

**Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin**  
**30 April – 6 May**

**Quote of the Week:**

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."

— *Erma Bombeck*

**Welcome New Members:**

**France in a Bottle** Murray Foster

[Asahi Japanese Restaurant](#) Katie Bruce

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**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.

### **Mother's Day at Ballarat Steakhouse**

Why not treat your mum for Mother's Day? Bookings essential to avoid disappointment. Call 5332 6777 or visit [www.ballaratsteakhouse.com.au](http://www.ballaratsteakhouse.com.au) for more information

### **Free in-house Motivational Presentations for Local Businesses**

Psychology provider Mind Life Clinic is offering Ballarat businesses free 50 minute motivational talks entitled "How to Beat Procrastination to Reduce Stress and Increase Productivity". During May the presentations will be provided at no charge, in-house at your business premises. To book please email [bookings@mindlifeclinic.com.au](mailto:bookings@mindlifeclinic.com.au) or phone (03) 5332 2266.

### **Asahi Japanese Restaurant open for Mother's Day**

Asahi Japanese Restaurant will be open for lunch only on Mother's Day and will be accepting all current offers as per our normal trading conditions. They are also offering a free glass of Di Giorgio Sparkling for all bookings. [Click here for more information](#)

## **[2011-2012 Victorian State Budget Overview](#)**

### **Free Owners Corporation Information Session**

Consumer Affairs Victoria will be holding a **free** owner's corporation free session for local residents as part of Law Week 2011.

An owner's corporation (formerly body corporate) is responsible for managing common property such as car parks, dividing walls or shared walkways. You are likely to be a part of an owners corporation if you own a unit, flat or apartment. More than one million Victorians live in properties affected by the *Owners Corporation Act 2006*. Owners corporations deal with a wide range of issues. Consumer Affairs Victoria regularly receives complaints about car parking, noisy neighbours and owners corporation management issues. Such problems can often be avoided if people talked to each other and understood owners corporation rules.

The free sessions will cover:

- An overview of the *Owners Corporations Act 2006*
- Information on getting your owners corporation into action
- Information on how to deal with issues as they happen
- Tips on how to get the best out of your owners corporation
- The opportunity to ask your questions
- Grievance procedures
- Resolving disputes
- How Consumer Affairs Victoria can help.

This session is for people who may be asking themselves questions such as, who is responsible for pruning trees on their property? Can I do my own repairs to common parts of the property? Who is responsible for looking after the wheelie bins? Participants who have attended these information sessions in the past have found them worthwhile and a helpful way to learn more about the rules and regulations surrounding owners corporations

The session will be held at 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm on Thursday 19 May 2011 at Ballarat Central Uniting Church, Peart Wing, 103 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat. To register to attend the free session contact Joy Hall on 4301 7065 or email [joy.hall@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:joy.hall@justice.vic.gov.au) by 13 May.

### **Small Business Victoria Regional Shopping & Destination Fair**

If you're a country retailer or have an interest in promoting tourism in your area, Melbourne's first ever [Regional Shopping & Destination Fair](#) is for you!

What: Regional Shopping & Destination Fair  
Where: The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne  
When: 12 August 2011, 10am-3pm

A feature event of Victoria's Small Business Festival, the one-day fair will be organised into distinct regional Victorian 'hubs'; showcasing the diverse and unique shopping and holiday experiences available across regional Victoria. The fair will be marketed as the perfect weekend destination-planning event busy Melburnians.

Expressions of interest are now being sought from retail small businesses based in regional Victoria to promote and sell their goods and services at the fair. Regional tourism organisations are also invited to express their interest in promoting their local area or region at the fair.

If you would like to participate, you can find out more details and submit an [expression of interest form](#). Expressions of interest close 1 July 2011 – spaces are limited! For more information, visit [www.business.vic.gov.au](http://www.business.vic.gov.au) or call 13 22 15

### **Still Time to Register for ALGWA Victorian State Conference**

The Australian Local Government Women's Association Inc: Bringing together both women and men who support women's involvement in Local Government, as either an elected officials or employed officers.

