

## Welcome to the Connecting Delacombe Newsletter March 2021

We hope you all have had a great start to 2021.

In the coming months Delacombe Chairs Forum in conjunction with Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre are organising some great opportunities for residents of Delacombe to participate and connect within their local community.

**Cheers from Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre and the Delacombe Chairs Forum  
consisting of**

**Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre**

**YMCA Delacombe**

**The Salvation Army Delacombe**

**Phoenix P-12 Community College**

**Lumen Christi Primary School Delacombe**

**Delacombe Primary School**

**Delacombe Walking Group**

**Delacombe Gardening Group**

**Ballarat Community Health**

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## Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre

### We've turned 40!



On Friday February 26th the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre celebrated its 40th Birthday with a morning tea.

The idea of a centre offering additional support services for community members emerged from an occasional childcare group in the early 1980's.

Throughout those 40 years the Centre has always sought to be a space where everyone is welcome to come and explore the potential within themselves and the community. The purpose of our Centre is to provide a space for everyone to come and connect, participate and learn.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday festivities began with the Chair of the Committee of Management, Glen Compton's, cringe worthy glimpse of 1981. Then the CEO of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Nicole Battle spoke of the importance of this and similar centres. Artist Pauline O'Shannessy-Dowling and student Irma Mutuc launched the Kabluum mural. To conclude the formal part of the celebrations Phoenix P-12 Community College Band accompanied those attending in a rendition of Happy Birthday, before the official cutting of Chef Dave's cake.

Reflecting the spirit of the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre a band of students and volunteers under the guidance of Chef Dave provided the attendees with an abundance of delicious foods.

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## Salvation Army Delacombe Thrift Shop Opening



The Salvation Army in Delacombe began 2021 with the opening of their new Thrift Shop in Delacombe, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Their new store can be found directly opposite Delacombe Town Centre, next door to Bunnings.

Major Craig Farrell expressed his gratitude to the many volunteers who “have put up their hand to assist with the setting up of the new shop. We are very keen to welcome as many local volunteers as possible to help work in the shop.” Volunteer enquiries can be made to [Natalia.bulatova@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:Natalia.bulatova@salvationarmy.org.au).

Captain Ellen Farrell’s hope for the new shop, “is that it will be a place of belonging and welcome for all customers as well as another extension of the Salvos work we do in Delacombe and beyond. We encourage all Delacombe residents to pop in and say hello, grab a bargain and maybe even chat about how they might like to be involved in helping out their local community.”

As the store relies solely on donations from the general public; the Salvo’s are accepting donations during normal store business hours, Monday to Friday, and on Saturdays, from 9am to 5pm.

Thanks all, from Major Craig Farrell and Captain Ellen Farrell.

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## Delacombe Community Garden Group



After a 2020 to remember for its pandemic, masks, lock-down, chaffed hands and toilet rolls the Delacombe Garden Club is back bigger and better than ever.

This group of gardening enthusiasts started about 2 years ago at the Delacombe Community Hub. They can be found every Tuesday morning hiding amongst their garden beds at 17 Nandiriong Drive Delacombe near the blue building known as the Delacombe Hub.

This very dedicated and welcoming group of volunteers meets about 10.00 -10.30

am to 11am. After working in the garden they share a delicious morning tea, laughs and chatter.

“Whether you are a qualified green thumb looking for a garden to play in or a brown thumb looking to learn more and meet new people we are always welcoming to anyone who wishes to help out or join us on a Tuesday.”

The produce of this garden is available to anyone in the community who wishes to visit. “All we ask is that you take only what you will use.

Many thanks, Peta Baum.

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## Lumen Christi Primary School Delacombe



"The 2021 school year at Lumen Christi Primary School has commenced with great expectation and hope. Our Junior Learning Area is a stimulating environment that invites the children to be fully engaged in their learning. We are very mindful of the importance of a smooth transition from Kindergarten to Primary School. Our staff promotes child focused education allowing each child the opportunity to thrive and flourish".

Murray McDonald, Principal, Lumen Christi Primary School Delacombe.

