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# BALLARAT SPORTS EVENTS PLANNING GUIDE

# WHY BALLARAT?

Ballarat is the regional capital of Western Victoria providing many of the services, connections, and economic drivers to support a local population of 100,000 and a regional catchment of approximately 400,000 people.

A thriving regional centre, the city offers beautiful heritage streetscapes, active sporting communities, vibrant cafés and restaurants and a reputation for successful sports events including AFL football, Federation University Road National Cycling Championships, cricket matches and national soccer games.

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# BALLARAT - OUR REGION

## LOCATION AND ACCESS

Situated just over an hour west of Melbourne, Ballarat's close proximity to the city makes it one of Victoria's most appealing events destinations. With the Railway Station located in the centre of the city and with regular train and coach services, it truly is a convenient and premium option for sporting events.

Ballarat is also one hour's drive from Victoria's two major airports, Melbourne International (Tullamarine) and Geelong's Avalon Airport, with Ballarat Coachlines running a daily Melbourne Airport shuttle service to and from Ballarat.

### Travelling time by car from major cities:

Melbourne	75 minutes
Warrnambool	2 hours
Geelong	60 minutes
Traralgon	3 hours
Mildura	4.5 hours
Bendigo	90 minutes
Adelaide	6.5 hours
Sydney	11 hours

## CLIMATE

With clear skies and the pleasure of four distinct seasons, Ballarat's climate is a refreshingly liveable blend of Australian and European. The city is perfect for enjoying the outdoors in warmer months, appreciating open fires and rugging up in winter, and revelling in the showcase of spring and autumn. Ballarat's climate lends itself to a diverse range of seasonal events and activities, from cheering on the competitors in the Federation University Road National Cycling Championships in January, to admiring the breathtaking blooms that autumn and the Ballarat Begonia Festival bring. Admire the beauty of the spring season of arts and culture, and embrace the winter wonders at the Ballarat Winter Festival and accompanying Sovereign Hill Winter Wonderlights.

### Average seasonal temperatures:

Annual	17.4°C
Summer	24.2°C
Autumn	17.7°C
Winter	10.7°C
Spring	16.7°C

## IN A SNAPSHOT

- Over 5,000 accommodation beds within a 10km radius of the CBD
- Accommodation catering to all demographics and price points
- An extensive café and restaurant scene
- World class visitor attractions such as the iconic Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Wildlife Park and Kryal Castle.

Building on the success of hosting a long list of national and international sporting and leisure events across state-of-the-art facilities, supported by a collaborative Visitor Economy sector, and diverse, scalable accommodation make a compelling case for Ballarat to conduct a multitude of sports events. Whether it be marquee events such as AFL, to grass roots, mass participation sport events, Ballarat has got you covered.



# SPORTS EVENTS

**For many decades, Ballarat has been a leading regional centre for the hosting of sporting events, attracting thousands upon thousands of participants from across the country and the world.**

From major national sporting events such as AFL, Cricket, Basketball and Cycling, to grassroot activities such as Athletics, Squash and Rowing, Ballarat has a strong track record in delivering sporting events on a national, state and regional scale.

With its state-of-the-art sporting facilities, heritage locales and an abundance of accommodation options, the city provides an idyllic location for those who seek a sporting experience moulded by professionalism, service, pleasure and comfort.

## **WHY HOST YOUR SPORTS EVENTS IN BALLARAT?**

Long defined as the heart of Australia's goldfields, Ballarat provides a unique sporting experience for all visiting participants and spectators.

While history and heritage remain amongst the city's strongest drawcards, there is no doubt Ballarat's ability to host large-scale events year-round, combined with its ever-evolving visitor offerings, are among the reasons why more and more sports clubs and associations are opting to host their events in the city.

## **HOST YOUR NEXT SPORTS EVENT IN BALLARAT AND YOU'LL HAVE ACCESS TO:**

- Modern, state of the art, multi-purpose sporting facilities across a number of major sports events. These include **Mars Stadium, Ballarat Sports Events Centre, Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre, Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility** and the iconic **Lake Wendouree**.
- Boutique hotels and modern **accommodation** options offering both long-term and short-term stays.
- Several of the city's major attractions including **Sovereign Hill, Kryal Castle** and the **Ballarat Wildlife Park** to explore.
- A **thriving food and drink scene** boasting premium fare, sourced from local farmers and producers, to experience within a bustling night scene.
- A range of **extra-curricular outdoor recreational activities** for participants to enjoy including mountain biking, hiking, four-wheel driving and fishing.
- Contemporary **visitor offerings** set against an iconic heritage backdrop.
- A **team of dedicated staff** who will ensure the smooth running and execution of your event.



# HOW WE CAN HELP

## HOW WE CAN HELP WITH YOUR SPORTS EVENT

Understanding how vital sporting events are to the healthy functioning of the city's economy, the City of Ballarat Recreation Services Unit takes great pride in combining local knowledge and practical experience to ensure event organisers receive the best advice when planning their event.

The Recreation Services Unit should be the first point of contact for all sports events. The team will provide end-to-end services for all prospective clients – ranging from initial planning meetings, site inspections, city tours, and transport information, through to assistance with grant applications, venue bookings and event execution.

To learn more please visit the Active Ballarat website:  
[www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/city/parks-and-outdoors/active-ballarat](http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/city/parks-and-outdoors/active-ballarat)

## MAJOR EVENT GRANTS AND STRATEGIC FUNDING

**Tourism Events Grants Program and Strategic Partnership Grants Program** both allow event organisers to submit funding applications for projects, festivals, events or activities that advance and encourage visitation, participation and yield and/or contribute to the presentation or marketing of Ballarat as a tourism destination of choice.

Applications will be considered from not-for-profit and for-profit organisations and businesses. Specific assessment criteria apply regarding value for money, increased visitor numbers and increased yield. This assessment criteria includes sporting events.

To learn more about grants and funding opportunities please visit:  
[www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/communitygrants](http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/communitygrants)



# ALIGNMENT WITH OUR PRIORITIES

Ballarat has a clear vision to contribute to the nation's economic wealth and sporting event breadth.

This vision is guided by a framework of strategic documents which directly support events-based sporting tourism in Ballarat

- Council Plan 2021 – 2025
- Ballarat Strategy
- Ballarat Events Strategy
- Traveller Experience Plan
- Visitor Economy Strategy
- Active Ballarat Strategy – Sport & Recreation Strategy
- Active Women and Girls Strategy

## Key points from the above documents include;

### **Encourage night-time, out of hours and out of season activation of the CBD's public spaces through arts, events, and activities.**

- Council is committed to encouraging a vibrant atmosphere around cafes and restaurants, in public parks, malls and other public spaces. We know that sporting events located in these areas, and the competitors they bring can provide an exciting and dynamic way to activate these spaces.

### **Commercial and Sporting Capital Investment**

- Tourism is one of the key economic drivers for Ballarat. Creativity, Heritage and Sport has been identified as key Points of Difference Ballarat can utilise.
- Sport in all its disciplines is particularly strong and active in Ballarat and we have a well-deserved reputation for hosting major sporting events.
- We boast National level AFL Football, Soccer, Tennis, Rowing, and Basketball venues.

### **Development of Family Experiences**

- Provide family groups with an enriching experience through improvements to existing family attractions and new product offerings.

### **Ballarat Centre of Events**

- Drive visitation to Ballarat through the continued growth of our current event portfolio as well as focusing on the acquisition of new events.

### **Ballarat Regional Tourism Hub**

- Ballarat to develop its role as a regional leader in tourism.

### **Maximise events for the Ballarat region**

- Attract and develop sporting, cultural and business events for the Ballarat region and maximizing the benefits they bring by developing collaborative partnerships, both locally and external to Ballarat.
- Continue leveraging our track record in attracting and hosting major tourism events that bring both visitor dispersal and numbers to the region.





# SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

**Ballarat is regional Victoria's home of large-scale events. Through skills and experience, we understand the key factors that make an event successful.**

## **COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP**

- A successful partnership with mutually beneficial outcomes for both Ballarat and Clubs & Associations will be the strongest indicator of success.
- Sport and major sporting events are a vital tourism driver and a collaborative approach from the outset will ensure good outcomes.

## **VISITOR ECONOMY**

- All businesses contributing to Ballarat's visitor economy - restaurants, cafes, bars, retail, and accommodation will benefit from the influx of sporting events.
- Providing a positive experience to the event participants and their family and friends will increase return visitation and provide long term benefit.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VISITING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

- Visiting friends and relatives contribute to 41% of Ballarat's current visitation.
- Capturing this majority audience starts with community engagement.
- Ballarat's highly engaged, passionate, and proactive community ensures the city excels in supporting events.
- In turn, engaged locals drive word of mouth with enthusiasm and pride.

## **MARKETING**

- Geo-targeting, social media influencers and online advertising will ensure all communications are hitting the right people with the right messages, resulting in greater support for the event.
- All online activity should be measurable against key performance indicators through data and analytics.

# WHO IS TEAM BALLARAT?

## CITY OF BALLARAT EVENTS & RECREATION SERVICES TEAM

The team has a long and proud reputation for hosting both large and small events and is active in supporting, attracting, and developing events that will promote and enhance the community. The City of Ballarat's Events team coordinate as well as support a range of major events, civic celebrations, and community activities on behalf of the Ballarat community, including the Federation University Road National Cycling Championships (refer to full list on page 10).

Further, the Recreation Services team maintains a close relationship with all local Sporting Clubs and Associations and is available to support sporting event activations across the municipality.

## CITY OF BALLARAT VISITOR ECONOMY

The City of Ballarat is positioned as Ballarat's peak regional tourism marketing and development organisation. Ballarat is an attractive destination through development and best practice.

The organisation operates across the areas of:

- Destination Positioning – research, brand, marketing, community engagement and communication.
- Destination Development – experience development, attractions development, events development, professional development, and visitor servicing.
- Industry Advocacy – advocate, representation, re-investment, Destination Management Plan, and financial sustainability.

## COMMERCE BALLARAT

Commerce Ballarat is the leading independent business group in Ballarat, creating a united voice for all sectors. Commerce Ballarat play a key role in providing liaison with the business sector to develop partnerships.

## COMMITTEE FOR BALLARAT

Committee for Ballarat is a member based organisation that aims to provide thought leadership and advocacy for initiatives that enable an improved quality of life throughout our regional community.

## SOVEREIGN HILL

Australia's foremost outdoor museum, Sovereign Hill re-creates Ballarat's first 10 years after the discovery of gold in 1851 when thousands of international adventurers rushed to the Australian goldfields in search of fortune. Sovereign Hill is the major attraction for our Visitor Economy and a tremendous supporter of our major events.





Road Nats Cycling: Photo by John Veage & Con Chronis, Cycling Australia

# BALLARAT'S EVENT EXPERIENCE

The City of Ballarat has extensive event management experience, with a designated Tourism Events unit that directly manages and delivers major tourism and community-based events.

- The **Federation University Road National Cycling Championships** continues to grow from a base attendance of **over 35,000 visitors**.
- The **Ballarat Begonia Festival** attracts **over 60,000 people**, which is one of regional Victoria's largest events.
- **White Night Ballarat** in 2018 and 2019 attracted **over 40,000**.

The City of Ballarat supports a long list of external events into Ballarat and has a strong track record of developing productive partnerships with these event organisations. This produces fantastic results for both the event and the broader community.





The Provincial Hotel Ballarat

# ACCOMMODATION

The following tables shows the diversity of our accommodation and its capacity

TYPES AND QUANTITIES (WITHIN 10KM OF CBD)		
	No. of rooms	No. of beds
<b>Hotel/Motel</b>	968	2501
<b>Self-contained</b>	494	1234
<b>Holiday Parks and Camps</b>	166	964
<b>Backpackers</b>	92	412
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>5111</b>

ACCOMMODATION IN NEARBY KEY TOWNS			
Region	Major Towns	No. of properties	Public transport available
<b>Central Goldfields</b>	Maryborough, Clunes, Talbot, Dunolly	48	Bus, train
<b>Hepburn</b>	Daylesford, Hepburn, Creswick, Smeaton	91	Bus
<b>Pyrenees</b>	Avoca, Lexton, Beaufort, Ararat	56	Bus, train
<b>Moorabool</b>	Bacchus Marsh, Melton, Ballan, Blackwood	44	Bus, train
<b>Golden Plains</b>	Skipton, Scarsdale, Linton, Meredith	29	Bus, train
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>246</b>	

# BALLARAT SPORTING VENUES





Mars Stadium

# AFL

## MARS STADIUM

**Address:** 725 Creswick Road, Wendouree 3355

Mars Stadium (formerly Eureka Stadium) is the premier outdoor Stadium located in the Ballarat Major Events Precinct in Wendouree. The ground was redeveloped in 2016 and now hosts regular AFL, A-League and Super Rugby matches.

**CAPACITY:** 11,113 (5127 seats and 5986 General Admission standing room)

**GROUND DIMENSIONS:** 159.5m x 128.8m

As part of the Mars Stadium facility, The North Ballarat Sports Club is Ballarat's Premier Sports Club, Function and Entertainment venue. Only minutes from the CBD, the bistro and function centre overlooks Mars Stadium and provides a great atmosphere for both casual dining or a visit on event days.



City Oval



Marty Busch Reserve

## ADDITIONAL AFL FACILITIES

In addition, the City of Ballarat has several high-quality AFL facilities in relatively close proximity to Mars Stadium.

The City of Ballarat has completed a major capital investment program into football facilities in the past 3-5 years, upgrading and re-building ovals and amenities. These facilities have been upgraded to the highest specifications including female friendly amenity compliance and the new ovals that are each fully irrigated, sand profile with high level of drainage installed.

These newly refurbished ovals are located at the following reserves in Ballarat:

- CE Browne Reserve - Wendouree
- North Ballarat #2 Football Oval - Ballarat North
- Marty Busch Reserve - Sebastopol
- City Oval - Ballarat Central
- Eastern Oval - Ballarat Central
- Buninyong Community Reserve
- Alfredton Recreation Reserve

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Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility

# SOCCER

## BALLARAT REGIONAL SOCCER FACILITY

**Address:** 910 Pleasant Street South, Ballarat 3350

The Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility is Ballarat’s home for regional soccer and has hosted both international and Australian teams including Bahrain (training base for Asian Cup), The Matildas and Melbourne Victory.

The centrepiece is a world-class natural turf stadium pitch, of a quality unmatched in Australia outside of major metropolitan stadiums. With viewing mounds on three sides, and a 500-seat grandstand, the stadium comfortably fits 3,000 spectators.

The facility is also home to two FIFA-standard synthetic soccer pitches, a second full size natural turf pitch and a street soccer pitch, all able to be lit for night training or games.

## ADDITIONAL SOCCER FACILITIES

In addition, the City of Ballarat has several high-quality soccer facilities in relatively close proximity to the Regional Soccer Facility.

The City of Ballarat has completed a major capital investment program into soccer facilities in the past two years (2019-2021) upgrading and re-building pitches and amenities. These facilities have been upgraded to the highest specifications including female friendly amenity compliance and the new pitches that are each fully irrigated, sand profile with high level of drainage installed.

