9 - 10 MAY 2015
MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND
10AM - 5PM

BALLARAT
HERITAGE WEEKEND

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

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Welcome from the Mayor of Ballarat

Ballarat Heritage Weekend invites visitors to journey through the story of our remarkable military history, honouring ‘A Century of Service.’ Take this program and the event map and enjoy two fun-filled days of FREE activities, entertainment and exciting events, most within walking distance of the historic Ballarat CBD.

This year, we are proud to present a unique opportunity to commemorate and educate children about important stories from our national and local service history. Young people are sure to love the hands-on activities including periscope-making, the ‘In their Boots’ display, and Morse code breaking, as well as the wonder of the steam rail and riding the double decker bus.

Mayor Cr John Philips

Event highlights include...

- **A Century of Service** - interactive displays, tanks and military vehicles displays
- **Get On Board** - double decker bus rides, steam trains, tweed ride, ANZAC walk, treasure hunt
- **On Show** - schedule of performances and screenings happening around town
- **Fashion and Flair** - Charlotte Smith fashion shows, Lucas Exhibition and Apron Festival
- **Discovery Hub** - talks and tips on discovering the unique history of your family or home
- **Explore our Fine Heritage** - open buildings, tours and talks happening all weekend
- **Galleries and Museums** - showcasing military history displays
- **Antiques, Collectables and Vintage Bazaar** - bring your militaria items here for valuation

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM: All participating venues are clearly marked with a number, matched with its location on the event map on pages 8 and 9. For example: Ballarat Mining Exchange 1
Ballarat at War

This year commemorates and celebrates the stories of the city of Ballarat and the people who have contributed to A Century of Service. In this centenary year of Gallipoli, we explore Australia’s war and peacekeeping engagements over 100 years, and Ballarat’s contribution. From those who packed patrol rations or made uniforms in the factories, to those who ran charities and baked ANZAC biscuits for the front; to the soldiers, pilots and nurses who served in the mud of France or in the humidity of Vietnam, everyone has a story to share.

‘Our ANZACS and their Legacy’ theatre production

Two Friends Productions presents a 45-minute theatre production. It explores the soldiers, the events, and the spirit that created the ANZAC Legend. The play explores who the ANZACS were, why they were at Gallipoli, what happened when they arrived, and perhaps most importantly, the legacy that was created. Audiences will also learn more about the role of female nurses, and discover stories of bravery and mateship.

Photographic Exhibition

Explore the photographic exhibition A Century of Service: Ballarat 1914 - 2014. World War I to Afghanistan today, the story behind the news headlines and Ballarat’s involvement in these engagements, will be told through curated photographs, maps and narrative. Watch the stories of some of the ordinary Ballarat men and women who lived and worked in extraordinary wartime situations, including the unsung hero Albert Coates, the courageous Bull Allen and Ballarat’s very own Major General Simone Wilkie.

Kids Challenge

Kids can make a periscope and get hands-on with the ‘In their Boots’ discovery space. Join the kid’s challenge trail in our very own recreated World War I - inspired trench. Put your creative thinking and observation skills to the test in the trench!

Telegrams and Morse Code

Come along and chat with our letterpress expert who will demonstrate how the printing press worked. Get hands-on with Morse code and telegrams by joining our Morse code enthusiasts who will demonstrate this fascinating technology.

WIN a trip for four!

Pick up your ration booklet and check off all venues marked in the booklet, to go in the draw to win a trip for four on Melbourne’s Gooney Bird Dinner Flight (Value $1200). During World War II this DC-3 spent most of its career in military service with the RAAF and saw action in two warzones. For terms and conditions visit heritageweekend.com.au
GET ON BOARD

Steamrail Victoria Shuttle Rides
Ballarat Railway Station 13
Departs Ballarat 9.30am, 10.55am, 1pm, 2.15pm and 3.45pm.
Join the ‘Steamies’ on a round trip locomotive journey departing from the historic Ballarat Railway Station and experience the Y112 model, Ballarat’s own engine.
Tickets can be purchased from the station platform on event days. Adult $25, Family $60, Child $10

