “*Smother*” on ABC Iview? '**Smother**' depicts a family reeling in the aftermath of the death of their father, Denis Ahern (Stuart Graham). Matriarch of the clan Val (Dervla Kirwan) quickly suspects that there was foul play in his death. ...

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/smother>

SBS On Demand has: '**Bloodlands**' When an expensive car is pulled from the sea, veteran Northern Ireland police detective Tom Brannick (James Nesbitt) instantly sees the connection to a notorious and long-buried series of mysterious disappearances. It's a case that comes from Tom's - and his country's - dark past.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/bloodlands>

From 2010, how many of you have seen ‘**Leap Year**’? When yet another anniversary passes without a marriage proposal from her boyfriend, Anna (Amy Adams) decides to take action. Aware of a Celtic tradition that allows women to pop the question on Feb. 29, she plans to follow her lover to Dublin and ask him to marry her. Fate has other plans, however, and Anna winds up on the other side of the Emerald Isle with handsome, but surly, Declan -- an Irishman who may just lead Anna down the road to true love. (Ahhh....a delightful and innocent romantic comedy)

Please send through your suggestions and reviews.

The **Ballarat Italian Association** have their “Festa Della Repubblica Italiana” night coming up July 31, 2021 at 5:30pm
Contact information: info@ballaratitalianassociation.org
Phone: 0492 938 828



Hepburn Swiss Italian Festa is back.
Pop 21-24 October into your diaries

Irish Murphy’s – Sunday Sessions 3-5pm:

What are you doing Sunday 18th July?

Hopefully you can come along to **Irish Murphy’s**.

We hope you will agree this is a great way to ease into events with the hope that covid restrictions won’t get in the way again. We’ve had some new members join and some members renew their membership and now it’s time to gather, have a chat, enjoy good company.

Some of the committee members will book in for lunch on Sunday 18th July and we’d love you to join us. If not for lunch, then maybe during the afternoon, even to just pop in and say G’day.

To help with catering, it would be best if you could book in with Irish Murphy’s by the Friday 16th July. Their phone number is: 5331 4091.

This is not a fundraiser, it’s for the joy of gathering.

Note: Next newsletter will feature an article from Michael Taffe.

Little hint: “How much do you know about Daniel & Ellen Brophy?”