These new pitches are located at the following reserves in Ballarat:

- St Georges Reserve – Vickers Street, Sebastopol (two pitch facility)
- Trekardo Park – Pleasant Street, Redan – Ballarat (one pitch)
- Victoria Park – Sturt Street, Ballarat (two pitches)
- Royal Park – Buninyong (two pitches)
- Wendouree West Reserve – Wendouree (two pitches)
- Mars Stadium – Creswick Road, Ballarat North (A-League venue)

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A League: Photo courtesy of Western United FC



Ballarat Sports Entertainment Centre

# BASKETBALL

## BALLARAT SPORTS EVENTS CENTRE (BSEC)

**Address:** 989 Norman Street, Wendouree 3355

The Ballarat Sports Events Centre opened in July 2019 with Stage 1 delivering 6 new Basketball/ Netball/Volleyball courts to the existing 2 court stadium in Norman St Wendouree at a cost of \$24m. This structure provided Ballarat with the capacity to host major indoor tournaments, games and events in a facility that was state of the art. The showcourt has seating for 3000 patrons, while the amenities areas have achieved an all-abilities level well beyond compliance standards. Stage 2 at a further \$5.2m, will be completed by the end of 2021 adding a high performance gym, a Learning Centre and Function space and three 3x3 courts outdoors. Landscaping and cladding of the old building will complete the works, making for a venue which has and will continue to be the envy of many regional cities across Australia.

## BALLARAT MINERDOME

**Address:** 994 Grevillea Road, Wendouree 3355

For over 40 years this facility was the home of Ballarat Basketball and its rich history adorns the walls of this 4 court stadium just 500m from BSEC on the corner of Grevillea Rd and Dowling St. Its showcourt boasts 1400 seats and played host to preliminary games during the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. It also houses the MinerDome Sports Club which has a Function area, Bistro and licensed Club.

## Marquee Events

Most events are hosted across both BSEC and the MinerDome. Annually there are two tournaments: (i) Senior – attracts around 80 teams, bringing 1500 visitors to Ballarat and (ii) Junior – attracts around 280 teams, bringing over 6000 visitors to Ballarat.

In addition, there are Basketball Victoria Country Championships at various age levels, usually staged in March/April each year.

Basketball Australia sees the value of the Ballarat Venues and held the U/14 Club Championships here in 2019 and has scheduled the U/18s for April 2022. Netball has become a major supporter of the new venue and the Melbourne Vixens have played practice games at BSEC.

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Ballarat MinerDome



Llanberris Netball Centre

# NETBALL

## LLANBERRIS NETBALL CENTRE

**Address:** 301 Barkly Street, Ballarat 3350

Llanberris Netball Centre is the home of the Ballarat Netball Association.

The venue provides participants with 4 indoor and 2 outdoor courts, all boasting high-grade lighting for day and night competitions. For players and spectators, the facility provides amenities such as toilets/changerooms, canteen and two meeting rooms, which have been used mainly for umpires during major competitions.

A community-based netball organisation, Ballarat Netball Association is affiliated with Netball Australia and Netball Victoria. There are a wide range of programs offered to the Ballarat community at local level with seasonal Club level netball competitions for junior girls and boys and senior women and men that range from social to elite. There are direct pathways to the top for determined and enthusiastic players, umpires, coaches and administrators.

The Association also offers affordable and safe programs such as the All-Abilities competition, Walk Ball and the very popular Netta Netball. Ballarat Netball Association also has strong links with Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and with both Federation University and Australian Catholic University.

## Marquee Events

Ballarat Netball Association has hosted, organised and run Regional and State Level events for 30 years:

- Netball Victoria Western Zone Championships (for several years between 2000-2018)
- Catholic Schools Championships (2019-2021)
- Victorian Teacher's Games (2017 and previous years)
- Ballarat Netball Association Annual Junior Tournament (Melbourne, Geelong and Bendigo attendees)
- School Sport Victoria (SSV) Regional Finals (2021)
- Melbourne Vixens Netball Clinic (2021 in conjunction with practice match at BSEC)

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Llanberris Netball Centre



Eastern Oval

# CRICKET

## EASTERN OVAL

**Address:** Havelock Street, Ballarat East 3350

The Eastern Oval is premier home of cricket in Ballarat. The oval has a proud history tracing back to the late 1800s. This ground is the discovery of WG Grace in the 1870s who considered it to be the most English ground in Australia; the WG Grace Tree is a sight to behold as it towers at the end of the historic grandstand.

During the years there has been some memorable cricket played at the oval, and no one will ever forget the day in 1992 when in excess of 12,000 fans packed the ground to see England take on Sri Lanka in a World Cup game or when the Poms played the Vic's in a 4 day match with Dean Jones and Alan Lamb smashing the ball around the ground and over the ovals boundary's, the Eastern Oval has also hosted one day domestic and Melbourne Premier League games as well. Most recently, the oval has played host to T20 WBBL matches involving Melbourne Renegades.

In 2001 the Eastern Oval went through a major oval reconstruction development, with the entire playing surface being reshaped, it included the removal of many tonnes of clay that was replaced with a sand based surface, the planting of two different types of grasses and the surface laser levelled, widened and lengthened has seen the outstanding playing surface that we have here today.



Eastern Oval

## ADDITIONAL CRICKET FACILITIES

In addition, the City of Ballarat has several high-quality cricket facilities in relatively close proximity to the CBD.

These cricket facilities are located at the following venues in Ballarat:

- Western Oval – Ballarat Central – turf wicket
- CE Browne Reserve – Wendouree – turf wicket
- North #2 Oval – Ballarat North – turf wicket
- Alfredton Recreation Reserve – Oval 1 – turf wicket, AVG – hard wicket
- Russell Square – Ballarat East – 1 x turf wicket, 2 x hard wicket
- Mt Clear Recreation Reserve – Oval 1 – turf wicket, Oval 2 – hard wicket
- Invermay – turf wicket
- Buninyong Recreation Reserve – turf wicket
- Victoria Park – hard wicket x 8

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CE Browne Reserve



Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre

## SWIMMING / WATER POLO

### BALLARAT AQUATIC AND LIFESTYLE CENTRE (BALC)

**Address:** Gillies Street North, Lake Gardens 3355

The Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre is Ballarat's premier sport and recreational facility in Ballarat.

Featuring first class facilities and programs, BALC is home to a competition standard indoor 50m, which includes scoreboards and touch timers.

The venue also includes a 25m, learn to swim, and warm-water multipurpose pools, spa, steam room, Health Club, three Group Fitness studios, children's centre, gymnastics hall, cafe, meeting rooms, and change facilities including accessible change rooms, BALC has something for everyone.

BALC has recently been the proud host of the Victorian Short Course Country Championships and Water Polo Victorian Country Championships.

### EUREKA AQUATIC CENTRE

**Address:** 102 Stawell Street South, Ballarat East 3350

Ballarat's biggest outdoor aquatic centre is the perfect place to keep cool in the water in the warmer months.

The Eureka Aquatic Centre features a competition standard heated 50m pool, a 25m, and toddler pools, with an outdoor splash park for the kids and kids at heart to play in, a kiosk for food and refreshments, and changerooms.

This outdoor swimming complex is perfect for school swimming carnivals, swim meets, and other swimming competitions.

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Eureka Aquatic Centre



Lake Wendouree

## OUTDOOR WATER SPORTS

### LAKE WENDOUREE

Lake Wendouree is an open inland waterway suitable for aquatic sports and leisure activities surrounded by open parkland appropriate for running events, BBQs several playground and outdoor fitness gyms surround the Lake or ideal just quiet relaxation. The Lake has a 5-knot speed limit.

The City of Ballarat owns its own fleet of aquatic plant harvesters which allow for areas to be prepared specifically to meet the events requirements. Soft Buoys are accessible at the venue from 125mm to 1750mm for events.

On the south west end of the Lake there is a 50m x 3.5m presentation pontoon along with four 20m x 5m pontoons that can be relocated for major events.

Located in the heart of the city, the iconic lake has the capability to conduct a variety of sports, including:

### Rowing / Canoeing / Kayaking / Dragonboats

The Lake has a 2,000m 8 laned fully buoyed rowing course with starting pontoon for 2,00m races, pontoons are situated at 500m, 1,000m, 1,500m and judges' box at the finish. The judge's box is fitted with Brooks photo finish camera, computer network for race recording and results, the course is fitted with 3 cameras suitable for live streaming of event, optic fibre cabling connects the judging area to the spectator area suitable for large screen tv, the judges box is fitted with an administration office behind the judging box is a large building suitable for event storage or officials marshalling with a second room for auto mixing room.

