

## Commerce Ballarat News Bulletin

25 January – 31 January



**Early Bird tickets on sale NOW.....**

Russel Howcroft, Bernard Salt plus much more, click on the logo to see more information

### Welcome New Members

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[Aus Net Servers Australia](#) – Matthew Matters

AusNet Servers  
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### Member of the Week

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Ballarat Foot and Ankle Clinic, located at 34 Armstrong St Nth is at the forefront of Podiatry.

The latest technology is used for diagnosis and treatment of all foot and ankle related problems.

Our experienced Podiatrists are the first place to go for any foot or ankle pain for any age.

Check out our [special offer](#) for *free workplace screenings and information sessions for you and your staff*

**[www.bfaac.com.au](http://www.bfaac.com.au)**

## Events

### Commerce Ballarat 505 Club

**Date:** 13 February 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Host:** People @ Work

**Venue:** Mitchell Harris Wine Bar (upstairs), 38 Doveton St North

**Members:** Free

**Non Members:** \$16.50

**Details:** An evening of networking and fostering relationships to grow your business.

This 505 Club will also include a short briefing from our new Mayor, Cr Joshua Morris and Deputy Mayor, Cr Des Hudson other councillors will also be present.

**Members & Non Members:** [REGISTER HERE](#)

### Commerce Ballarat Young Professionals Network

*Proudly supported by Harwood Andrews*

**Date:** 13 March 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Venue:** Mitchell Harris Wine Bar (upstairs), 38 Doveton Street North

**Members:** \$10.00

**Non Members:** \$20.00

**Details:** This event is aimed at young professionals in their 20's and 30's, it provides an opportunity to get together, build networks and strengthen relationships with like minded individuals, in a relaxed environment.

\*Free drink on arrival and fingerfood provided, \$10 from each registration will be donated to a CAFS

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**Members & Non Members:** [REGISTER HERE](#)

### Commerce Ballarat Info Comm Breakfast

*Harwood Andrews are proud to present the inaugural Harwood Andrews Annual Law Breakfast.*

**Date:** 26 Feb 2014, 7am – 8:30am

**Venue:** Mr Rede, 203 Dana Street

**Members:** \$10.00

**Non Members:** \$20.00

**Details:** Harwood Andrews will provide a business update including all the news on our future directions for Ballarat and Geelong. The updates will provide information from our Principals on Workplace Relations, Taxation, Superannuation, Land Use Planning and Business Law.

*\*\$10 from every registration will be donated to Life Education Ballarat & District*

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

### Commerce Ballarat Golf Day

**Date:** 21 Mar 2014, BBQ from 11:30am, tee off at 12pm

**Venue:** Midlands Golf Course, Heinz Lane

**Members:** \$350.00 - Cost includes BBQ lunch, drinks on the course and savouries at the 19th hole.

#### Details:

Get a team of 4 together for an afternoon of golf, maybe get out on the course in your corporate gear. Novelty holes and raffle will benefit a local charity.

All are welcome to play but only Commerce Ballarat members may host a team.

Numbers limited so don't miss out - book your team now! [DOWNLOAD FLYER TO SHARE](#)

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

## Follow us on Social Media



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## Items of Interest

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ACCI Survey of Investor Confidence – January 2014 – [read article >>>](#)

VECCI: Time to act on construction industry allegations – [read article >>>](#)

Australian Institute of Company Directors Course comes to Ballarat – [more information >>>](#)

Sustainability Victoria small to medium business grants available [more information >>>](#)

Australians to PIN at point-of-sale from 1 August 2014 – [read article >>>](#)

Why creativity matters more than passion for entrepreneurs – [read article >>>](#)

How to make scary decisions – [read article >>>](#)

Give your small business a New Year check up – and get your staff involved in it – [read article >>>](#)

## VIDEO OF THE WEEK



ACCI Work Health and Safety Harmonisation – [watch video >>>](#)

## Members News

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### Commerce Ballarat sponsorship opportunities in 2014

Currently we are taking expressions of interest for a limited number of category sponsors for our 2014 CGU [Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards](#); a six month branding campaign. Please contact [Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au](mailto:Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au) if you are interested.

### Member Assistance – New committee

We are seeking expressions of interest from members who wish to become more involved in Commerce Ballarat. We are setting up a sub-committee of volunteers to focus on increasing membership and we are looking for motivated members to work together with our staff and directors. If you think this could be you, please contact [Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au](mailto:Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au) for more information

### North Ballarat Sports Club host AFL NAB Challenge

Come along and watch the North Melbourne Kangaroos take on Carlton at Eureka Stadium on Saturday 15 February. Corporate dinner packages available. [More details >>>](#)

### Midlands Bowls Club invites you to be a part of this year's Corporate Bowls Evenings

Fun is assured and a great opportunity to get together with work colleges and mix with other local businesses. [More details >>>](#)

### Back from summer break. Ready to bring the laughs

BallaRatCat had a very lovely holiday at the beach, thank you. But now that we're back home, we can't wait to bring you a very awesome night of comedy on Friday, February 7th. If you've never been to BallaRatCat before, now is a perfect time to discover the fun. Our headliner, Tommy Little has had an amazing year, with a sold-out show at last year's Comedy Festival, For more details head to. [www.ballaratcat.com.au](http://www.ballaratcat.com.au)

### Local Osteopath seeking support for No Roads to Health project

Megan for Eureka Osteo is getting involved in the No Roads to Health project, that aims to deliver targeted health activities which directly benefit the people of Papua New Guinea. To raise funds for her trip to Papua New Guinea she is organising a film showing, if you are interested in attending or donating to this cause click here for [more information >>>](#)

## Articles

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### **5 Leadership lessons from Peter Cosgrove**

**Source:** [Smart Company](#), 28 January 2014

Former defence chief Peter Cosgrove has just been named Australia's next governor-general. Widely respected and renowned as a good communicator, here are five leadership lessons from Cosgrove: 1. A role model... [read more >>](#)



### **9 Habits of Highly Effective Speakers**

**Source:** [Inc Magazine](#), 28 January 2014

Whether you're giving a wedding toast, a TED talk, or an important address to an audience of thousands, you want your words to resonate. In the wake of the State of the Union address, here are nine keys to success from some of the best public speakers in history. [read more >>>](#)

## Australian Bureau of Statistics

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1310.0 ABS Stats Mobile Application, Jan 2014

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1310.0?OpenDocument>

6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Australia, Dec 2013

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6427.0?OpenDocument>

8301.0 Production of Selected Construction Materials, Dec 2013

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/8301.0?OpenDocument>

## Regional Industry Link

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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

## Members in the news

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**Publication** - [The Courier](#)

New features added to the **City of Ballarat** Midlands Reserve water spray park

**GMHBA Health Insurance** to provide smoothies to all in attendance at this year's **Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute's** Cycling Classic with all proceeds being donated to FERCI.

**Greencross Vets** remind pet owners to keep their animals cool on hot days