



**ballarat
begonia
festival**

**A free festival
11-13 MARCH, 2017
10am to 5pm**

WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



It's a great pleasure to welcome you to the 65th annual, award winning Ballarat Begonia Festival.

This year celebrity gardener Jason Hodges returns to the Begonia Stage to share his horticultural and landscaping expertise in an inspiring series of garden talks and DIY demonstrations. A Festival favourite will no doubt be The Alkazar – a comedy and circus show tent featuring some seriously hilarious talent.

Come and explore the creations at the Creative Designer's Market, marvel at the arborsculpture, or purchase plants and an array of garden items for your own backyard at the Gardener's Market. Children will be entertained in the Super Sandpit and can take part in the pot-a-plant and paint-an-umbrella activities.

Festival-goers can indulge at six food and beverage zones, each featuring live entertainment. Whether you're in need of a single-origin coffee, slow-cooked pork roll, a glass of wine or a sweet treat, we've got you covered. Wander through the *Tunnel of Floral Delights* or visit The Conservatory and enjoy the vibrancy and colour of our city's famous Begonias.

The City of Ballarat is proud to present the 2017 Ballarat Begonia Festival. I'd like to thank and acknowledge our Festival partners, who help to make this happen, especially Central Highlands Water, our Community Partner.

Together, we wish you and your family a happy and enjoyable weekend in Ballarat.

Cr. Samantha McIntosh
Mayor of Ballarat



The Begonia Festival gratefully acknowledges the contribution of our partners

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CELEBRITY GARDENER

JASON HODGES

Garden royalty and TV favourite Jason Hodges is back to our communal backyard for this year's Begonia Festival.

With a swag of awards and accolades, including 4 *Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show* Gold medals, a Silver Gilt Medal at the prestigious *RHS Chelsea Flower Show* (UK), and a successful landscape design business, Jason is the best in the biz!

Join Jason live at the Begonia Stage for a series of **garden talks** and **DIY demonstrations**. Learn about plants, soil and garden design, and how to create a pet-friendly garden with plants at the Garden Talks, proudly brought to you by Central Highlands Water. Discover how to revitalise your backyard with sessions including *DIY movable planter box on wheels* and *How to create the perfect succulent bowl* via the DIY demonstration series (in association with Bunnings).



DAILY ON THE BEGONIA STAGE

Garden Talks

brought to you by Central Highlands Water



Saturday

11 to 11.30am Friends with Nature: How to create a pet friendly garden.

2 to 2.30pm GROW: edible gardens, plant selection, soil types, garden design and more.

Sunday

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Monday

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2 to 2.30pm GROW: edible gardens, plant selection, soil types, garden design and more.

DIY Demonstrations

in association with Bunnings



Saturday

12 to 12.45pm Make your own fire pit base.

3 to 3.45pm How to create the perfect succulent bowl.

Sunday

12 to 12.45pm Build a deck top pond.

3 to 3.45pm DIY moveable planter on wheels.

Monday

12 to 12.45pm DIY outdoor table with built-in drinks cooler.

3 to 3.45pm Use Besser® blocks to create a bench seat.

6.30 Auslan interpreted session



THE ALKAZAR A COMEDY AND CIRCUS SHOW TENT



THE ALKAZAR SCHEDULE



SATURDAY

11.00am	Eloise Green
11.45am	Liam Power
12.30pm	The Great Dave
1.15pm	Corie Hurry
2.00pm	Eloise Green
2.45pm	Liam Power
3.30pm	The Great Dave
4.15pm	Eloise Green

Each show is approx. 20mins

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Eloise Green - Interactive comedy with Hula hoops

‘All you need is Love’ – a romantic comedy starring ‘Daphne’, a young woman who yearns to be loved in any way, shape or form. Daphne dazzles and dazes her audience, incorporating death defying acrobatics, multiple hula hoops and clowning in an effort to win over a smile, applause, a friend or two and maybe even...a lover! Daphne uniquely utilises audience members to tell her story; a narrative which unravels with unexpected twists, friendships and romance that build to a huge crescendo. A climactic, surprise celebration!!! You have to see the show to know how it ends.



