

**Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin**  
**23 – 29 April**

**Quote of the Week:**

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**Commerce Ballarat Info Comm Breakfast**

**Alexandria on Lydiard**

30 Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat  
Friday 6 May, 7.30am – 9am

**Members:** \$15.00

**Non Members:** \$20.00

Commerce Ballarat has much pleasure in inviting you to hear Premier Ted Baillieu's address following the release of the Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition Government's 2011 Budget.

**Leading Teams Program**

**BRACE**

602 Urquhart St, Ballarat  
Dates: 10 May, 7 June, 5 July & 16 August  
Time: 9.30am - 1pm  
\$450+GST

The internationally recognised Leading Teams program is again being made available to Commerce Ballarat members as a result of funding by Regional Development Victoria. This is a chance for local businesses to participate in the same program and share in the experiences Leading Teams has gathered from their work with successful sporting and business teams. The program consists of 4 x ½ day group sessions, practical applications in your own business and one-on-one mentoring sessions over a 3 month period.

**Integrating Sustainability Workshop**

Neighbourhood Cable Conference Room, Greenhill Enterprise Centre, Ballarat  
Technology Park, Mt Helen  
10 May  
9am – 1pm (registrations at 8.45am)  
RSVP essential by 6 May  
Members & Non-members FREE

Sustainability is a term that is receiving unprecedented attention - but what does it mean and how can you successfully integrate sustainable practices into your business while remaining competitive? **Presented in partnership with Design Victoria, AI Group Ballarat and Ballarat ICT**

**B.L.E.N.D**

**WHK**

21 Armstrong St Nth, Ballarat  
Wednesday 25 May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm  
Members Free

Non Members \$16.50

**Guest speaker: Damien Lubeek, Interpath Pty Ltd**, winner of the Business of the Year Award at the 2010 CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards.

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

Drinks and savouries provided.

## 505 Club

### **Adroit Insurance Group & Butler Chartered Accountants**

18 Doveton St Nth, Ballarat

23 June, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Members Free

Non Members \$16.50

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

## Members News

### **Member to Member Offer**

Get more CB members through your door; make an offer to start after Easter!

### **Commerce Ballarat Annual Member Survey**

It is important that our members participate in this survey as it assists in improving and developing our services.

### **Good2Gr8 Coaching introduces Community Support Group**

Good2gr8 Coaching is introducing a fortnightly community support group for parents whose children are affected by bullying. They will be using their coaching methodology "Neuro-Semantics" to assist, support and provide strategies for dealing with this experience. It's called "**FAB!**" **Families Affected By Bullying**. It is a POSITIVE approach to helping you and your family deal with bullying.

First meeting:

Monday 9th May 2011

7.30-8.30pm

Central Highlands Regional Library - Ballarat Branch

178 Doveton St Ballarat

Gold coin donation to cover room hire cost.

RSVP essential: Sue 0417 052 739

Please spread the word.....to any Mums or Dads who might benefit.

### **VECCI Briefings across Victoria on the new Equal Opportunity legislation**

The law is very clear - as an employer, you will be held liable for unlawful discrimination, harassment and bullying of your staff. Recent amendments to the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) will significantly impact all Victorian businesses.

VECCI, in partnership with CCI Lawyers and Small Business Victoria is running Equal Opportunity Business Briefings to clearly explain the new laws and their practical ramifications for your business.

#### **Topics to be covered include:**

- Duty to eliminate discrimination
- Positive obligation to make reasonable adjustments
- Broader tests for establishing discrimination

- New dispute resolution procedures

Date: 9 June 2011

Location: Ballarat

For more information and bookings [click here](#)

### **Australian Bureau of Statistics**

6401.0 Consumer Price Index, Australia, Mar 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6401.0?OpenDocument>

### **Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Work Health & Safety Harmonisation at the Crossroads, 21 April 2011

<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Workplace/Work-Health---Safety-Harmonisation-At-The-Crossroa>

Transcript – Peter Anderson ABC News Breakfast Comment on the Federal Budget & Proposed Carbon Tax, 21 April 2011

<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Economics-Industry/Transcript---Peter-Anderson-ABC-News-Breakfast-com>

### **Regional Industry Link**

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

Register on [www.regionalindustrylink.com.au](http://www.regionalindustrylink.com.au) come to the free Information Sessions, details at the top of this bulletin.

Click [here](#) for current opportunities

### **Media**

**Publication: *The Courier*** [www.thecourier.com.au](http://www.thecourier.com.au)

#### **Saturday 23 April**

A changing of the guard at ***The Courier*** has seen Andrew Eales appointed the newspaper's new editor. Mr Eales replaces Angela Carey, who was recently promoted to the role of general manager after five years as editor.

#### **Monday 25 April**

Student numbers at Ballarat universities are growing faster than most universities in Australia. New data released by the federal government shows student enrolment in Ballarat has increased in recent years, which is in line with the rest of the nation. However, enrolment numbers at the **University of Ballarat** has increased faster than the vast majority of other institution, with more students studying in regional areas than ever before.

#### **Wednesday 27 April**

**The University of Ballarat** is holding a two-day Worldskills try-a-trade and select-a-skill event next month. The program will involve visits from more than 500 secondary students. The public is welcome to attend the sessions on May 11 and 12 at the SMB Campus.

#### **Thursday 28 April**

Organisers of the Ballarat Flood Relief Appeal yesterday distributed more than \$34,000 in donations and praised the "extraordinary response" from the public. The appeal was organised by **3BA** in conjunction with **Power FM**, the **City of Ballarat** and ***The Courier***.

Communities that continue to struggle financially after recent floods will be given a helping hand following an announcement by the state government yesterday. Almost \$1 million will be supplied to five agencies over the next two years who will then help those who have been hardest hit. **Child & Family Services** has been chosen as the agency to receive funding in Ballarat.

**Friday 29 April**