

**Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin
30 – 5 August**

Quote of the Week:

“Great organizations demand a high level of commitment by the people involved.” **Bill Gates**

Commerce Ballarat 505 Club

Date: 11 Aug 2011

Non Members: \$16.50

Members: Free

Details: WIN Television

Walker Street, Ballarat

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](#)

Info Comm Breakfast

Date: 16 Aug 2011

Non Members: \$25

Members: \$20

Details: Venue TBC

7.15am – 9am

City of Ballarat CEO Anthony Schinck will present the Civic Hall redevelopment draft design concepts at the InfoComm breakfast on Tuesday 16 August at 7am. Venue to be confirmed.

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

New TenderWrite Series

Date: 18 Aug 2011

Non Members: Free

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

Tickets on sale 12 noon Tuesday 2nd August

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

Commerce Ballarat B.L.E.N.D

Date: 28 Sep 2011

Non Members: \$16.50

Members: Free

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

Non Members: \$5 Donation Heart Foundation

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 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

Finalist 2011 The Courier Small Business Award
Style with conscience"

We use and recommend O&M ammonia-free and based on minerals, botanicals and essential oils colouring products in our salon, exclusive in Ballarat to Paul Tabbitt Hairdressing.

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Members News

Member to Member Offer

Click on the heading above to see the new members offer from the City Oval Hotel, all CB members are welcome to participate in this initiative. Over 1000 membership cards have been distributed.

Have you been a **member of the week**? Free home page advertising spot for members just email jodie@commerceballarat.com.au a maximum 30 word description of your business and a copy of your corporate logo in jpeg format.

Exciting NBN Announcement

Ballarat ICT Limited is pleased to announce that Ballarat will be one of the first communities in Australia to receive NBN fixed wireless service.

The first to receive the service will be homes, businesses and institutions in the less densely populated rural and regional communities that surround Geraldton (WA), Toowoomba (Qld), Tamworth (NSW), Ballarat (Vic) and Darwin (NT).

To view the announcement click here: <http://www.nbnco.com.au/news-and-events/news/first-communities-for-national-broadband-network-fixed-wireless-service-unveiled.html>

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Ian Fry, Executive Officer, Ballarat ICT Limited on Phone 5335 2219 or ian.fry@ballaratict.com.au

Regent Cinemas Fundraiser

You may have read in Monday's copy of The Courier the story about 4 year old Braydon Stefan and his fight with a very aggressive brain tumour.

Regent Cinemas are running a fundraiser for the family so that Braydon can undergo massive surgery that will hopefully save his life. All tickets \$12 with proceeds going to the family to raise funds for Braydon's treatment.

Regent Cinemas Friday 5th August 6.35pm Cinema 1 Film: RED DOG

Nominate now for the 2011 Community Safety Awards

Do you know of an individual or group whose actions have helped to improve the safety of our community?

The annual 'Ballarat, a safe city' Community Safety Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge and reward efforts by local people and organisations.

Nominations are now open for individuals, businesses, organisations and groups. The Community Safety Awards are an initiative of the City of Ballarat's 'Ballarat, a safe city' Community Safety Advisory Committee and have been developed to recognise people and projects that have improved safety and made an invaluable contribution towards safety within the municipality.

Nominations for the 2011 Ballarat Community Safety Awards entries close at 5pm, Friday 30 September.

Nomination forms will soon be available at Council's website

www.ballarat.vic.gov.au or from Council's Customer Service Centre, The Phoenix, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat.



Please click on the logo for all the details.

Is your memory at work failing? Blame it on the 'Google effect'

Source VECCI 1 August

Being able to rely on your memory can be essential to doing your job but new research indicates that people are now more likely to lose their ability to recall information than ever before.

Researchers from Columbia University in the United States believe web tools like Google and Wikipedia are making information easier to forget, and are, in fact, a disincentive for remembering.

Lead researcher Professor Betsy Sparrow says people are becoming dependent on their computer tools as their memories adapt to the presence of more communications technology.

The study shows that people consciously remember more information if they know it isn't going to be saved or stored online or on a database. In addition, a survey of students reveals they are more likely to remember where they have saved information on their computer than the actual information itself.

Is this positive or negative for the work we do on a day-to-day basis? There may be times when access to technology fails or it isn't available at the time when we need to recall vital information. Professor Sparrow says herself that she doesn't necessarily know what the consequences will be of what the researchers have termed the 'Google effect'.