The Great Dave - English Comedy and Circus

The Great Dave’s show ‘Tea for Two’ serves you the perfect blend of high skill, improvisation and comedy. He is a juggler with a difference, obsessed with the English tradition of tea. Milk and two sugars, three metres in the air, on one wheel, balanced on a pole or kicked in the air and caught on his head. He executes a trick rarely seen on a unicycle outside of The Chinese State Circus. Dave will leave you reaching for more of his delightfully playful sense of humour, and who knows ... maybe a nice cup of tea!



Liam Power - Magician

Everyone needs a little bit of magic in their life and magician Liam Power is the man to provide it. Liam is one of Sydney’s busiest magicians, performing nationally and internationally. An extremely skilled and truly magical entertainer, he is charming and adaptable and can even make magic over the radio funny. Come and see Liam unleash his bag of tricks, it’s highly entertaining - in short, pure magic.



Corie Hurry - High skilled chair balance

Corie grew up playing around in boxes. He liked boxes so much he joined the circus and made a name for himself as the boy inside the small wooden box. More recently he has stepped outside of the box and is making a name for himself as a hilarious, dashing, eccentric with a fetish for chairs. Enjoy this breathtaking, highly entertaining display of obsessive chair balancing, it’s hilarious. Warning, do not try this at home!



Chunky Jam Trio

Young, talented and fabulous, Chunky Jam is one of Melbourne's most dynamic and exciting cover bands. Performing hits from the 60's through to today, this talented trio will get your toes tapping! Move to their groove as they perform on stage at the International Food Lawn.



Avatar Duo

Outstanding acoustic guitar performances from classical, jazz and flamenco styles, the Avatar Duo is a breath of fresh air. Soak up their sensational sounds as they perform on the Sensory Stage.



Sugar Blue Duo

This phenomenal duo cover it all: jazz, pop, the classics and more, using rhythmic loops created by tapping the body of an acoustic guitar. Retreat to the shade on the Beaumont Lawn, grab a bean-bag or a deckchair, and kick back to the smooth soulful vocals, bluesy guitar, and sensuous sax that are Sugar Blue Duo.



James Leroy Duo

James Leroy Duo's effortless and mellowing music is an inspired mix of soul, rock and pop, seamlessly infused to create a distinct sound. Wander through the Gardener's Market and absorb their tunes as they perform on the Garden Stage, they will leave an indelible mark on their listeners.



Alexjandro

Alexjandro's passion for guitar is undoubted; watch his incredible technique and innate sense of rhythm as he plays unique music inspired by Latin Jazz, Flamenco and Rumba. Witness how Alexjandro's love of the guitar has become a way of life for him as he performs on the Potter's Stage.



Chris Morant - Street Performer

Chris Morant combines balloon artistry, juggling, stilt performances with magic and more. A true variety style street performer, Chris brings joy to all ages. Don't miss Chris at the Performer's Patch.



