



Welcome to Ballarat

A guide to your
new home &
workplace



Aged Care

Ballarat, Vic

Be at the heart of it in Ballarat.

Nestled in Victoria, Australia, Ballarat offers a captivating blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. From its gold rush heritage to its vibrant arts scene and picturesque surroundings, living in Ballarat promises a rich tapestry of experiences. With a strong sense of community and a relaxed lifestyle, this regional gem invites residents to embrace the best of Australian living amidst its charming streets and scenic landscapes.



Ballarat has a rich history stemming from the Victorian gold rush of the 1850s. It was one of the wealthiest cities in the world during this time due to the discovery of gold in the area



110

km from
Melbourne CBD

110k

residents

25°C to 30°C

Summer
temps



The traditional custodians of the land where Ballarat is located are the Wadawurrung people and have lived in Ballarat for thousands of years.

Your new workplace in Ballarat

Welcome to Ballarat! And thanks for your interest in our home and team.

Welcome to Ballarat, a modern care home located in Delacombe in South-western Ballarat. We are a close-knit team of amazing, dedicated people focused on the health and well-being of our residents.

We are proud members of the Ballarat community, and our home participates in the annual Begonia festival organised by the council. This year (2024) we won the mayor's choice. We also have intergenerational programs where our residents visit childcare centres and vice versa, encouraging our community to be a park of the home.

We encourage development and career progression and have seen team members go from Carer to QEM. We love to welcome new staff and are a very inclusive home, regularly celebrating multi-cultural days with our residents getting involved too!

We can't wait to work with you!



Ballarat, nestled in Victoria, Australia, is a city brimming with history, culture, and natural beauty. Founded during the Victorian gold rush, its well-preserved Victorian architecture and attractions like Sovereign Hill offer a captivating glimpse into the past. The city's vibrant arts scene, picturesque Lake Wendouree, and surrounding countryside make Ballarat a brilliant new home.

Public Transport

Public transport in Ballarat primarily consists of buses operated by Public Transport Victoria (PTV). The bus network serves various suburbs within Ballarat and connects them to key destinations such as the city centre, shopping areas, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities.

Additionally, V/Line trains provide regional rail services connecting Ballarat to Melbourne and other towns and cities in Victoria. The Ballarat railway station serves as a major transportation hub for both commuters and visitors traveling to and from the city.

While Ballarat does not have a tram or light rail system like some larger cities in Australia, its public transport network offers convenient options for getting around the city and accessing nearby regions.

Travelers can use the PTV website or mobile app to plan their journeys, check schedules, and purchase tickets.



Schools

Ballarat is home to a diverse range of schools catering to various educational needs and preferences.

Government Schools

Ballarat has several government-run primary and secondary schools. These schools follow the Australian curriculum and offer a wide range of educational programs and extracurricular activities. Examples include Ballarat High School, Mount Clear College, and Ballarat Secondary College.



Catholic Schools

The Catholic education system operates several primary and secondary schools in Ballarat. These schools provide a values-based education in line with Catholic teachings. Examples include St. Patrick's Primary School and St. Patrick's College.

Private Education

There are also independent or private schools in Ballarat offering alternative educational philosophies and approaches. These schools often have smaller class sizes and offer specialized programs. Examples include Ballarat Clarendon College and Ballarat Grammar.

Specialised Schools

Some schools in Ballarat cater to students with specific learning needs or interests, such as Montessori schools or schools focused on performing arts or sports.

Tertiary Education

Ballarat is also home to tertiary institutions like Federation University Australia, which offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs across various disciplines.

Dining & Nightlife

In recent years, Ballarat has experienced a burgeoning dining and nightlife scene, offering a diverse range of culinary experiences and entertainment options.

Local Cuisine

Many restaurants in Ballarat pride themselves on serving locally sourced and seasonal produce, showcasing the region's vibrant food culture. From hearty pub meals to fine dining experiences, there's something to suit every palate.

International Flavors

Explore a world of flavours with Ballarat's diverse range of international restaurants, including Italian trattorias, Asian eateries, Indian curry houses, and more.