### Sailing

The lake offers great sail for smaller class yachts such as Jubilee, Lasers, Lightweight Sharpie, Opti, Pacers, and Paper Tiger Catamaran.

### Fishing

Lake Wendouree offers some of the best trout fishing in Australia and offer opportunities for flyfishing completions and angling from the shore or boat.

### Primary Contact

The Lake is suitable for primary contact sports with the correct approvals. There is and extensive history of water testing to monitor the health of the waterbody.

### Land based activities

The Lake precinct has a 6km granitic sand path around its circumference offering opportunities for walking and running events. The roadway around the lake can be easily close at low cost for cycling or road running events.

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Road Nats Cycling: Photo by John Veage & Con Chronis, Cycling Australia

## CYCLING

### ROAD - BUNINYONG

The City of Ballarat is the home of road cycling in Australia. Major national cycling tournaments are held in Ballarat and Buninyong each year, bringing in many super-fit cyclists with their support teams and enthusiastic crowds of spectators.

As host of the Federation University Road National Cycling Championships since 2007, the iconic road course in Buninyong, involving the tough Mount Buninyong climb, see the best riders from around the country descend on the region, in an endeavour to take out the converted title across various events.

In all, the Australian Cycling national champions see over 1400 riders compete across the elite, under 23, under 19, para, deaf, club and intellectual impairment categories.

Normally conducted in early January, this annual marquee event featuring an exciting five-day program with criterium, road race and time trial events, cyclists see, experience and participate in the ultimate week of Aussie Cycling.

#### National Road Course Details

**LOCATION:** Buninyong – 15 minutes outside of Ballarat

**LENGTH:** 5.9km

**AVERAGE GRADIENT:** 5.2%

**ELEVATION GAIN:** 308m

### BMX - MARTY BUSCH RESERVE

Ballarat plays host to a newly re-furbished, state of the art, BMX track.

The huge track, located in the Marty Busch reserve, comes with concrete starting area, four big banked turns and about 30 jumps of various heights and width.

The track also has great viewing platforms for spectators. The track has a special surface that keeps it in great condition all year round.

Managed by the Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club, the facility hosts BMX events every 2 or 3 weeks. Riders from 3 up to 50+ years old compete regularly.

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Marty Busch Reserve



Road Nats Cycling: Photo by John Veage & Con Chronis, Cycling Australia

## MOUNTAIN BIKE/DOWNHILL - BLACK HILL BIKE PARK

**Address:** 746 Chisholm Street, Black Hill 3350

Black Hill being only minutes from the centre of Ballarat, is the spot for downhill in town.

This excellent mountain bike park is located within the stunning Black Hill Reserve and has been developed and maintained by Club Mud Ballarat.

Multiple tracks have been packed throughout the reserve, ranging in difficulty to suit all levels of experience. The tracks wind throughout the surrounding forest and down the steep drops into the impressive open cut gorge, a reminder of the site's long history of mining operations.

Six cross country trails, four downhill trails, two pump tracks, skills area and advanced jump park are open for use. The track names are creatively named using mining terms and there is fantastic signage at the beginning of each trail.

Black Hill also hosts the annual King of Ballarat downhill series, that has grown from strength to strength in recent years.

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## ADDITION CYCLING FACILITIES

To support our reputation as the cycling capital of Australia, the other cycling options within town/region include:

- Victoria Park criterium track
- Ballarat/Sebastopol Velodrome
- Ballarat – Skipton Rail Trail
- Yarrowee Creek/River Trail
- The Goldfields Track – Ballarat to Bendigo



Black Hill Bike Park



Marty Busch Reserve



Ballarat Golf Club

## GOLF / DISC GOLF

Ballarat plays host to a number of regularly awarded Golf Australia Top 100 public access courses in the region, making it the perfect location for your next major golf event.

### BALLARAT GOLF CLUB

**Address:** 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat 3350

The jewel in the crown is the Ballarat Golf Club which has a long and proud history spanning back to 1895 as Australia's oldest continually played. Playing host to numerous Championships and Pro-Am events over many years, the re-designed course by Thomas Perret provides an outstanding experience for golfers of all levels.

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Ballarat Golf Club

### RACV GOLDFIELDS RESORT

**Address:** 1500 Midland Highway, Creswick 3363

Designed by renowned Australian golf course architect Tony Cashmore, and just 15 minutes from Ballarat, is the RACV Goldfields Resort.

As host of the 2012 Victorian PGA Championships, the first time held in a regional location, this championship course follows natural peaks and slopes of the land, well placed bunkers, lagoons and sloping fairways set amongst native vegetation and tall eucalypts.

With over 100 4-star quality rooms on site, as well as dining facilities and gym/pool, the RACV Goldfields Resort is the ideal venue for your next golf event.

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RACV Goldfields Resort



RACV Goldfields Resort

### MIDLANDS BALLARAT RSL

**Address:** 330 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park 3350

Midlands Ballarat RSL is a Ballarat sporting and dining institution. The beautifully manicured 18-hole championship golf course, designed by the golfing legend Peter Thompson, provides a demanding yet rewarding layout for professional and club golfers alike.

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### ADDITIONAL GOLF FACILITIES

In addition, Ballarat has other high-quality golf courses close by which could host your next golf event:

- Buninyong Golf Club
- Mt Xavier Golf Club – Ballarat East



Victoria Park

### DISC GOLF

**Address:** Victoria Park, Newington 3350

Disc Golf is now in Ballarat! Get your flying discs ready and head down to Victoria Park to start your 18-hole round.

With the course officially opened in 2020, Disc Golf is similar to traditional golf. Instead of hitting a ball with a club, players throw a disc from the tee pad to a basket.

With your disc, start at the tee pad. The tee sign has information about the hole, including the hole number, par, distance, and a map of the fairway. Use a driving throw to get started and a putting throw when you get close to the basket.

The aim of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest throws possible.

Although relatively new to Ballarat, the course has already hosted several major events including the 2021 Victorian Open and the Golden City Classic.

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Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre

# TENNIS

## BALLARAT REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

**Address:** 497 Dowling Street, Wendouree 3355

As the premium home of tennis in the region, the Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre (BRTC) is home to 12 Plexi Cushion hard courts, 6 Classic Clay courts and with the centre being upgraded in 2021. It will soon also have some dedicated Hot Shot tennis courts.

The centre operates 7 days a week all year round and caters for all standards of tennis from coaching lessons for adults, juniors and hot shots age groups, senior and junior competitions, as well as tournaments, twilight pennants and Tuesday ladies midweek competitions just to name a few.

The BRTC also have a clubhouse including a kiosk and Pro Shop for sale of tennis balls, caps, racquets (junior and senior), bags and grips as well as a tennis racquet restringing service available. The venue can also take bookings for large court hire events for schools or casual hire is available for individual court bookings as well.

### Marquee Events

- Head Primary School Championships
- Ballarat Open Platinum AMT and Gold18s
- Ballarat Regional JT Championship
- Ballarat Associated Schools Shield and Cup events
- Greater Western Region and Eureka Division events

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Mt Prospect Tennis Club

## MT PROSPECT TENNIS CLUB

**Address:** 35 Bridge Street, Park Lake Reserve, Creswick 3363

Mt Prospect Tennis Club is well renowned for its sixteen grass tennis courts. Located in the picturesque town of Creswick and surrounded by the old Creswick botanical gardens, there is no better setting to play tennis in Western Victoria.

The Association caters for all age groups and runs four major pennant competitions a week, juniors, seniors, midweek ladies and a twilight corporate cup. Hot Shots and Junior Coaching is also available. The complex has 29 tennis courts, 16 grass and 13 rebound ace. The clubhouse is available for functions, with the hard courts open free of use for the community to utilise.