SATURDAY & SUNDAY

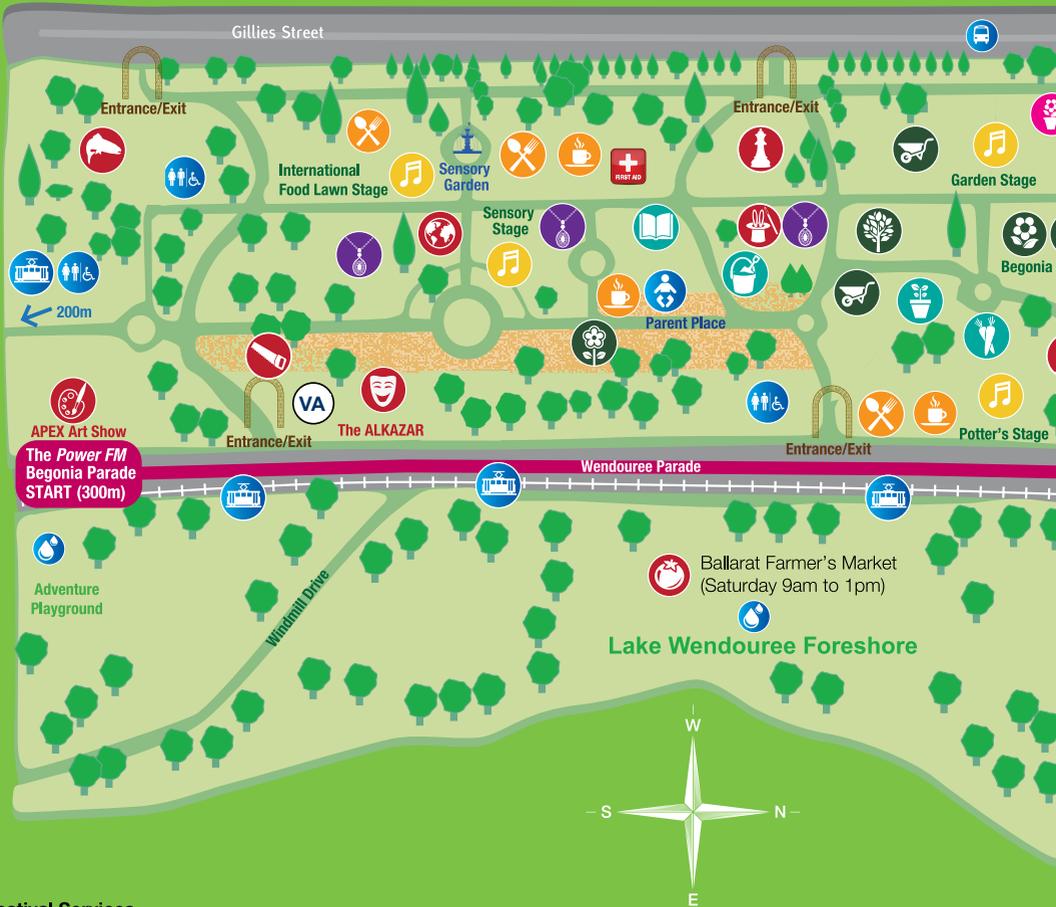
Time	International Food Lawn	Sensory Stage	Beaumont Stage	Garden Stage	Potter's Stage	Performer's Patch	Begonia Stage
10.00am			Sugar Blue (10.15am)				
10.30am		Nick Freer from Avatar		James Leroy	Alexjandro (10.45am)	Chris Morant	Local Vet Dr Stewart A. Greedy
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Times and acts are subject to change

2017 BALLARAT BEGONIA FESTIVAL MAP



Festival Services

- Event Information / ATM
- Accessible Toilets
- Supervised Accessible Drop-off
- Shuttle Bus Drop-off & Pick Up
- Bus Stop
- Bus

Subject to change. Map not to scale

FESTIVAL PARKING P

VICTORIA PARK

Ample Festival car parking is available at Victoria Park (access via Gillies Street). Parking is via donation to the Ballarat SES which manages the carpark over the weekend.

FREE PARK & RIDE

A free Festival shuttle bus is available. It will run on a continuous loop from the Festival car park at Victoria Park to the Begonia Festival and return throughout the weekend.



BEGONIA FESTIVAL MAP – KEY



Refreshments

-  Central Highlands Water
-  Festival Food
-  Coffee & Tea
-  Mitchell Harris Wine Garden

Horticultural Activities

-  Begonia Display
-  Garden Talks
-  DIY Demonstrations
-  Arborsculpture
-  Gardener's Market
-  Floral Tunnel
-  Plant Crèche

Children's Activities

-  Super Sandpit
-  Little Languages Storytelling
-  Pot-a-plant
-  Foost Cooking
-  Paint-an-umbrella

Family Activities

-  The Alkazar - Comedy & Circus
-  LEGO Trail Competition
-  Street Performer
-  Creative Designer's Market
-  Craft
-  Art Exhibitions
-  Spinning & Weaving
-  Wood Working
-  Garden Games
-  Vision Australia
-  Fish Hatchery
-  Global Village (Monday only)

FREE TRAIN & RIDE



Visitors please take advantage of a free Festival shuttle bus service from the Ballarat Train Station to the Festival. Buses will meet each train service arriving from and departing to Melbourne between 10am and 5pm daily.

FREE VINTAGE TRAM RIDES



The Ballarat Begonia Festival will provide free Vintage tram rides all weekend for your convenience and enjoyment. Travel the 1.3kms of the original track beside the Botanical Gardens on the west side of Lake Wendouree. Why not visit the Ballarat Tramways Museum as well?

Central Highlands Water is proud to be the Community Partner of the Ballarat Begonia Festival. Our **Be Smart Choose Tap** program will feature the new **Pets Choose Tap** campaign at this year's festival, to raise awareness about pet health and wellbeing.

