

Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin
9 – 15 April

Quote of the Week:

Welcome New Members:

[InXpress Innovative Freight Solutions Ballarat](#) Ashley Harvey

[Starmarket](#) Julia Bojanovic

Linlec Electrical Damian Linton

Commerce Ballarat "How to Win Business" session

Mercure Hotel and Convention Centre

613 Main Road, Ballarat
19 April 2011, 2pm - 4pm
Members Free
Non Members \$10.00

Join us for a panel presentation and discussion with representatives from Ballarat Health Services, University of Ballarat, St John of God Hospital and Mars Snackfoods. Learn how to tender and understand their processes to give your company the best opportunity to win business. **Think B2b - Business to Ballarat.**

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 Link 15 April**

Take a look at what's on offer this week!

All CB members are invited to participate in this initiative. Make an offer to your fellow members today! Free coffee with main meal, pair of stockings with every pair of shoes bought, 13th bottle with every dozen bottles of wine!!

Member of the Week Submission

To be included in the Members of the Week section of the newsletter please email your business description of no more than 30 words and your logo as a JPG format to sofie@commerceballarat.com.au

Commerce Ballarat Annual Member Survey

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

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner!!

Congratulations to Karen McCraw CEO of Karden Disability Support Foundation Inc who was yesterday presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Victorian Disability Sector Awards.

Sustainable Business Network Breakfast Meeting

Date: 29 April
Time: 07.00am – 09.00am
Venue: Barkly Motor Lodge, 43-57 Main Road, Ballarat
Cost: \$22 pp
RSVP: by 21 April
[Click here for more information](#)

Provincial Pleasures Food & Drink Festival

Celebrate food and drink on 15 May with Provincial Pleasures, a premier Goldfields Region food & drink festival. Through its delivery Provincial Pleasures promotes the quality produce, talent & lifestyle of our great foodie region. [Click here](#) for more information. Presented by **P&P Events**.

Ballarat Steakhouse Good Friday Seafood Spectacular

Please [click here](#) to see the \$65 menu for the Ballarat Steakhouse Good Friday Seafood Spectacular. Please note bookings need to be placed by 19th April.

Building Disability Inclusive Organisations Ballarat Workshop

Date: 26 May

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

This May the Office for Disability is offering a number of free, one day regional workshops in regional Victoria aimed at increasing the capacity of local organisations and communities to address the barriers to access and participation of people with disabilities. [Click here](#) for more information

Peter Ford Catering 2011 Winter series of Whole Hog classes

Peter Ford Catering's much awaited 2011 Winter series of Whole Hog classes will be running in Buninyong Victoria this year. Please [click here](#) for more information and be sure to get in soon for your preferred dates.

Harcourts Ballarat Geelong Football Raffle

If you are interested in purchasing a \$50 ticket for a chance to win an AFL 2009 Geelong Football Club premiership piece of memorabilia (fully signed by all players on the day). Only 100 tickets to be sold! All proceeds go towards supporting Cystic Fibrosis and a receipt will be provided as it is tax deductible. If you are interested please fill out this form and send it back to Jodie@harcourtsballarat.com.au ASAP as they are flying out the door!

Nominations open for Victorian Training Awards 2011

Showcase your talents. Engage with new and future employers. Open the door to a new future. Participate in the 2011 Victorian Training Awards!

The 2011 Victorian Training Awards reward excellence and innovation, and celebrate the valuable contribution apprentices, students, teachers, employers, and training providers play in ensuring our state has a strong skills base - now and in the future! Nominees gain recognition for outstanding achievements, increase their profile and gain valuable networking opportunities with senior industry and business leaders.

There are 14 Victorian Training Award categories, with prizes of up to \$10,000 awarded to most winners! Winners also have the chance to represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards, held in Brisbane in November. All finalists and their families will be invited to attend the 2011 Victorian Training Awards Presentation Dinner at Crown Palladium in Melbourne on Thursday 1 September, 2011.

Nominations are now open! Entering is easy, and you can nominate yourself, your teacher, or someone you know – just visit skills.vic.gov.au to enter online. Hurry, nominations close on Friday 6 May. To find out more about the 2011 Victorian Training Awards, visit skills.vic.gov.au today!

Australian Bureau of Statistics

1364.0.15.001 Treasury Model of the Australian Economy -- TSP Version, Dec 2010

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1364.0.15.001?OpenDocument>

4156.0 Sports and Physical Recreation: A Statistical Overview, Australia, 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4156.0?OpenDocument>

1100.2 Statistics Victoria, Mar 2011

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1100.2?OpenDocument>

Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Regional Industry Link

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

Register on 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

Monday 11 April

A world-first Alink program was brought to Ballarat last week in a bid to tackle apprenticeship drop-out rates. The Master Builders Association of Victoria took the Alink Road Show to the **University of Ballarat** in a move towards bridging the gap between apprentices and the industry.

Friday 15 April

Who's in it today? Lee-Ann Bellis, **St John of God Hospital**