FedUni Tweed Ride
Corner Dawson and Sturt Streets 11
2pm, Saturday only (2.30pm start)
Find your best tweed jacket and bring your bicycle down to join the FedUni Tweed Ride. You will be taken through some of Ballarat’s beautiful tree-lined residential streets and back to Suttons House of Music on Sturt Street at a leisurely pace. All bikes and riders welcome. 45 minute duration. Register online http://goo.gl/UNFkG6

Double Decker Bus Tours
Depart outside Ballarat Mining Exchange 1
Jump on board an iconic double decker bus and see historic Ballarat from a unique perspective. Tour guides will point out significant sites reflecting Ballarat’s involvement in the war along the way. Buses depart every 20 minutes. Visit the Event Information Desk to get a ticket to ride.

Remember and March
Lewis Street off Albert Street 18
10.45am, Sunday only (11am start)
An invitation to community members to Remember and March, by bringing a personal object - a photo, a diary, a letter, a story and re-trace the steps of the first ANZAC March along Sturt Street to the Town Hall. Sturt Street will be activated by the energy of the actors of FedUni sharing letters, diary entries, songs and stories, as memories actively come to life and take over the street.

Public Discussion
Ballarat Mining Exchange | 1pm 1
Following the Remember and March, community members are invited to join a public discussion, sharing their objects and memories, actively discovering the personal and shared connections we have, and asking the question ‘how do we remain connected to the First World War?’

National Trust Treasure Hunt
Ballaarat Mechanics’ Institute 3
Make it your mission to find all the hidden treasures located along the Ballarat streetscape. You will be amazed at the things you discover! Clue and answer sheets are available from the Humffray Room upstairs.
Military History Road Display
The Military History Group will converge on downtown Ballarat with a huge display of military vehicles, from tanks to Jeeps, and equipment from across the decades of war. This incredible spectacle will be showcased both days, with an exclusive opportunity to chat to the owners of these rare vehicles and collectables.

HMAS Cerberus visits Ballarat
Also featuring in the road display, HMAS Cerberus. The Royal Australian Navy’s Premier Training Base at HMAS Cerberus near Crib Point in Victoria operates a 1923 Foden Steam Wagon. The Wagon is the centrepiece of the Navy Steam Club. The Club, along with many other sporting and special interest clubs, forms a backbone of positive extra-curricular activities for trainees at Cerberus.

Feeling hungry?
Whilst on Lydiard Street, stop for lunch at one of the many delicious cafes or restaurants.

See heritageweekend.com.au for more information.

Royal South Street Kiosk
Corner of Lydiard and Sturt Streets

RSSS in a time of war - the competitions continued during WWI but were suspended during WWII. Find out about the events that shaped these decisions.

Australia’s rising stars – view live pop up performances here each day

What’s on in 2015 – this is our 124th year of competitions. Come and find out about the range of performances on offer in the 2015 season and how the competition has changed over time.

RSSS @ the Discovery Hub - search our performance archives at the Discovery Hub at the Ballarat Library with the assistance of our archive volunteers.

BLOC presents: Miss Saigon
Her Majesty’s Theatre

Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG
Lyrics by RICHARD MALTBY Jr. and ALAIN BOUBLIL
Additional Material by RICHARD MALTBY Jr.
Orchestrations by WILLIAM DAVID BROHN

Originally Produced on the stage by CAMERON MACKINTOSH
MISS SAIGON is presented through special arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh Limited, Music Theatre International (NY) and Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd.

THU 7th - SUN 17th MAY, 2015
Tickets at MajesTIX 5333 5888 | hermaj.com
www.blocmusictheatre.com.au

Proudly supported by:
Live performances
Ballaarat Mechanics’ Institute

Be entertained by an impressive line-up of talent on stage in the magnificent Minerva Space. We are honoured to welcome our special guest John Schumann, former member of iconic band Redgum, who will play some of his classic Australian hits including ‘I was only 19’ (Saturday only). Don’t miss special performances by The Pacific Belles and Amie Brûlée and have your photo taken with The Pacific Belles at the Military History Road Display in Lydiard Street South.