Cafés and Bakeries

Start your day right with a visit to one of Ballarat's charming cafés or bakeries, where you can enjoy freshly brewed coffee, artisanal pastries, and hearty breakfast options.

Farmers' Markets

Experience the freshest local produce at Ballarat's farmers' markets, where you can sample and purchase a variety of gourmet delights, including fresh fruits and vegetables, artisanal cheeses, bread, and more.



Bars and Pubs

Whether you're after a laid-back drink with friends or a lively night out, Ballarat's bars and pubs cater to all tastes. From historic pubs serving craft beers to trendy cocktail bars and wine lounges, there's no shortage of options for a night on the town.

Live Music Venues

Immerse yourself in Ballarat's vibrant music scene by checking out one of the city's live music venues. From intimate acoustic sets to high-energy gigs, there's always something happening for music lovers to enjoy.

Theatre and Performances

Ballarat boasts several theatres and performance spaces where you can catch a show, ranging from local productions and community theatre to touring acts and stand-up comedy.

Events and Festivals

Throughout the year, Ballarat plays host to a variety of events and festivals, including food and wine festivals, cultural celebrations, and live music events, providing plenty of opportunities to socialize and experience the city's lively atmosphere.

Employment Opportunities for your family

Ballarat, like many regional cities in Australia, offers a range of employment opportunities across various industries.

Healthcare and Social Assistance

Ballarat is home to several hospitals, medical centres, aged care facilities, and community service organizations, offering employment opportunities for healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, and support staff.

Education and Training

With numerous schools, TAFEs, and the Federation University Australia campus, Ballarat has a thriving education sector that provides employment opportunities for teachers, administrators, researchers, and support staff.

Retail and Hospitality

The retail and hospitality sectors play a significant role in Ballarat's economy, providing employment opportunities in shops, restaurants, cafes, hotels, and bars. Roles include retail assistants, chefs, waitstaff, baristas, and hotel management.

Manufacturing

Ballarat has a history of manufacturing, with companies in sectors such as aerospace, automotive, food processing, and advanced manufacturing. Employment opportunities in this sector include production workers, engineers, technicians, and quality assurance personnel.

Professional Services

Ballarat has a growing professional services sector, including accounting firms, law firms, engineering firms, IT companies, and consulting firms, offering employment opportunities for professionals in various fields.



Construction and Trades

With ongoing development projects and infrastructure upgrades, there are employment opportunities in construction, building trades, and related industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and building services.

Tourism and Hospitality

As a popular tourist destination, Ballarat offers employment opportunities in tourism-related businesses, including attractions, tour operators, accommodation providers, and event management companies.

Government and Public Administration

Ballarat is home to government offices, local councils, and public service organizations, providing employment opportunities in areas such as administration, policy development, planning, and regulatory services.

Shopping

Shopping in Ballarat offers a delightful mix of options, from modern shopping centres to charming boutiques and markets. Whether you're searching for the latest fashion trends, unique artisanal products, or fresh local produce, shopping in Ballarat offers a diverse and enjoyable experience for visitors and locals alike.



Central Square Shopping Centre

This is one of Ballarat's main shopping destinations, offering a wide range of stores including major retailers, fashion boutiques, specialty shops, and eateries. It's a convenient one-stop destination for all your shopping needs.

Bridge Mall

Located in the heart of Ballarat's CBD, Bridge Mall is a pedestrian-friendly shopping precinct featuring a mix of shops, cafes, and services. Here you'll find fashion boutiques, gift shops, homeware stores, and more, all set within a charming historic streetscape.



Sturt Street

Known as Ballarat's premier shopping strip, Sturt Street is lined with a mix of retail stores, cafes, and restaurants. Explore the elegant heritage buildings and discover a range of specialty shops offering fashion, jewellery, gifts, and artisanal goods.

Art Galleries and Studios

Ballarat is home to a vibrant arts community, with numerous art galleries and studios showcasing the work of local artists and artisans. Browse galleries along Lydiard Street and Armstrong Street to find unique artworks, ceramics, jewelry, and more.

Farmers' Markets

Experience the best of local produce at Ballarat's farmers' markets, where you can sample and purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, baked goods, and artisanal products. Farmers' markets are held regularly at locations such as Lake Wendouree and the Ballarat Showgrounds.