### Marquee Events

- Tennis Victoria Inter-Regional Country Championships
- Victorian Police and Emergency Service Games (Tennis Leg)
- John Fitzgerald Cup - 13/u Junior Boys Competition
- Judy Dalton Cup - 13/u Junior Girls Competition

### CONTACT DETAILS

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## ADDITIONAL TENNIS FACILITIES

Ballarat plays host to many other modern tennis facilities, all within close proximity to the CBD. These include:

- Ballarat Lawn Tennis - Outdoor - 8 artificial grass courts
- Tennis Ballarat - Indoor - 12 Omnicourt synthetic grass tennis courts
- Ballarat Royal Tennis Club



Mt Prospect Tennis Club



Ballarat Royal Tennis Club



Ballarat Turf Club

# RACING

## BALLARAT TURF CLUB

**Address:** 240 Kennedys Road, Miners Rest 3352

The Ballarat Turf Club host their main event – the Sportsbet Ballarat Cup on the last Saturday of the Spring Racing Carnival in November. In addition to this major race day there are 35 other race meetings conducted throughout the year.

The Ballarat Turf Club also has a number of function areas available for non-racing events. This includes a large undercover area on the ground floor which can be converted to a multipurpose area suitable for team-building activities, expos, displays or other promotional activities.

### Marquee Events

- Sportsbet Ballarat Cup
- Grand National Jumps Day
- Gold Nugget Raceday
- Ladies Day
- Miners Rest Community Cup

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## BALLARAT & DISTRICT TROTTING CLUB

**Address:** 701 Bell Street, Redan 3356

Bray Raceway Ballarat boasts a world class newly renovated race track, which is conducive to fair, high speed and competitive racing.

The Group 1, \$100,000 PETstock Ballarat Pacing Cup headlines the Racing Calendar and along with its feature Cup meeting the Ballarat Trotting Club hosts up to 30 Race meets per year.

On race nights, why not treat yourself to a Dining Package in the comfort of the trackside Terrace Restaurant. The Terrace Restaurant stands adjacent to the main function room with large glass windows for unobstructed race viewing and can comfortably accommodate 350 restaurant patrons.

### Marquee Events

- PETstock Ballarat Pacing Cup
- TAB Interdominion Series
- Breeders Crown Series
- John Slack Memorial Ballarat Trotters Cup
- Vicbred Super Series

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Ballarat & District Trotting Club

## BALLARAT GREYHOUND RACING CLUB

**Address:** Corner Rubicon and Sutton Streets, Redan 3356

Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club is located just 4km from the heart of the Ballarat CBD at Morshead Park. The Club provides excellent member and public facilities where patrons can watch races from the undercover grandstand and enjoy year round comfort in the fully air-conditioned and heated dining, function and viewing rooms. A State of the Art Bar and fully equipped kitchen operated by professional catering staff ensure patrons and guests can wine and dine while participating in the exciting sport of greyhound racing.

Track facilities also include Tabcorp betting services, large digital screens showing all races and sports and off street parking. The Club races every Monday day and Wednesday night across the year with additional Saturday morning meetings throughout the year.

The Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club is committed to managing its operations with the community in mind. It sponsors local sports teams, hosts events to support good causes and offers community organisations access to its facilities, including 4 full size snooker tables, for fundraisers and charity days.

Ballarat Greyhounds conducts four major race programs throughout the year, including the Ballarat Cup in April, which is part of the Western Festival of Racing. Feature races on Easter Monday and just before Christmas are focused on family involvement with children's activities, rides and giveaways to compliment the fantastic racing.

The Great Chase completes our calendar raising money for community groups that work with the aged and disabled and provides their clients a great day out at the races.

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Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club



Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club



Ballarat Equestrian Precinct – Victoria Park

## EQUESTRIAN / POLOCROSSE

### BALLARAT EQUESTRIAN PRECINCT - VICTORIA PARK

**Address:** Cnr Winter Street and Cedar Drive,  
Newington 3350

The Equestrian facility is approximately 40 acres of picturesque English style parkland situated in central Ballarat. It provides a unique experience for Equestrian athletes from all disciplines to privately train, participate in clinics, club days, or compete at the various events held at the venue. The facility is also open to the public to hire for a range of Equestrian activities across the performance horse industry.

The venue offers 5 all-weather sand Olympic size dressage arenas, 2 large all weather sand show jumping arenas, an expansive grass arena suitable for show events and a purpose-built Cross-Country course with two water complexes and a wide range of jumps at all levels from Grade 5 Pony Club to International 4 star level. The course provides an excellent training opportunity for young horses and riders plus the more experienced combinations needing well-constructed, enjoyable, and interesting challenges for their experienced horses.

The precinct attracts many visitors from around the state and interstate to the City of Ballarat. The city central location provides all the infrastructure necessary to host all visitors with a great range of drink and food outlets plus accommodation nearby. The additional precinct facilities available include a horse wash, horse crush and 136 steel yards to accommodate horses. The Clubrooms have a kitchen and toilet facilities capable of hosting most club day activities.

Anyone interested in using the venue to pursue their Equestrian sporting interests or to conduct educational and/or competitive opportunities for the community should contact the Ballarat Pony Club to enquire about availability and hiring costs.

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Ballarat Equestrian Precinct – Victoria Park



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Ballarat Equestrian Centre

## BALLARAT EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

**Address:** 6 Rosehill Road, Mt Rowan 3352

The Ballarat Equestrian Centre is owned and operated by the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc. This wonderful facility caters for individual riders exercising and training their horses as well as Pony Clubs and other organisations holding major events. The arena is 80m x 40m and can cater for larger equine events.

The complex includes toilet and shower facilities, a kitchen, plenty of outdoor parking and holding pens for horses as well as a small outdoor arena. Just five minutes' drive from the centre of Ballarat everything you need is here for your convenience.

### Marquee Events

- Downunder Extreme Cowboys – Nationals
- Skill Invest – equine training
- APSB Western Promotional Group – foal sale

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Ballarat Equestrian Precinct – Victoria Park

## BALLARAT POLOCROSSE CLUB

**Address:** 109 Airport Road, Mitchell Park 3355

The Ballarat Polocrosse Club is located at the Ballarat Airport, Mitchell Park. The Polocrosse grounds offer 6 playing fields, over 500 yards, club rooms, toilet, showers and ample camping space.

In 2018 Ballarat Polocrosse Club celebrated their 70th anniversary and the club has been at its current location since 1990.

### Marquee Events

- Australian National Polocrosse Championships in 2010
- Victorian Polocrosse Championships 2017
- Annual Polocrosse Tournaments, 2019 hosted the Australia vs New Zealand teams
- Australian National Polocrosse Championships in 2022

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Ballarat Polocrosse Club



Redline Raceway

# MOTORSPORTS

## REDLINE RACEWAY

**Address:** 569 Yankee Flat Road, Buninyong 3357

Established in 1965, Ballarat's Redline Raceway is one of the nation's foremost Speedway motor racing venues, catering for a wide variety of Speedway and motor sport enthusiasts from local and surrounding regions.

With a long and impressive history that includes the hosting of the largest ever Australian championship in history, the 2016 National Street Stock title, Redline Raceway has established a reputation for hosting world renowned Motorsport events drawing competitors and fans from across Australia, and abroad.

Redline Raceway features 10 major events each season from December through to May, showcasing everything from Junior competitors and the door-rubbing Street Stock sedans, right through to Modified Sedans, Speedcars and the thundering V8 Sprintcars and Late Models.

The track features unobstructed viewing from all vantage points, with food and beverage, as well as toilets, available at the venue.

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## MONZA PARK

**Address:** Bergs Lane, Mount Helen 3350

Located on the outskirts of Ballarat is the Ballarat Rovers motorcycle venue, Monza Park. Historically known around the country for its ability to utilise the natural terrain, fast corners and magnificent view, the club is about to celebrate its 70th year. Monza Park is sought after for many various aspects of motorsport including and not limited to dirt bikes, SXS, sidecars and quads.