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## Delacombe Primary School

The school year has commenced smoothly with the enrolment of 465 students and in particular 83 Prep students. Our first assembly was outside with all students in attendance apart from our Preps. It began with a smoking ceremony to acknowledge an ancient custom of the Aboriginal people and build our school cultural understanding. This was the first assembly for our 2021 student leaders and they managed their roles exceptionally well. During the holidays our Afterschool Care program (DASH) was very busy with lots of activities available for our students from working families. It is now offering Before School Care options and will be a great resource when it moves into the new school stadium next term.

It is going to be a busy term for our students with lots of exciting things to look forward to. Our swimming programs are now in full swing and our students are preparing for the upcoming Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals.

Scott Phillips, Principal, Delacombe Primary School.



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## Delacombe Walking Group

The Delacombe Walking Group is now entering its 8th year. This free group was started to provide everyone living within the Delacombe community the opportunity to join a casual group of people that would enable them to get some exercise whilst enjoying social interaction within their local neighbourhood.

The Delacombe Walking Group meets 3 times a week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings; 9.30am (9.00am Daylight Saving time) at the Doug Dean Reserve. Tuesday and Thursday walks usually cover a distance of approximately 4 to 5kms. Wednesday is usually shorter covering approximately 2 to 3kms.

Everybody is most welcome to attend, "we have members of varying fitness levels, gender and age groups."

We also enjoy celebrating birthday's with morning teas after walking; this is always a fun social occasion.

Many Thanks, Peta Baum.





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## Literacy through Art at Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre

The “Kabluum” Mural was unveiled as part of the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. This mural has grown out of the “Literacy through Art” classes held at the Centre late last year. Over an 8 weeks period, students, created individual designs which were hung together to produce a cohesive art piece. Irma Mutuc one of the students, described the project as being an unexpected surprise.

“The idea of a comfortable organized collaboration where I would paint a small area, turned into creating a panel of my own. As a non-artist I was initially daunted by the thought of taking on such an enormous challenge. Looking back on the experience now I view it as one of growth which mirrored my experiences here in the Centre over the last few months. I particularly enjoyed watching our group grow cohesively together. Like a choir our many voices have come together to create something beautiful.”

In March last year Irma moved to Ballarat permanently from the Philippines. Due to the COVID restrictions Irma's opportunities to connect with her new community were limited leaving her feeling isolated. Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre gave her the opportunity to integrate and contribute to her new community.

Due to the different lifestyle in Australia Irma has had to learn new skills, which Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre has assisted her with. She spoke particularly highly of her cooking tutor Dave; describing his teaching style as absorption of knowledge through doing.

Irma said, “Connections created in class have moved beyond the classroom into students creating a new family for themselves.” Although one of the main reasons for joining BNC was to help her find employment Irma jokes that she is saddened now she has work as it gets in the way of her meeting with her BNC family.



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## New Stadium for Delacombe Primary School

The new school stadium is progressing well and is on track for the opening in April this year. They are currently plastering many of the internal walls and have almost completed all of the external brickwork. A major landscaping upgrade is about to begin, which will be a real feature for the front of our school. As part of our official opening we are working in conjunction with the Delacombe Chairs Forum to hold an Expo on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. This will be an opportunity for all the community to see our new facility and learn more about local groups and organisations in the Delacombe area.

Scott Phillips, Principal, Delacombe Primary School.



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## Phoenix P-12 Community College



At Phoenix P-12 Community College we are proud to service the students from Redan, Delacombe and Sebastopol. We are unique by design, boasting a community hub, kindergarten and dental health facility, and The Smith Family onsite. Last year we developed a nurture room to assist our most vulnerable students to make a smooth transition to the school day.

2020 was the year that was, one that many of us would like to forget. As a Principal and school we have the mantra 'no Phoenix child left behind' as a result of COVID-19. To help us achieve this target we have some 14 tutors working in our school from prep to year 12, helping our students catch

up with any learning they may have missed last year. It's so exciting to have our tutors in the classrooms supporting our students.

Karen Snibson, Principal, Phoenix P-12 Community College.

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## What's available at the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre?

Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre offers a diverse range of activities and provides opportunities for everyone in the community to connect participate and learn. This Centre is a safe haven for everyone. We welcome and encourage people from diverse backgrounds, ages and abilities to get involved.

Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre offers services and activities for all members of the community:

- Adult Education and Training - Courses designed to help build skills and improve people's employment and education pathways
- 'Our Kitchen Social Enterprise' - Provides hospitality training through our numerous program, covering catering, front of house, community lunches and free meals for vulnerable clients
- Community activities and events - Designed for people to connect, participate and volunteer in their local communities
- Community Lunches - Meet new people and enjoy a delicious 2-course meal for \$10 at our Centre on Friday afternoons
- Community Garden - Volunteers work together to grow food for our meals programs
- Ballarat & District Community Support Register - Volunteers provide phone call welfare checks to people who live alone in our community



For more information visit our

Website: <https://www.ballaratnc.org.au/>

Or contact us on

Email: [reception@ballaratnc.org.au](mailto:reception@ballaratnc.org.au)

Phone: 5329 3273

or come in and visit us at 11 Tuppen Drive Sebastopol

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## Need Help Looking for Work?

Has your employment been impacted by Covid-19?  
Do you need extra help finding a job?

At the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre we have a team of experienced Workforce Development Advisors who will help you develop a plan to get you back to work and then support you to achieve your employment goals.

We offer the following free services:

- Job search support
- Links to traineeships & apprenticeships
- Access to accredited training
- Interview skills & CV preparation
- Work experience support
- Connection with local employers

For more information visit our  
Website: <https://www.ballaratnc.org.au/>  
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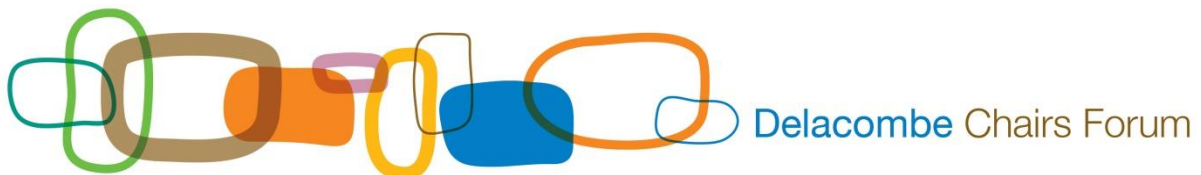


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## Phoenix P-12 Community College's New Indoor Stadium

If you are local you may have noticed that builder's fences have again gone up at Phoenix P-12 Community College. We are about to start construction of our \$11 million dollar indoor sports facility, based on our ongoing partnership with Ballarat Basketball. This facility will be an asset to all residents of the area and has at its heart the development of grass roots sporting opportunities. We expect to have completed this build by the end of 2021.

Karen Snibson, Principal, Phoenix P-12 Community College



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## What is coming up in our Community?



### Storks: The Movie

Growing up, the age old question for many children was, "Where do babies come from?" Well, the answer was quite simple, "The stork delivers them to Mummy and Daddy." Unfortunately, times have changed and this innocent and fun story has lost its way into the hearts of modern children.

# FREE DELACOMBE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



**FRIDAY 26TH MARCH**

**5:30 PM FOR REFRESHMENTS**

**6:00 PM FOR START OF MOVIE**

**DELACOMBE COMMUNITY HUB, DOUG DEAN RESERVE,  
16 NANDIRIONG DRIVE, DELACOMBE**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (BY MON 21 MARCH) AS PLACES ARE LIMITED:**

<https://www.socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=1851>

**Or Call: (03) 53293273**

**COVID PROCEDURES APPLY & PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE UNWELL**

**COFFEE VAN DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**BYO SEATING/BEANBAG/CUSHION/RUG**

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

Presented by partners of the Delacombe Chairs Forum



Delacombe Chairs Forum

Supported by the City of Ballarat and their  
Engaging Communities Program celebrating the  
launch of the Stadium audio-visual equipment

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**DELACOMBE  
COMMUNITY  
EXPO**

Delacombe Chairs Forum is holding a Community Expo to highlight Community Clubs, organisations and businesses in the local area.

**WHEN?: FRIDAY 14TH OF MAY**

**TIME?: 5:30 - 6:45**

**WHERE?: DELACOME STADIUM  
GREENHALGHS RD**

**FREE ENTRY AND BBQ DINNER PROVIDED**