The ALGWA Vic State Executive are delighted to be offering you the opportunity to register for the Victorian State Conference, Dinner or AGM, which is now being held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Historic Ballarat Town Hall.

With an impressive list of speakers from very diverse business backgrounds, speaking on a variety of topics, it is guaranteed to be an interesting event. A great opportunity to network with a dynamic and diverse group of people from main stream business and within Local Government.

A sumptuous dinner will be held in the evening at the Historic Alexandria on Lydiard – with well know speaker Janet Dore –CEO of the TAC as key note speaker for the evening.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to Cheryl Bromfield Conference Coordinator on M: 0448 024755 E: [cherylbromfield@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:cherylbromfield@ballarat.vic.gov.au)

Registre online at [http://www.algwa.com.au/html/s01\\_home/home.asp](http://www.algwa.com.au/html/s01_home/home.asp)  
Click here for [ALGWA Special Membership Offer](#) and [Registration Form](#)

### **Australian Bureau of Statistics**

1350.0 Australian Economic Indicators, May 2011  
<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1350.0?OpenDocument>

6359.0 Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2010  
<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6359.0?OpenDocument>

1330.0 Education News, May 2011  
<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1330.0?OpenDocument>

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

Fair Work Australia Risks Industry Wide Bargaining, 5 May 2011  
<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Workplace/Fair-Work-Australia-Risks-Industry-Wide-Bargaining>

Weakness in Business Conditions Persist, 3 May 2011  
<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Economics-Industry/Weakness-In-Business-Conditions-Persist>

Industry Welcomes Focus on Workforce Development & Participation, 3 May 2011  
<http://www.acci.asn.au/Research-and-Publications/Media-Centre/Media-Releases-and-Transcripts/Human-Capital/Industry-Welcomes-Focus-On-Workforce-Development-->

### **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)

Click [here](#) for current opportunities

### **Media**

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

#### **Saturday 30 April**

**The Courier** has appointed Ballarat businesswoman Jane Lynch as its new advertising manager. Ms Lynch has lived and worked in Ballarat for 15 years and has extensive experience in small business, real estate, tourism and manufacturing industries.

#### **Tuesday 3 May**

Ballarat adult education centre **BRACE** hosted dignitaries from around the world yesterday to discuss successful strategies and the benefits of adult education. As the second part of a forum on vocational education and training life skills, members of the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education attended the Ballarat meeting to identify successful practices they can take back to their own countries.

#### **Thursday 5 May**

A massive change will occur in all Ballarat living rooms at 9.30am today. The carpet isn't being replaced, the couches are staying put – but analogue television signals will never again be seen in Ballarat. The **WIN** network's southern region general manager Michael Taylor agreed today was a historic moment for the industry.

An international filmmaker born and raised in Ballarat has been given an honorary doctorate as part of the **University of Ballarat's** first graduation ceremony yesterday. The University's Mount Helen campus was abuzz with excitement

yesterday as the first of 1400 students graduated in front of their family and friends.

### **Friday 6 May**

With work bans by Ballarat City Council workers entering a third week, three offers to return to the negotiating table have been spurned by management according to the Australian Services Union. With the work bans threatening to mar this weekend's Ballarat Heritage Weekend, Power FM announcers Jules and Aiden G decided to take to the streets themselves to clean up the mess.

**3BA/PowerFM** general manager John Fitzgibbon said the pair wanted to put Ballarat's best foot forward for the annual festival.

Ballarat get your drinking and eating boots on – two big food and wine events are coming to town. The first event, named Pig and Pinot, is a charity dinner being held on May 14 by event planning company **P&P Events**. A follow-up event, called Provincial Pleasures, will be held at the Mining Exchange on May 15 at midday. For more information visit [www.pnp.com.au](http://www.pnp.com.au)