The 1.6 km track includes challenges for people of all ages and all abilities making it a truly inviting place for all. With multiple viewing areas Monza Park can be viewed from all angles and provide some heart racing experiences.

Also catering for road race events, trials events and as a social club, the Ballarat Rovers also meet on a regular basis at their clubrooms located at the Ballarat Airport. The club also hosts many social events and charity rides throughout the year.

### Marquee Events

- Victorian Titles – Trials and Dirtbikes
- Australian Round of SXS Titles
- Australian Sidecar Title Round
- Western Region Motorcycle Events

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Monza Park

# DRAG RACING / CAR RALLY

## BALLARAT AIRPORT

**Address:** Airport Road, Mitchell Park 3355

The Ballarat Airport plays host to the Ballarat Drag Racing Club, along with a diverse range of local sporting clubs and community groups.

Featuring two sealed runways and one unsealed runway, the Airport is the perfect open space location for your next motorsport event.

The former RAAF buildings are occupied by a number of sporting clubs including billiard and snooker, model railway, car and polocrosse guild.

From a motor sport perspective, the airport primarily used for drag racing, car rallies, show and shine events, equipment demonstrations

Ballarat Swap Meet held in February each year, Ballarat Drag Club hold three meetings each year on 05-25 runway.



Monza Park



Ballarat Airport



Monza Park

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## PERFORMING ARTS

### CIVIC HALL

**Address:** 300/304 Mair Street, Ballarat Central 3350

Ballarat's Civic Hall has re-emerged as one of the city's most popular and adaptable event spaces.

Following a major renovation in 2019, the Ballarat Civic Hall hosts an annual season of diverse, entertaining and world-class events and performances for local, regional, national and international organisations.

This multi-format venue allows for flexibility and has the capacity to host multiple events each day – from intimate meetings to full scale live performances.

Civic Hall has played host to many sporting clubs throughout the years hosting trivia nights, galas and other fundraising events. The venue is perfect for dinners, dances and formal occasions.

#### Table Seating

**AUDITORIUM FLOOR:** Up to 300 people. For alternate table configurations, please enquire with venue management.

**THEATRE STYLE - AUDITORIUM AND BALCONY:**

Up to 1,050 people

**COCKTAIL STYLE - AUDITORIUM AND BALCONY:**

Up to 1,350 people

**TOTAL VENUE CAPACITY:** Up to 2,000 people

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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### BALLARAT MINING EXCHANGE

**Address:** 12 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat Central 3350

The Ballarat Mining Exchange has many unique features to make any occasion memorable including eighteen alcoves which can be utilised for any occasion, seating which can be configured to suit any event, a fully equipped commercial kitchen and slab floor heating.

The popularity of the Ballarat Mining Exchange and a wide range of hosted events is a testament to its flexibility. Measuring 39 x 8.5 metres, the main hall has a capacity of 250 seated and 500 standing. The venue also features a breakout space for more intimate functions, celebrations and corporate meetings. This space is 10 x 15 metres and has a capacity of 100 seated, 250 standing.

The venue is supported by a professional team who provide technical, ticketing, marketing, and event expertise to help bring your event to life with a high degree of professionalism and proficiency.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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Her Majesty's Theatre

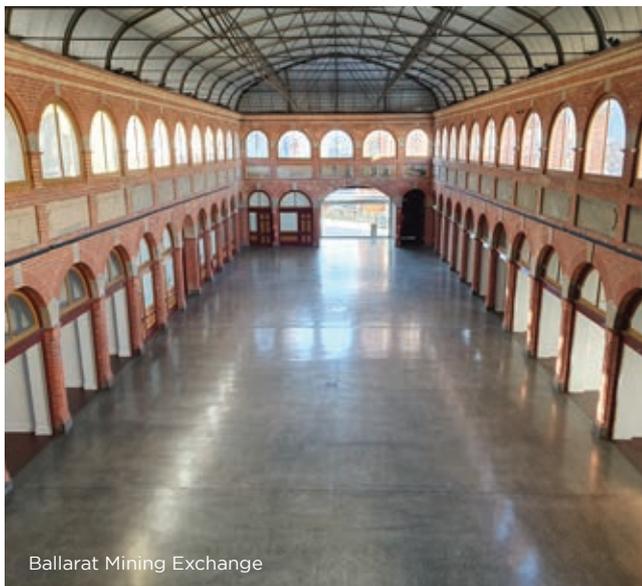
## HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE

**Address:** 17 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Central 3350

Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat is truly a jewel in the Australian cultural landscape and a Ballarat icon. Opening in 1875 in the heart of the City, the theatre is renowned for its Victorian architecture and for being the chosen venue for some of the world's most recognised performers.

Her Majesty's Ballarat is the region's premier purpose-built professional theatre showcasing international, national, state and local professional and amateur live productions.

Away from the stage, additional spaces are used for cocktail parties, corporate functions/launches, fundraising events, meetings, media calls, and interviews.



Ballarat Mining Exchange

The historic and iconic theatre provides the following features:

- The Auditorium: 816 pax theatre seating across three levels
- A raked stage
- 10 dressing rooms
- The Long Room Theatre Bar: 120 pax cocktail style
- Front of House disabled access to the Box Office, lift access to the Stalls and accessible toilets
- A quick walk away from the train station and accommodation

Known for its successful delivery of all events and an average audience of 75,000 patrons per year, the venue is supported by a professional team. Their technical, ticketing, marketing, and event expertise will help you bring your event to life with a high degree of professionalism and proficiency.

Since 1965 the Royal South Street Competitions have called the Theatre home and occupy the building between mid-August and early November every year. Both Dance and Calisthenics which are key components of the annual Eisteddfod are classified as sporting disciplines.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Llanberris Reserve

# ATHLETICS

## LLANBERRIS RESERVE

**Address:** Llanberris Reserve, York Street, Ballarat East 3350

The Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre (BRAC), based at Llanberris Reserve, is the home of athletics in Ballarat. BRAC is a combined entity of several athletics clubs who associate together to deliver athletics/cross country to all age athletes across the region.

Llanberris Reserve is a community wide accessible facility where 100s of athletes/social runners come to hone their different discipline each week. Llanberris Reserve is also home to more than 70+ school athletics carnival over the calendar year delivering athletics to over 35,000 students across Ballarat.

BRAC caters for families and individuals by promoting strong inclusion, participation and the enjoyment of athletics and encourage all athletes to achieve their individual goals. BRAC works to assist in the promotion of athletics in Ballarat and welcomes the interest of parents and friends to help assist the centre in its athletic and social pursuits.

### Marquee Events

- Athletics Victoria Victorian Country Championships
- Little Athletics Victoria Western Country Region Championships
- Annual Athletics Victoria Track and Field Shield League
- BRAC Steve Moneghetti and Roseanne Brisbane Lap of the Lake

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Llanberris Reserve



Llanberris Reserve



Doug Dean Reserve

## RUGBY

### DOUG DEAN RESERVE

**Address:** Greenhalghs Road, Delacombe 3356

Although Mars Stadium is the host venue for Super Rugby matches involving Melbourne Rebels, it is widely recognised that Doug Dean Reserve is the spiritual home of all forms of Rugby in Ballarat.

Based in Delacombe and the home to the Ballarat Highlanders Rugby Union Club and the Ballarat Dragons Rugby League Club, the venue provides a refurbished playing surface, change room facilities and ample spectator locations around the ground.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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Mars Stadium



Ballarat Hockey Centre

# HOCKEY

## BALLARAT HOCKEY CENTRE

**Address:** Gillies Street, Lake Gardens 3355

The Prince of Wales Park is the home of Hockey in Ballarat. The Ballarat Hockey Centre provides a facility with one hybrid pitch with high quality LED lighting. The venue has clubrooms for functions and associated change rooms.