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THE REGENT CINEMA

Wartime news reel screenings
The Regent news reels screened in Cinema 1 were often the first form of news Ballarat people received of the war effort. Enjoy the return of these iconic wartime newsreels in Cinema 1, screening at 11.15am, 1.15pm and 3.15pm daily. (Duration 15 minutes)

Mining Mud and Medals
In the Marble Room
Local miners who took up the call to war and the untold stories of their legacy are the subject of an interesting new display.

In the Cinema
Enjoy the premiere screening of The Waler: Australia’s Great War Horse, at 2pm, Saturday 9 May. The Waler is a feature-length film about the 130,000 horses that served, and died, in World War I. Presented by the Mining Mud and Medals Project team.

Radio Play Live!
with Ballarat National Theatre
Art Gallery of Ballarat

Revel in the sound and character of a wartime radio drama, presented as a studio performance. Actors from Ballarat National Theatre bring the classic days of radio back to life and recreate the mood of the home front during World War II. Performances at 11am, 1pm and 3pm daily. Entry is by donation.
Charlotte Smith’s Wartime fashion parades
Minerva Space, Ballarat Mechanics’ Institute
Charlotte Smith, custodian and curator of the famous Darnell Collection Vintage Couture and author of ‘Dreaming of Dior’ returns for the second year in a row.
Charlotte has curated a beautiful portrait of the influence of war on fashion through the decades with particular focus on WWI, WWII and Vietnam. Treasures from the collection are rare and fragile and will delight fashion enthusiasts from near and far. See schedule on page 6 for parade times.

Kookaburra Club
Need somewhere to rest and relax? Join our interpretative actors in the Kookaburra Club to have a chat, play some old-fashioned board games, read the newspaper and listen to music.

Lucas Exhibition
Humffray Room, Ballarat Mechanics’ Institute
While presenting a range of Lucas garments from 1927 to 1968, the Lucas Girls Display also highlights the achievements of Eleanor Lucas, the style and prestige of the Lucas label, the camaraderie of the workers and the contributions to the community of both the firm and its employees, from the Avenue of Honour to the present day. The Lucas Girls Display is presented by The Ballarat Branch of the National Trust.

Ballarat Apron Festival
Ballarat Apron Festival
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 May 2015
St Patrick’s Hall, cnr Stuart & Dawson Streets
Make do and mend!
- Apron Competition Entries on Display
- Vintage Apron Display
- Make & Take Workshops
- Sweet Treats and Lunch
- Apron & Vintage Linen Sales
- And lots more!

Pop up Concert:
Songs of the World Wars
Art Gallery of Ballarat
11am, 1pm & 3pm daily
The favourite songs of both World Wars will be performed by some of Ballarat’s favourite performers, including the Graduating Acting Company FedUni and the Present Tense Ensemble. Hum, tap your toes and sing along to these much-loved tunes in the beautiful setting of the Oddie Room at the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Entry by donation - money raised supports the Gallery Collection.
BALLARAT HERITAGE WEEKEND KEY VENUES

CBD MAP
1. Mining Exchange
2. Town Hall
3. Ballarat Mechanics' Institute
4. Ballarat Library, Discovery Hub
5. Art Gallery of Ballarat
6. Backspace Gallery
7. Old Colonists' Club
8. The Alexandria
9. Trades Hall
10. Military History Road Display
11. Ballarat Apron Festival
12. Her Majesty's Theatre
13. Ballarat Railway Station
14. Regent Cinema
15. Titanic Bandstand
16. Craig's Hotel
17. Ballarat RSL
18. FedUni ANZAC Walk
19. Suttons House of Music
20. Civic Hall
21. Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre

LARGER MAP
22. Bailey's Mansion
23. Bishops Palace
24. Ranger Museum
25. Ballarat Synagogue
26. Ballarat Fire Station
27. Gold Museum
28. Ballarat Municipal Observatory
29. Ballarat Old Cemetery
30. Neil Street Uniting Church
31. Ballarat Airport
Astonishing Achievements

The Henry Sutton Story 🎨

3pm daily. Admission: $5

Ballarat-born Henry Sutton is Australia's greatest inventor: he developed the world's first telephone network, developed the fundamental ideas for television, built the world's first portable radio receiver, the first Australian-made car and much, much more.