Specialty Stores and Boutiques

Ballarat boasts a variety of specialty stores and boutiques offering unique and eclectic finds. Explore the city's laneways and side streets to uncover hidden gems, including vintage clothing stores, bookshops, homeware stores, and specialty food stores.

Shopping Events and Festivals

Throughout the year, Ballarat hosts a range of shopping events and festivals, including markets, pop-up shops, and retail promotions. Keep an eye out for events like the Ballarat Begonia Festival Market and the Winter Festival Shopping Night for special deals and discounts.



Parks & Recreation

Ballarat offers a wealth of parks, gardens, and recreational facilities, providing residents with ample opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and stay active.

Lake Wendouree

This iconic lake is the centerpiece of Ballarat's recreational landscape. Surrounding the lake, you'll find walking and cycling tracks, picnic areas, playgrounds, and barbecue facilities. It's a popular spot for jogging, birdwatching, fishing, and boating.

Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Established in the mid-19th century, these expansive gardens feature a diverse collection of native and exotic plants, including rare and heritage species. Highlights include the Prime Ministers Avenue, the Fernery, the Sensory Garden, and the picturesque ornamental lake.

Victoria Park

Located adjacent to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Victoria Park offers additional recreational amenities, including sports fields, tennis courts, a playground, and walking tracks. It's a great place for a family day out or a leisurely stroll.



Black Hill Reserve

This bushland reserve is situated on the outskirts of Ballarat and offers walking tracks, mountain biking trails, and picnic areas amidst native vegetation. It's a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts seeking nature and tranquillity.

Buninyong Botanic Gardens

Just a short drive from Ballarat, the Buninyong Botanic Gardens feature landscaped gardens, walking paths, and scenic viewpoints overlooking the surrounding countryside. It's a peaceful retreat for nature lovers and picnickers.

Adventure Playgrounds

Ballarat boasts several adventure playgrounds where children can climb, slide, and explore to their heart's content. Examples include the Gong Gong Reservoir Park Playground and the Delacombe Town Centre Adventure Playground.

Sports Facilities

Ballarat offers a range of sports facilities and recreational venues catering to various interests, including sports fields, swimming pools, golf courses, and indoor sports centers. These facilities host a variety of sporting events, competitions, and recreational programs throughout the year.

Events and Festivals

Ballarat hosts numerous events and festivals that celebrate outdoor recreation and community spirit, such as the Ballarat Begonia Festival, the Ballarat Cycle Classic, and the Ballarat parkrun.



Things to do in Ballarat



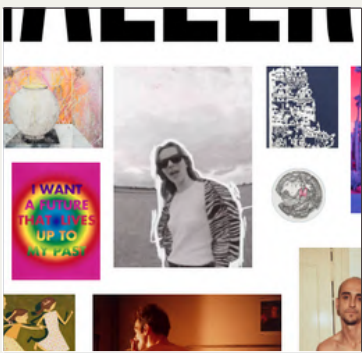
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Museum



Ballarat Wildlife
Park



Ballarat Botanical
Gardens



Art Gallery of
Ballarat



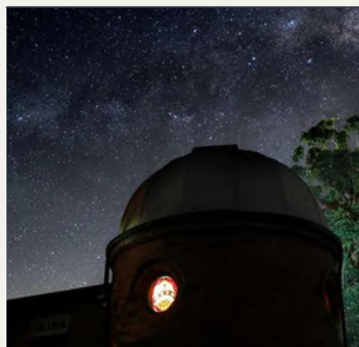
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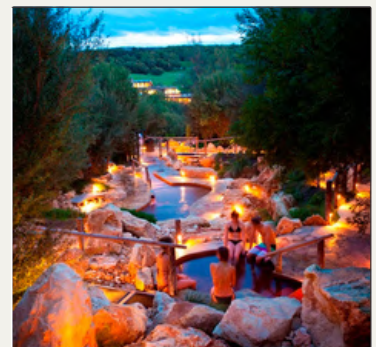
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Her Majesty's
Theatre



Ballarat
Observatory



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Useful links

Local Council

<https://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/>

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Australian Bureau of Statistics

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