The facility is situated in the recreation area on Gillies street opposite the Botanic Gardens and adjacent to the Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre.

Ballarat Hockey Centre is regularly used 7 days a week during 8-9 months of the year for both competitions and training by 5 clubs and Ballarat West Vic sides.

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Ballarat Hockey Centre



Ballarat Hockey Centre



Prince of Wales Recreation Reserve

# BASEBALL

## PRINCE OF WALES RECREATION RESERVE

**Address:** Gillies Street, Lake Gardens 3355

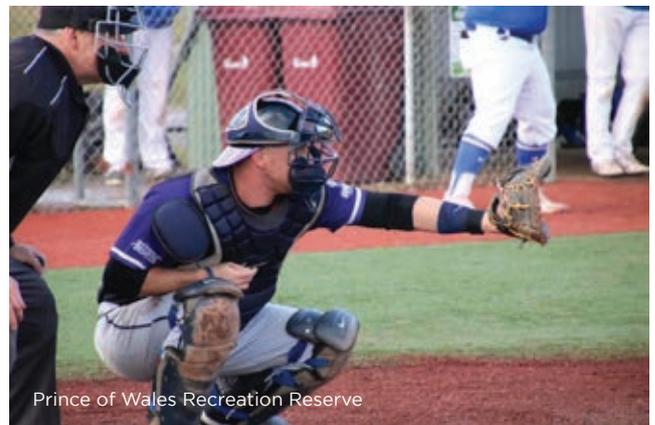
The Ballarat Royals Baseball Club is located at the Prince of Wales Recreation Reserve off Gillies Street behind the BALC. The facility currently has two diamonds, clubrooms with male and female change rooms and a batting tunnel. The main diamond has an artificial all-weather infield and AAA game quality lights for training and night games. Located next to the main Diamond is our dual lane batting tunnel, used for training and game days. The Royals can cater for junior and senior players aged 5 and up, we also welcome both male and female players of all ages.

The club hosts the annual masters Baseball tournament that was originated in Ballarat over 25 years ago.

The facility has hosted State and National tournaments of all ages for both men and women's teams and will continue to do so into the future.

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Prince of Wales Recreation Reserve



Prince of Wales Recreation Reserve



Sebastopol Bowling Club

## BOWLS

### SEBASTOPOL BOWLING CLUB

**Address:** 213-219 Albert Street, Sebastopol 3356

The newly renovated Sebastopol Bowling Club is the perfect location for your next major bowls events. The SBC would be considered one of Victoria's largest Bowling Clubs with various activities catering for a wide range of its members.

The facilities at SBC are second to none. Our undercover outdoor green (The Dome) was completed in 2015, it provides a great introduction for bowlers who are just beginning their bowling journey to those more experienced bowlers who are keen to avoid the elements and play on a top surface. Two grass greens provide a traditional bowls setting and indoor bowls for those who want to stay out of the elements.

The venue's most recent addition is the extension and refurbishment of the clubhouse. This includes the addition of a sports bar (TAB), kids' playground and cafe which ensures the club caters to various members and guests. Established in 1944, Sebastopol Bowling Club has a proud past and a positive future.

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### ADDITIONAL BOWLS FACILITIES

Ballarat plays host to a number of other bowls clubs, all within 15 minutes of city. They include:

- Ballarat Bowling Club
- Ballarat East Bowling Club
- Ballarat Memorial Sports Bowling Club
- Buninyong Bowling Club
- City Oval Bowling Club
- Learmonth Bowling Club
- Midlands Bowling Club
- Mt Xavier Bowling Club
- Victoria Bowling Club
- Webbconna Bowling Club
- Wendouree Bowling Club



Ballarat Memorial Sports Bowling Club



# BADMINTON / INDOOR BOWLS

## BALLARAT BADMINTON STADIUM

**Address:** 407 Dowling Street, Wendouree 3355

The Ballarat Badminton Stadium is an 18 court badminton stadium, which features a multipurpose area (6 courts) and 12 badminton specific courts.

The Association runs weekly programs for Badminton, Pickleball and Indoor Floor Curling, and annual badminton tournaments at regional, state and has regularly hosted national and international events.

The stadium floor space of over 2500 sqm is the ideal space for other sporting events such as the annual Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Tournament which attracts teams from all over Victoria

The multipurpose area is utilised by other sporting groups such as basketball, football and cricket training.

The stadium has recently had the amenities updated to include two accessible bathrooms to accommodate events such as Para Badminton National and International Championships.

The stadium also features a downstairs meeting room, upstairs kitchen/function area, as well as a pro shop which can be utilised as a ticket booth or similar space.

### Marquee Events

- 2020 Oceania Badminton and Para Badminton Championships
- Annual Ballarat Veterans Teams Tournament
- Annual Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Tournament
- 2012, 2014 Oceania Badminton Championships

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Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Fitness Centre

# SQUASH / RACQUETBALL

## BALLARAT SQUASH AND RACQUETBALL FITNESS CENTRE

**Address:** 106 Dowling Street, Wendouree 3355

The Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Fitness Centre is one of the premier Squash and Racquetball facilities in the country featuring 11 recently refurbished World Squash Federation-compliant courts, including three glass-back.

The entire facility features a split-level design with the second level providing an unparalleled view of the action occurring on each court.

Our show court features a viewing gallery on both the ground and first levels that will comfortably seat over 100 fans.

The centre is fully licensed with an onsite bar as well as kitchen facilities.

The Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Fitness Centre is an accessibility friendly facility with ambulant change room, wheelchair access and ample on site and on street parking.

The centre has been undergoing an uplift which has seen new change rooms installed, resurfacing of the court walls and other improvements. Additional renovations are planned including a redesign of our show court and accompanying gallery as well as an upgrade to our kitchen and bar facilities.

The centre also plays host to other activities including martial arts, low-impact exercises like yoga and pilates and related services such as osteopathic massage.

The Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Fitness Centre is the ideal venue for sporting, educational and corporate events.

### Marquee Events

- Ballarat Squash Championships
- Ballarat Racquetball Championships
- 2017 Australian Masters Squash Championships

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Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Fitness Centre



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Ballarat Table Tennis Stadium

# TABLE TENNIS

## BALLARAT TABLE TENNIS STADIUM

**Address:** 499 Dowling Street, Wendouree 3355

Ballarat Table Tennis Association (BTTA) was established in 1947 playing out of the Ballarat Showgrounds, moving to its current site in Hollioake Park, Dowling Street in 1979.

The Ballarat Table Tennis Stadium is one of the best purpose-built Table Tennis venues in the country. It has 27 quality courts including the Centre Show Court, each table has international standard flooring and tables. The stadium also has its own toilets and change facilities including showers, a canteen serving hot/cold food and drinks, table tennis equipment sales and a dedicated training court with Table Tennis robots set up for that extra bit of practice. The Ballarat Table Tennis stadium also boasts gas heaters throughout which are a must through a Ballarat winter. As of January 2021, the Stadium also has a 25-kilowatt Solar electricity system.

Annually the Ballarat Table Tennis Stadium plays host to both Juniors and Open aged competitors, as well as Veteran's tournament each year. Each of these events attract some of the best players from across the state, including Olympic and Paralympic players.

The venue in the past has hosted Olympic Games Selection tournaments, and the BTTA continue to work towards being able to host future Olympic/ Commonwealth games selection tournaments and other top-level tournaments.