After a five year journey of worldwide research Henry Sutton's great-grand daughter Lorayne Branch will join with journalist Jarrod Watt in a conversation and Q&A to discuss her recently completed biography and the newly discovered evidence that changes the history of communications technology.

See and hear more of the full extent of Henry's astonishing achievements and inventions in the building where Henry built Ballarat's first elevator and Alexander Graham Bell visited for inspiration - Suttons House of Music, 31 Sturt Street.

Ballarat Observatory

Conflict to Cosmos 🎨

A significant outcome of major conflict was the development of radio communications, ultimately leading to the development of radio astronomy.

Lecture: 3pm daily | Free exhibition open 3 to 7pm and later.
3rd Rock Cafe open for refreshments and meals.

Bookings essential for lecture and viewing.
Bookings for meals required, call 0429 199 312.
Email: bas@cbl.com.au or visit observatory.ballarat.net

Chinese Heritage Displays

Ballarat Mechanics' Institute 🎨

Join the Ballarat Chinese Community Association as they present their extensive research into Chinese settlers in Ballarat and trace the stories of families from the goldfields through wartime and beyond.

Celebrate the year of the sheep with the Ballarat Chinese Community Committee.
Children will love paper cutting, colouring in and brush stroke symbols. Come and see Gum Loong who turns 20 this year.

Chinese Line Dancing | 2pm Saturday only
Watch the Chinese lions dance and spread their good luck.

“Are You Going Too?”

Ballarat and World War 1

An exhibition to commemorate the impact of World War 1 on the Ballarat community.

Now Showing at the Gold Museum

The Gold Museum is located in the Sovereign Hill precinct, Bradshaw Street, Ballarat.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
Win a ‘Genie’ to research your family history.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
Come along to guess the mystery objects and go in the draw to win the mystery prize.

DO YOU LOVE WATCHING ANTIQUES ROADSHOW OR THE COLLECTORS?
Do you have an object that you need identified or valued – bring it to the Library and speak to the experts.

WHO’S BEEN SLEEPING IN YOUR HOUSE?
Ask Adam Ford from the ABC TV series ‘Who’s been sleeping in my house!’
See schedule for times.

An exciting list of guest speakers share their tales and advice on navigating through historical property and family records. See schedule below:

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Free shuttle bus transfers stop here (see page 9) Auslan interpreted
Join Kittelty’s Quality Fine Fare for a treat at the Bishops Palace. Enjoy talks or just admire the grounds and architecture of this magnificent establishment with coffee and decadent homemade treats being served on the veranda all day.

Author of ‘A Palace for a Bishop’, Jenny O’Donnell will be hosting talks on the history of the Bishops Palace at 11am and 2pm.

The White Ribbon Choir will be performing at 3pm with proceeds going to White Ribbon.

**Tours**

**Sturt Street Statues Walk with National Trust, Ballarat Branch**
Starts at the Titanic Bandstand. Hosted walking tour of historic Sturt Street highlighting the statuary commemorating prominent people and world events. Sir Albert Coates, Pompey Elliot, William Dunstan VC. Boer war; events from World Wars I and II; and wars in Korea, Vietnam, Borneo and Malaysia. Stories of their inception and placement within the wide boulevard in the city.

**Art Deco and Modernism Society**
Commencing at Civic Hall, join a walking tour of Ballarat’s fine buildings from the Art Deco era lead by Robin Grow, Art Deco expert. Along the way, learn about Ballarat’s 20th-century architectural significance.

**Lydiard and Regent Cinema Walk**
Starts at the Ballarat Railway Station. Take a guided tour of one of the most intact heritage streetscapes in the Southern Hemisphere – Lydiard Street North. Along the way your guides will take you into the Regent Cinema for a special screening of wartime newsreels in Cinema 1.

**Baileys Mansion | Saturday only**
Nursing military memorabilia will be on display and Devonshire tea will be available. Gold coin donation. All proceeds go to the St John of God Ballarat Hospital Auxiliary.