Drop by and judge the **Pet Show Competition** of animal sculptures and learn how to start a water-wise vegetable garden with **GROW**.

'Be Smart Choose Tap' water bottles and 'Pets Choose Tap' pet bowls will be on sale to raise money for WaterAid. Celebrities Jason Hodges, Steve Moneghetti and the ACU Sovereigns will also be on hand to talk all things horticulture, hydration and health.

LEGO™ TRAIL COMPETITION



Where will they be hiding this year?

Discover all 10 LEGO items hidden throughout the Botanical Gardens and complete the entry form to go into the draw to win a **9 Night Pacific Islands Cruise***

This incredible prize is generously donated by **Flight Centre Central Square** (Ph: 5333 1966) and **Carnival Cruises**.

Collect your LEGO Trail entry form from the Flight Centre Central Square Marquee located opposite The Conservatory for your chance to win.

* 2 people, Balcony Suite departs from Sydney on 27 November, 2017.

WIN A CRUISE



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VISION AUSTRALIA



At the Festival, Vision Australia, the leading national provider of blindness and low vision services, will offer a range of interactive activities for all ages. Children will have the opportunity to meet and be photographed with Seeing Eye Dog puppies, take home a personalised braille bookmark and challenge themselves in the *Vision Australia Obstacle Course* wearing eye-condition simulation glasses. Adults can test out the latest accessible technology and speak to a Vision Australia representative about low vision services.

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD LAWN

Greek Trojan - Bringing the true Foods' of the Gods to you, serving up the freshest Greek yiros to hungry Festival goers.

Crêpe Magnifique - Enjoy a taste of France with sweet and savoury gourmet French crêpes.

Aotearoa New Zealand Street food - If you've never tasted New Zealand street food before you must come and try Aotearoa.

Perla Tacos - A taste of Mexico, soft corn tacos that are healthy, fresh and super tasty, using locally sourced seasonal produce (GF & V).

Just Chips - The highest quality potatoes cooked fresh in pure vegetable oil with a huge range of gourmet salts and sauces to choose from.

Masala Valley – Snack on a samosa and spring roll, sip on a mango lassi or fill up with their famous Indian butter chicken or dal curry (V).

Rolln BBQ - Sizzlin' snags cooked to perfection on the bonnet of hot rods.

Round the Way - Pioneers of the Ballarat food scene, try their delicious new menu created especially for the Begonia Festival.

Tasty Gozleme - Traditional Turkish savoury flat bread cooked with a variety of fillings and served fresh off the grill.

SWEET TREATS LAWN

Yogolishus - Fresh 96% fat free gourmet yoghurt with pure fruit toppings. Yoghurt smoothies and 99% fruit slushies in raspberry, blueberry and pine lime flavours.

Timboon Fine Ice Cream - All natural homemade ice cream made on the farm in Timboon using locally produced milk from Doolans Farm. Milkshakes made with ice cream and malt like the good old days (GF).

Little Box Brownie - Hot drinks and sweet treats all homemade and served in a 1945 Vintage Caravan! You can also pick up a copy of their award-winning baking book *A Piece of Cake*.

CURATOR'S LAWN

Red Lane - Specialty brews including barista crafted coffees, authentic stovetop chai and premium loose-leaf teas and drinking chocolate.

Frencheese - Serving a Raclette fondue dish, one of the most popular dishes in France, Switzerland and Germany, melted cheese poured over sautéed potatoes, cured meat and salad. Délicieux!

The Gypsy's Lunchbox – Local foodies providing American-style BBQ fare. Their beef and lamb comes from the family farm at Waubra providing a proper paddock to plate experience.

Bianco Latte - Traditional gelato and sorbet made fresh from seasonal ingredients served from a beautiful Sicilian gelato cart.

POTTER'S LAWN

Sweet Forbidden Journey – Is bringing old school sweets and childhood memories back! A range of products suitable for people with food allergies are on offer (GF, DF, V).

Zed & Co Freerange Farms – Zed & Co. breed heritage pigs locally in Gordon and will be cooking their delicious slow-cooked pork rolls on the BBQ all weekend.

Golden Corn - BBQ sweet corn on the cob cooked over charcoal and served with a variety of toppings. Cinema style popcorn and homemade meatballs are also available.

The Churro Bar – Life is short, eat a Churro! Come down and say hi.