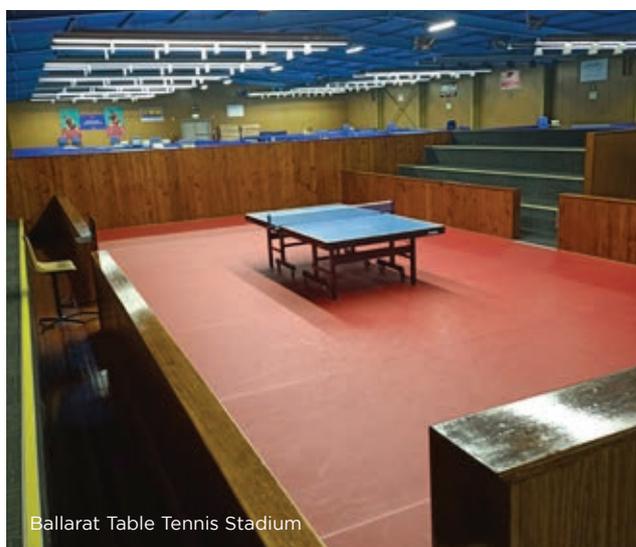
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Ballarat Table Tennis Stadium



Ballarat Table Tennis Stadium



Ballarat MinerDome

# VOLLEYBALL

## BALLARAT MINERDOME

**Address:** 994 Grevillea Road, Wendouree 3355

The Ballarat MinerDome plays host to Volleyball Ballarat. Normally used for Basketball, the venue provides access for two courts on a weekly basis on a Monday evening.

The courts have electronic scoreboards, grandstand viewing and viewing from the upstairs bistro and bar area. The venue provides toilets, change room facilities, ice machine, drinking water access. The courts are also within easy access to MinerDome Sports Bar and Bistro.

Volleyball Ballarat hosts an Annual "Skins" tournament in mid-November where up to 30 teams from across the state stay and play over 2 days, in up to 6 Divisions (Men & Women) for up to \$5,000 in prize money.

The tournament has been running for over 40 years and the Skins format is unique to Volleyball Ballarat in Australia. Teams can claim a cash prize timeslot if they can defeat their opponent 25-12 or better in a set. If no "Skin" goes off in that timeslot, the cash jackpots to the next timeslot and so on.

Volleyball Ballarat is also one of 5 regional Victorian Associations that supports the Phantoms Volleyball Club, Victoria's only regional Club in the Victorian Volleyball League, with players, coaches and administrators and hosts both trial and training sessions and a round of State League (VVL) annually.

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Ballarat MinerDome



Ballarat East Recreation Centre

## INDOOR SOCCER / FUTSAL

Futsal Ballarat is the only affiliate of Football Federation Victoria (FFV) and Football Federation Australia (FFA) in Ballarat. The club was established in 2009 at the Ballarat Badminton Centre, where it started training only 4 kids before moving to the Ballarat East Recreation Centre in 2014.

As well as regular social competitions, the club select players to represent the club at Regional, State and National competitions. This program has been extremely successful winning regional and state titles.

### **BALLARAT EAST RECREATION CENTRE - WOODMAN'S HILL**

**Address:** 1 Fussell Street, Ballarat East 3350

Ballarat East Recreation Centre is the only recreation centre catering for the Ballarat East's community needs. It has 2 basketball courts, 4 squash courts as well as a canteen, and multi-purpose rooms. The venue has seating surrounding both courts, an open foyer with viewing of both courts as well as on and off-street parking.

The venue will soon undergo an upgrade to the playing courts as well as all amenities. This is scheduled to be completed this year.

### **FEDERATION UNIVERSITY - MOUNT HELEN CAMPUS**

**Address:** University Drive, Mount Helen 3350

Futsal is also facilitated at Federation University's Mount Helen Campus at their first-class facilities. The venue encompasses 2 courts: one with a 350-seat stadium and the other with a large viewing deck above with seating. There is ample on-site parking, with the venue also having a gym, football, and soccer ovals.

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Federation University



Major League Indoor Sports

# INDOOR SPORTS

## MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS

**Address:** 502 Howitt Street, Ballarat North 3350

Established for over 30 years, Major League Indoor Sports is your home for indoor cricket in Ballarat.

Along with indoor cricket, this multi-purpose venue plays host to several indoor sports, ranging from soccer, netball, beach volleyball and dodgeball.

The venue also has the advantage of neighbouring businesses including tenpin bowling, Go karts and snooker / 8 ball, who regularly help form much larger events offering unique variety to the participants.

Every convened event comes with specialised organisers, tournament administrators and referees.

All events don't necessarily have to be run as "state titles" but can be used by a group or organisation as a huge social style multi sports event. For example, Major League Indoor Sports has conducted Federation University multi sports carnivals and the national Australian Catholic University multi sports championships annually for the past 10 years.

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Major League Indoor Sports



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Ballarat Indoor Go-karts

# INDOOR GO-KARTS

## BALLARAT INDOOR GO-KARTS

**Address:** 502 Howitt Street, Ballarat North 3350

Race against your friends, family, or workmates in our newly renovated venue. Fast paced competition or fun with the family, Ballarat Indoor Go Karts is place to be – all year around.

Offering Junior and Double karts where family members from 3+ can race each other on the Track. The newest Karts in the fleet are the European built Sodi GT3-R Senior Karts fitted with Honda GX270 engines (new on the track April 21).

Arrive & Drive sessions in Junior & Senior Karts range from 10mins – 20mins. If you have group why not book in for one of our Racing Sessions that includes Qualifying Laps and Racing. Get the fastest Lap time in Qualifying and your will start in poll position for the Racing. Podium presentation after the race will give you “bragging rights” if you finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd .

Want to race every week then why not join our League Racing. Junior & Teen Racing (Thursday) Individual Racing (Monday) and Team Racing where you and 2 mates complete 130 laps with 2 pitstops (Tuesday).

We have introduced ClubSpeed as our track management system where all your individual times, race results and the leatherboards are recorded on the screens or printed for you.

NEW to the venue in Oct 2021 is the introduction of the worlds #1 Souvenir Video System ViewPoint. Every Racers will receive in their ticket price a wide-angle HD Customer souvenir video of their race. Relive every moment of the race after the event.

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Ballarat Indoor Go-karts



Ballarat Indoor Go-karts



Ballarat Oz Tenpin Bowling Centre

# TENPIN BOWLING

## BALLARAT OZ TENPIN BOWLING CENTRE

**Address:** 901 Doveton Street North, Ballarat 3350

Located just 10 minutes from the CBD, the Ballarat Oz Tenpin Bowling Centre was established in 1979.

The Centre offers 16 synthetic lanes, great assortment of arcade games and café on-site. Everything you need in one place for a great family outing. The management team pride themselves on old fashion friendly customer service. Apart from leagues that run every week- major tournaments are usually every couple of years. The venue runs leagues for all ages and abilities with special needs, junior, daytime and evening leagues.

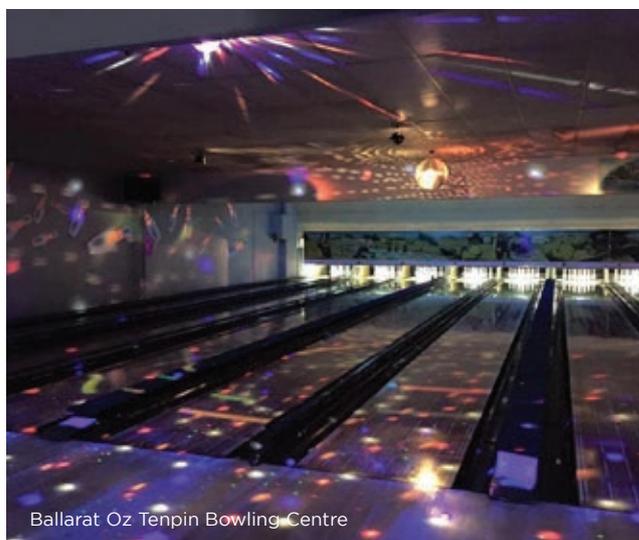
The Ballarat Oz Tenpin Bowling Centre is fully equipped for you to enjoy a game of tenpin bowling. The Centre provides light weight bowling balls, bowling ramps, bumper bowling and wheel-chair access meaning everyone can enjoy a game.

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Ballarat Oz Tenpin Bowling Centre



Ballarat Oz Tenpin Bowling Centre

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**CITY OF BALLARAT**

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- Public toilets
- Train station
- Hospital



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