**Neil Street Uniting Church | Saturday only**
Sale of watercolour paintings by William Bolitho in the original 1861 Neil Street Uniting Church. Tours of the three historic Neil Street churches will be conducted during the day by request. Contact: Claire Wilson 0409 044 364.

**Ballarat Cemeteries Trust ANZAC Heritage Walk - Podcast Launch.**
The ANZAC Heritage Walk trail is a self-paced, self-guided walking tour which consists of 26 locations highlighting the graves and memorials of soldiers and nurses who fought in the Great War 1914 – 1918. These graves are a selection from more than 180 within the cemetery and cover a variety of persons not necessarily famous or distinguished but reflect the effect war had on people, their families, their work and Ballarat as a city. You can also follow the tour by downloading the podcast and listening to the stories as you go. Join a guided tour at the Old Cemetery to celebrate the launch of this podcast. Tour starts at the main entrance.

**Ballarat RSL**
Ballarat RSL is housed on Lydiard Street in the George Hotel, opposite the Mining Exchange. With a collection from returned servicemen and women of Ballarat, the RSL showcases these items from a range of different wars. Iconic objects like Bull Allen’s war medals and curious pieces like gas masks and Turkish bayonets are on display. Watch the film on Bull Allen in the Mining Exchange. The RSL displays are freely accessible to the public over the weekend.
### Tours

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<td><strong>Australians at War Guided Tours, Art Gallery of Ballarat</strong></td>
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<td>Tour the Australians at War exhibition with an experienced guide, includes a visit to the Backspace Gallery to view works by local artists responding to <em>Leaving for the Front</em>.</td>
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<td><strong>Old Colonists’ Club</strong></td>
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<td>A unique opportunity to visit a building not usually open to the public. Tours will highlight social activities and some of the history of the Association and Old Colonists’ Club. Devonshire Tea available upstairs on the balcony overlooking the magnificent heritage streetscape. Please note: Not wheelchair accessible. Gold coin donation.</td>
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<td>Take a behind the scenes look at one of Australia’s most historic theatres. Her Majesty’s Theatre has been a central part of the cultural life of Ballarat since it first opened its doors in 1875 as the Academy of Music. Numbers are limited; to book call 5333 5888 by Friday 8 May. Please note: as performances of Miss Saigon will be taking place, tour access may be limited.</td>
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<td>Enjoy a tour of the Ballarat Fire Station and climb the staircase to the top level of the original brick tower. The fully-restored 1938 Dodge Pumper, a 1974 International tanker and old photographs dating back to the mid-1800s will be on display. Corner Barkly and East Street South.</td>
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<td>Visit Ballarat’s Jewish Synagogue which was built in 1861 and designed by architect TB Cameron for the Ballarat Hebrew Congregation. Explore the building and hear anecdotes about the people and the history of the oldest mainland synagogue in Australia. 2 Barkly Street, Ballarat East.</td>
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<td><strong>Craig’s Royal Hotel - High Tea Tour</strong></td>
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Exhibition: Australians at War 1914-1945
On show till 21 June
See how artists recorded the World Wars, including original cartoons and political posters, as well as paintings, drawings and medallions. Free entry

Poetry reading: Poems of WWII
A selection of some of the best Australian poems from WW2, in front of paintings by Sidney Nolan and Albert Tucker. Free entry
11am, 1pm & 3pm, both days

Poetry reading: Ginger Mick’s War
Poems by CJ Dennis about Ginger Mick and friends serving in WW1 in the Lindsay family sitting room. Free entry
11am, 1pm & 3pm, both days

Pop up Concerts: Songs of the World Wars
Hear some of the favourite songs of both World Wars in the beautiful setting of the Oddie Gallery. Entry by donation.
throughout the weekend (see page 7)

Guided tours: throughout the weekend (see page 12 & 13)

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Leaving for the Front
Backspace Gallery 6
12 to 4pm daily
Artists in all media respond to Dora Meeson’s iconic painting from the collection of the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Ballarat Regional Trades and Labour Council, in conjunction with the University of Melbourne Archives, present “Working Peoples War.”

