

**Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin
6 – 12 November**

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
WE SHALL NOT SLEEP,
THOUGH POPPIES GROW
IN FLANDERS FIELDS.*

Info Comm Breakfast

Fair Work Laws and Modern Awards supported by Eureka BEC

Pipers by the Lake

Wendouree Pde

16 November

7.00am, 8.45 finish

Members \$15

Non Members \$25

Stephen Mastwyk from the Fair Work Ombudsman's office and Peter Wilson, Managing Director at Nevett Ford Lawyers and accredited specialist in mediation, will speak on the new Fair Work laws and Modern Awards and the importance of complying with them. The new laws and Modern Awards are proving to be extremely challenging and there are no easy shortcuts. If ever there was a time for company directors to ensure compliance with the Fair Work laws and Modern Awards, it's now. Come along to this informative breakfast and learn more about this important topic.

B.L.E.N.D

CGU Insurance Ltd

1-3 Bath Lane, Ballarat

17 November

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Members free

Non-members \$15

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

Paul Brick, director of Newbiz Solutions Pty Ltd, and winner of the 2010 CGU Commerce Ballarat New & Emerging Business Award will speak about his road to starting a successful company and the impact of winning a prestigious award.

Commerce Ballarat Ambrose Golf Day

Midlands Golf Course

Friday 26 November

\$280 + GST (includes Golf, BBQ and drinks on course)

N.B Teams can only be hosted by Commerce members

Novelty holes and raffle to benefit **United Way Ballarat**

Limited numbers

[Print Flyer](#)

505 Club

Tracy the Placement People

22 Camp Street, Ballarat

Thursday 9 December

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Members Free

Non-members \$15

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

Members News

Ballarat Show Day

Don't miss out on visiting the Ballarat Show this weekend.

Dates & Times: Friday 12th November 9:30am - 10:00pm, Saturday 13th

November 9:30am - 10:00pm, Sunday 14th November 9:30am - 5:00pm

There will be a range of activities over the three days. A busy programme includes animal judging, pig racing, fireworks, woodchop and an animal nursery amongst much much more! Showmen's rides, jousting and a snake handler will appear. Vintage Machinery, Steam trains and a lively Battle of the Bands.

For all the details visit <http://www.ballaratshow.org.au/>

Ballarat Steak House Rib Night

Date: 19 November

Venue: Ballarat Steak House, 10 Grenville St Sth, Ballarat

Cost: \$50 prepaid tickets (includes live entertainment, 2 racks of pork ribs, chips, salads, sauces, door prize & rib eating competition)

Bookings: 5332 6777

More information: www.ballaratsteakhouse.com.au

Christmas Window Decorations

The City of Ballarat Christmas Window Decals are now available for installation. Window Decals are attached externally by the City and can be installed out of hours without the need for you to be present. Removal of the decals will be in January, at which time your windows will be professionally cleaned at no additional cost to you.

The design of the decorations is in keeping with the "Ballarat, Come to Life" branding and will be printed once again on a metallic chrome material enhancing the overall look and feel. We believe the design will enable shops to add colour, sparkle and flair without taking away from individual store branding, themes or activities.

There are three design options to select from; each one has been designed to accommodate various shop front size and space restrictions. Contact 1300 30 48 03

Community Event White Ribbon Day

Date: 25 November

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30

Venue: Alfred Deakin Place, Camp St, Ballarat

Live entertainment & BBQ

[More information](#)

Kiwis beat Aussies on business ease index

As evidenced on the sporting field, Aussies hate losing to the Kiwis at anything, so an international report ranking New Zealand ahead of Australia on “the ease of doing business” is a blow for the national ego.

The World Bank and International Finance Commission’s ‘[Doing Business 2010](#)’ report ranked 183 economies according to how easy it is to do business. While Australia’s ranking of ninth is still very positive, New Zealand took the second spot, ahead of the US and UK, and only behind Singapore, which retained its number one ranking for the fourth consecutive year. The report praised Singapore for being a consistent reformer, helping to continue making conducting business easier in the country, despite already being ranked number one. Australia achieved a high third place for the ease of starting a business, but the Kiwis took top spot in that same category. “There [New Zealand], thanks to links between agencies, entrepreneurs can start a business by filing information once,” the report states. “They are free to decide on company capital and need no approval from a judge.” [Read more](#)

Source: VECCI www.vecci.org.au

High dollar hurting exports

The Australian Institute of Export’s new survey on the effect of the rising dollar on Australian exports suggests that while the resources sector is feeling little pain, education, agriculture and other industries are suffering.

“If you thought Australia’s exports were going well, it might be time to think again,” said Ian Murray, Executive Director of the Australian Institute of Export, in a press release that found its way to *My Business*. The Institute’s latest survey on the effect of the rising dollar and our exports sampled 250 respondents, 61% of whom said the strong Australian Dollar is having a negative impact on their export sales. Of those, more than half (55%) said the decline in sales was between 10% and 30% while nearly one quarter (24%) experiencing a drop of more than 30%. [Read more](#)

Source: *My Business* magazine www.mybusiness.com.au

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Housing Finance, Australia, Sep 2010

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/5609.0?OpenDocument>

Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

[MR139: Australian Investment in Labour Market Flexibility and Skills a Lesson for G20](#) - 10-11/10

[MR138: Fiscal Consolidation Not Risk Free](#) - 9/11/10

Regional Industry Link

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Register on www.regionalindustrylink.com.au

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Saturday 6 November

People & Places: University of Ballarat Halls and Residences Awards Night

Thursday 11 November

From racing pigs to the fireworks spectacular, this year's 2010 **Ballarat Show** is expected to go off with a bang when it kicks off tomorrow. Gates open at 9.30am at the Ballarat Showgrounds, with the Dirty Pumper Freestyle Motorcycle FMX one of the main feature activities at midday.

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