

**Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin
13 – 19 August**

Quote of the Week:

“A man who dares to waste one hour of life has not discovered the value of life.” – Charles Darwin

New TenderWrite Series

Date: 18 Aug 2011

Members: Free

Non Members: Free

Details:

Time: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Winning Local Government Business workshop delivered by the City of Ballarat and supported by Commerce Ballarat.

Register at 5320 5116

CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner

Date: 25 Aug 2011

Members: \$135.00

Details: Mercure Ballarat Hotel & Convention Centre, 6.00pm

These prestigious awards recognise innovation and excellence and celebrate the many opportunities offered by Ballarat and surrounds to those who aspire to reach the peak of their industry within the 15 categories offered for nomination.

Entertainment on the night will be Brad Blaze. Combining lightning fast speed painting with comedy audience involvement, Brad Blaze has enthralled audiences with his unique corporate entertainment shows. It is an awe-inspiring sight as he paints portraits of iconic people, CEO's and celebrities in just minutes often upside down! Together with comedy audience involvement on stage, the shows not only involve his talents... they are fun and entertaining

Only 28 tickets left, book now 5333 4426

Commerce Ballarat B.L.E.N.D

Date: 28 Sep 2011

Members: Free

Non Members: \$16.50

Details: Royal South Street, Venue TBC, Ballarat
5.30-7.30pm

Are you 39 or under and looking for an opportunity to share ideas and impressions of today's business world?

Drinks and Savouries provided.

Members and Non-Members: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Commerce Ballarat and CHSA Sports Central

Date: 14 Oct 2011

Members: \$5 Donation Heart Foundation

Non Members: \$5 Donation Heart Foundation

Details: Adventure Playground, Lake Wendouree
11am

Promote a Healthier Lifestyle within your workplace at Walktober 2011. Come along to Lake Wendouree, walk with us and settle down for a BBQ lunch, entertainment and giveaways.

\$5 donation to the Heart Foundation

Members and Non-Members: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Commerce Ballarat 505 Club

Date: 19 Oct 2011

Members: Free

Non Members: \$16.50

Details: Lead On
40 Armstrong St Sth
5.30pm - 7.30pm

An evening of networking and fostering relationships to grow your business.

Drinks and Savouries provided

Members and Non-Members: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Commerce Ballarat Ambrose Golf Day

Midlands Golf Course

Friday 11 November

\$300 (includes Golf, BBQ and drinks on course)

N.B Teams can only be hosted by Commerce members

Novelty holes and raffle to benefit

Limited numbers

Members and Non-Members: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Member of the Week

Lead On Ballarat

With the help of our sponsors and many volunteer mentors **Lead On Ballarat** run real life programs to help our youth become valuable and contributing members of our community.

Member to Member Offer

Click on the heading above to see the current members offers, all CB members are welcome to participate in this initiative. Over 1000 membership cards have been distributed.

Members News

Exciting Award Nomination

Ballarat's own **3BA** FM 102.3 has been announced as a finalist in the 2011 Australian Commercial Radio Awards in the category for Best Sports Event Coverage for its broadcast of the 2010 VFL Grand Final. General Manager, John Fitzgibbon, said "It's fantastic! We were able to draw on our experience in broadcasting of AFL Live to pull together the broadcast in just a matter of days and it's a credit to all involved" The 23rd Annual Australian Commercial Radio Awards will be announced on Saturday October 15th at Jupiters on the Gold Coast.

Ballarat International Foto Biennale

Official launch August 20, more information <http://www.ballaratfoto.org/bifb11>.

Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/BIFB11

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BallaratInternationalFotoBiennale

Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/BallaratFoto

Linked In: <http://au.linkedin.com/in/ballaratfoto>

Move for Lead On

From Monday 8th August the Lead On Ballarat office will be located on the ground floor of 40 Armstrong Street South. 'This is an exciting opportunity for Lead On Ballarat and we are looking forward to working with Webster Dolilta Finance Ltd,' said Vicki Coltman. It is with the support of our wonderful sponsors and partners Lead On Ballarat can be here for youth: our future leaders, role models and mentors.



Please click on the logo for all the details.

Ballarat's Biggest Ever Blokes' BBQ!

Did you know that around 20,000 males will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year with 3,300 men losing their life to this disease? Prostate cancer claims as many lives per year as breast cancer. For all booking and for more information please call Premier PR on 5333 4426 or email rkennedy@premierpr.com.au. The statistics are enough to make males think twice about cancelling their next check-up! Ballarat's BIGGEST Ever Bloke's BBQ on Friday, 16 September, 2011.

Come and enjoy a day full of entertainment from the guys from Off the Bench; Danny Frawley, Liam Pickering and Craig Hutchison!

Blokes' BBQ Ballarat's biggest Ever

12pm - 5pm, Friday, 16 Sept, 2011

\$1,000 for a table of ten includes BBQ lunch, beverages and entertainment

PLUS! Listen to internationally acclaimed medical doctor, international speaker and author; Dr John Tickell who has spent the last 25 years researching the health, well-being and longevity patterns of people around the world.