Ballarat Trades Hall 9
Many Working People and Union Members signed up to support the war effort, but back at home a debate raged about compulsory military conscription in our Parliaments, in our Trades Halls and on our Factory Floors. Ballarat Trades Hall is proud to host an exhibition from the University of Melbourne Archives showcasing historic documents, posters and material from the debate over compulsory conscription and highlighting the contribution working people and Victorian Trade Unions made in WWI.

Ballarat Ranger Museum 24
The Museum houses a unique collection of memorabilia belonging to units that have served Ballarat and district dating back to the 1850s. Join John Coull for a talk on the history of the 7/8 Battalion. Gold coin donation.

Please note: No public toilets available at this location.

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At the Ballarat Airport

Ballarat Aviation Museum 31
View a rare collection of aircraft and aviation artefacts dating back to the 1930s at the Aviation Museum. The Museum was established as a memorial to Australian airmen and women, particularly those who trained at the Ballarat Aerodrome during World War II. Gold coin donation.

Avro Anson Museum 31
The Friends of the Avro Anson Museum have collated a wonderful display of photographs, documents and memorabilia depicting the history of the Ballarat Airport. See restoration works underway on one of the original Avro Anson planes which operated during World War II from the Ballarat Airport. Gold coin donation.
Antiques, Collectables and Vintage Bazaar

Ballarat Town Hall

Laden with finery and antiques, see the Ballarat Town Hall as you have never seen it before. Enjoy perusing the antiques, collectables and vintage stands in search of that unique piece to take pride of place at your home. The dealers will be conducting talks at various times throughout the weekend.

Stop for a break in the majestic setting of the historic Dance Hall for afternoon tea. A traditional High Tea, served on vintage English bone china will be available also. Reservations essential, call 0421 160 797 to find out more.

WIN a vintage 21-piece Royal Tuscan tea set, valued at $400. All reservations go into the draw.

Militaria Valuations

Fascinating insights on unusual military and service-related objects, including a selection of militaria for those looking for a commemorative piece to preserve.

Have some militaria items at home?

Let the experts tell you more at a valuation session, 11am and 2pm daily (visit the valuations desk for a prior viewing one hour before sessions).

Little Sparrow Market

The Alexandria

The Little Sparrow Market is an unmissable opportunity to explore beautiful, quality works by Australian designers, makers and artists. The Sparrow Market showcases new and high calibre designers, offering a unique buying experience for people who value ethical production, sustainability and good design. Please note: Not wheelchair accessible.
‘Oh, What a Lovely War’
Friday 8 May and Saturday 9 May at 7.30pm and Sunday 10 May at 5pm
Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre
A bold new imagining of this seminal theatre work, directed by Nathan Gilkes and Bryce Ives. The plot is history: nothing less than the First World War, complete with songs, a few battles and some jokes. All is beautifully crafted and woven together with Music Hall and Vaudeville songs and routines of the era creating a highly accessible yet searching interrogation of human strength and frailty in times of war. Brought to you by FedUni Arts Academy and the Present Tense Ensemble.
Tickets: federation.edu.au/eduarts-events

Gatsby Cocktail
7pm, Saturday
Suttons House of Music
Celebrate Heritage Weekend in style with champagne and canapes on arrival. Starring French Gypsy Jazz Band ‘Hot Club Swing’.
Tickets $30. Available at Suttons House of Music 31 Sturt Street or call 5333 4393.

Old Cemetery Night Tour
8pm, Saturday
Opened in 1856, Ballarat Old Cemetery presents fascinating and important stories from Australia’s Gold Rush Era. For bookings and ticket sales, call 1300 856 668.

Old Colonists’ Club dinner
7pm, Saturday
You are invited to a special Ballarat Heritage Weekend dinner featuring a guest appearance by George Adams, Producer of ‘The Doctor Blake Mysteries’ series on ABC TV. Bookings are essential, call the Old Colonists’ Club at 5331 2461.
Cost $50 per person. Please note: Not wheelchair accessible.

Ghost Tour
8pm, Saturday and Sunday
Starts at the Ballarat Railway Station. Eerie Tours invites you to spend an evening exploring the dark and paranormal side of Australia’s premier Gold Rush City. Explore underground buildings, back alleyways and the old Ballarat Gaol. For bookings and ticket sales, call 1300 856 668.

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