Memory expert Cynthia Green says workers can 'train' their memory with simple brain exercises (or as she calls it, "neurobics") to keep "intellectually challenged". These include rearranging your desk on a regular basis, doodling, or even wearing your watch upside down!

"I don't think the technology is really at fault," Green says. "The truth is, technology has never gone backwards, has it?"

Commencement of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010

Source Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission

The *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* came into effect on the 1st August in Victoria.

The Act cherry-picks the best elements of discrimination law in Australia and overseas to provide Victorians with the best protections available.

While the objectives of the Act in Victoria remain unchanged – the progressive realisation of substantive equality and the identification and elimination of systemic discrimination – the changes to the Act do reflect just how far we have come in Victoria in terms of building equality law. It marks an evolution, not a revolution in tackling systemic discrimination.

The new Act aims to strengthen discrimination laws in Victoria by changing some key definitions, creating new responsibilities for the Commission and strengthening the Commission's role in helping government, business and the community to identify and eliminate discrimination. [Read more...](#)

Australian Bureau of Statistics

8731.0 Building Approvals, Australia (Media Release), June 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/MediaReleasesByCatalogue/8F919D91E9992461CA2568A9001362B8?OpenDocument>

6416.0 House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, Jun 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6416.0?OpenDocument>

8501.0 Retail turnover falls 0.1% in June 2011 (Media Release), Jun 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/MediaReleasesByCatalogue/676AC4CC578D6559CA25773400204519?OpenDocument>

5368.0 International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, Jun 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/5368.0?OpenDocument>

6403.0.55.001 Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities, June 2011 (Final Issue)

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6403.0.55.001?OpenDocument>

8501.0 Retail Trade, Australia, Jun 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/8501.0?OpenDocument>

Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Rates Pause Best Option Given Uncertainties

<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Economics-Industry/Transcript---Greg-Evans-on-ABC-Radio-PM-Program--->

Carbon Tax Hurts Building & Construction

<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Member-Video>

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 30 July

Ballarat City Council yesterday revealed estimates to decontaminate the Civic Hall site could be as little as \$1 million and as much as \$2 million. Despite formerly housing a service station, tyre dealership and saleyards, chief executive officer Anthony Schinck said costs to clean up the site had been minimised by the proposed building's design.

Students from schools across the state met in Ballarat this week to compete in the **Royal South Street Society** Debating Challenge Cup. More than 200 students have taken part in the debates, grappling issues as complex as the carbon tax and Australia's policies toward refugees and asylum seekers.

July may be coming to a close, but the 3BA Christmas in July Appeal is showing no sign of slowing down. The latest donation, a massive \$20,000 from local company **Ferndale Confectionery**, has provided an enormous boost to the appeal.

Tuesday 2 August

More than 150 people will be directly or indirectly employed by gold mining in Ballarat by Christmas, according to **Castlemaine Goldfields** managing director Matthew Gill. The company's operation at the Ballarat Gold Mine has begun crushing some of the 3500 tonnes of ore mined so far, while the first gold bullion is expected to be produced in September, as originally planned.

Wednesday 3 August

Horsham Police have recovered the bobcat that was stolen from a Ballarat not-for-profit organisation last week, after the absent-minded thieves tried to sell the vehicle, forgetting the organisation's logo was printed on the side. **Ballarat Regional Industries** in Wendouree lost the bobcat, a four-wheel drive and a trailer in the early hours of July 27.

The best of Ballarat business was on show at the Mining Exchange yesterday, as finalists for the 2011 CGU Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards were officially announced. **WIN Television** news presenter Bruce Roberts added his congratulations to the finalists as master of ceremonies for the event.

People and Places Damien Butler, **Butler Accounting**, Joe Agostino, **Adroit Insurance Group** and Andrew Drummond, **Yellow Brick Road**.

Thursday 4 August

Connoisseurs of fine dining can now indulge their love of good food while helping raise money for needy children in Cambodia. To be held at **Pipers by the Lake**, the September 23 event hopes to raise \$10,000 for Children's Sanctuary.

Friday 5 August

Norman Lindsay's classic The Magic Pudding has come to life in a new production by Ballarat Grammar School. The production runs until tomorrow evening, tickets are available at the door.