Federal government to launch Small Business Superannuation Clearing House direct mail promotion

Source: My business 16 August 2011

The Federal Government will launch a direct mail campaign to promote the Small Business Superannuation Clearing House, with "the vast bulk of small business" to receive information about the service by the end of the year according to Federal Small Business Minister Senator Nick Sherry. Asked by My Business how many letters the

promotion will generate, the Minister said the campaign will see "certainly in the hundreds of thousands" of letters sent. The Clearing House allows small businesses to send Medicare a lump sum of all the superannuation entitlements it owes its workers. Medicare then distributes the money owed to each individual employee's superannuation account, saving employers the trouble of several small transactions. The direct mail campaign is designed to boost take-up of the service, which the Minister said has secured 5500 users since its 2010 launch and now provides payments for 38,000 employees. The Minister said \$70 million in payments have been made with the service. "The feedback from those that have used it has been very high and positive," the Minister said, citing 98% satisfaction ratings from internal research. "We have never done any direct advertising for the service so getting the message out is the next phase." The Minister said he was not aware of the cost of the campaign. The Small Business Superannuation Clearing House has been criticised by Shadow Small Business Minister Bruce Bilson for its low take-up and high operating costs. Bilson and Senator Matthias Cormann have proposed an alternate system whereby super payments are included along with PAYG tax instalments that small business already sends to the Australian Taxation Office, and say this arrangement will mean less paperwork for business owners.

Get on with your co-workers, you'll live longer

Source Vecci: 15/08/2011

Workers who have positive and friendly relationships with their colleagues lead happier and longer lives than those who do not, a study reveals.

The team at Tel Aviv University in Israel followed the health records of 820 full-time workers across a wide range of professions, aged between 25 and 65, over a 20-year period. They also surveyed the workers about their relationships with their direct supervisors and colleagues.

Lead researcher Dr Sharon Toker said the findings revealed those who reported having low social support at work were more than twice as likely to have died during that 20-year period.

One of the most surprising findings was that it was relationships with colleagues and peers that had a greater impact on workers' social wellbeing than the relationship with their boss.

"We spend most of our waking hours at work and we don't have much time to meet our friends during weekdays," Dr Toker said.

"Work should be a place where people can get the emotional support they need."

She says individuals need to be 'emotionally healthy' and believes a lot of that emotional health stems from being able to talk with work colleagues in depth and participate in a friendly work environment.

To facilitate this emotional health, Dr Toker says bosses and employers can create common spaces or "coffee corners" where employees meet face-to-face instead of emailing each other, establish peer assistance programs where employees can discuss personal problems and issues in a supported environment, and stage regular events where staff can mingle and get to know each other out of a work setting.

The full study can be found on the American Psychological Society website.

Australian Bureau of Statistics

9314.0 Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia, Jul 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/9314.0?OpenDocument>

6345.0 Labour Price Index, Australia, Jun 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6345.0?OpenDocument>

6302.0 Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, May 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6302.0?OpenDocument>

Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Warning Signs In Labour Force Data

<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Economics-Industry/Warnings-Signs-In-Labour-Force-Data>

Industry Welcomes Skills Funding

<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Human-Capital/Industry-Welcomes-Skills-Funding>

Regional Industry Link

If you're not on it, how are you going to know about it?

Register on www.regionalindustrylink.com.au

Click [here](#) for current opportunities

Media

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Saturday 13 August

For refugee Nyanriak Ayuel, a driving licence is a passport to a better future for herself and her three children. It is mothers just like these that **Lead On** Ballarat, Driving Help for African Mums, is aiming to help. The initiative is the outcome of a RACV grant under the 2011 Community Grants program. Project officer Rebecca Stewart said the program helped the women obtain their probationary licence.

The **University of Ballarat** donated a large trailer load of non-perishable food items and a cheque for \$15,000 to the 3BA Christmas in July Appeal. In conjunction with the Salvation Army, Anglicare, St Vincent De Paul and **UnitingCare**, the appeal provides needy and underprivileged families of Ballarat with help during winter.

Monday 15 August

Expansion is on the cards for Ballarat's **McCallum Disability Services**, with the organisation seeking government permission to build new accommodation units on Crown land. **McCallum** currently has independent living units for as many as 14 people on its Learmonth Street site, but chief executive office Shane Molloy said an "acute shortage" of accommodation still existed.

People and Places – CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards Finalist Event Shona Adams, **TransACT**, Leanne Tabbitt and Paul Tabbitt **Paul Tabbitt Hairdressing**, Lynne McLennan, **UFS Dispensaries**

Tuesday 16 August

Wednesday 17 August

CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards feature.

Thursday 18 August

Two photographic exhibitions have arrived at the Ballarat Town Hall as part of the 2011 **International Foto Biennale**. Ballarat mayor Craig Fletcher said the Biennale would bring many visitors to the city. The Town Hall is one of 67 local venues hosting exhibitions as part of the Biennale celebrations.

Friday 19 August

Ballarat City Council says it has a "broad range" of powers to prosecute slack pet owners should a dog attack occur in Ballarat. Last Saturday, Ballarat police used capsicum spray to subdue a large dog after it had mauled a woman's smaller dog and began attacking a good Samaritan in Soldiers Hill.

Who's in it today – Angelique Lush, **City of Ballarat**, Mal Vallance, **University of Ballarat**