GARDENER'S LAWN

Danish Bakehouse - Slow cooked Wagyu beef rolls with gravy and coleslaw, gourmet handmade pies, pasties and sausage rolls as well as Danish pastries and pancake puffs.

Espresso Mobile Café – A local mobile café supplying coffee, chai latte, hot chocolate, real fruit smoothies, delicious frappes and a selection of muffins and slices.

Luigi's Gelato – Delicious gourmet gelato by a local provider who offers a wide range of dairy free, gluten free, nut free and egg free flavours and cones.

TEA & COFFEE @ THE SUPER SANDPIT

Bean Me Up - Showcasing the best the region has to offer, serving local coffee, hot chocolate, chai and milkshakes (GF, DF, V).

Hello Tea - Serving classic Devonshire scones with freshly brewed tea from a 1960's caravan. Light fluffy scones served with a generous amount of cream and Yarra Valley jam.

SUPER SANDPIT



Attention tiny dune dwellers! Dig away, experiment and play at the Super Sandpit. Parents and guardians grab a tea or coffee and take a moment to relax while the children explore inside an enclosed and safe sandpit environment; managed all weekend by ECKA.

The Super Sandpit is made possible by the generous donations from Ballarat Sand & Soil, S.H.A.E Enterprises and ECKA.

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LITTLE LANGUAGES



When the clock strikes 3, it's time for a story!

Nurture your child's listening, language and learning skills. Join the City of Ballarat's Library staff near the Super Sandpit at 3pm daily for Storytime.

 Auslan interpreted session on Monday



PARENT PLACE



Parent Place is the perfect place for parents and carers. Located right next to the Super Sandpit, Parent Place provides a safe, welcoming and child-friendly space with change and feeding facilities. Run by City of Ballarat Family and Children's Services staff, Parent Place is also supported by an energetic and passionate team of volunteers.



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POT-A-PLANT

From little things, big things grow! It's time to get grubby and crafty with **BotaniKIDS** and **Bunnings**. Decorate your own terracotta pot as the *The Lorax* then learn how to pot a plant to take home, nurture and watch grow.



FOOST COOKING CLASSES

Budding mini chefs can join the Colourful Chef on a cooking adventure in this fully interactive class. Come along and smell, touch, see, cook and taste a range of fresh, colourful ingredients. Each participant takes home their own decorated paper chef's hat, and makes their own colourful dish to be enjoyed after the class.

Foost - eat colourful.



WOODIES

Be enthralled watching Ballarat's finest craftsmen - The Ballarat Woodworkers Guild - at work. Younger visitors will receive a small wooden item made on the spot by these skilled artisans. An impressive pedestal rocking horse is this year's raffle prize and a wide variety of hand-crafted timber items will be for sale.



GARDEN GAMES

Challenge friends and family to an outdoor game of giant Chess and Checkers; all in a shady, picturesque setting.



UMBRELLA PAINTING

Young children pickup a paintbrush and let your creativity shine as you decorate a paper umbrella with The Ballarat Society of Artists. The umbrella will be a constant source of shade while exploring the Gardens and a memento from the Festival.



THE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

Admire works from the Ballarat Society of Artists and purchase a piece of art to hang on your wall. The Society will partner with the City of Ballarat again in running a free children's art activity, this year Umbrella Painting. Come along and join in the fun.



SPINNERS & WEAVERS

Join the Ballarat Spinners and Weavers Guild for an interactive fibre experience. Have a go at weaving, spinning and felting, and watch the experts demonstrate their craft. Items handmade with love will be available for sale.



FISH HATCHERY

See wild trout in their Hatchery and learn more about the incredible efforts of over 146 years of volunteers at the Ballarat Fish Hatchery.

Guided tours at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm daily (approx. 25mins).





Have you ever seen a love heart or interlocking double reef knots formed from living tree trunks?

Come and view a selection of living trees fashioned by the process of Arborsculpture. Sculpting the stems of trees to create a form of art, a practise that has been used for millennia, yet not commonly seen. St. Arnaud Nurseryman Andrew Gregory (aka Wirehand) invites you to view a selection of his unique trees from Wirehand Design. Many of these trees are now over a quarter of a century old and have been featured in outdoor exhibits at both *Sydney In Bloom* and the *Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show*.



GARDENER'S MARKET



Like plants, our Gardener's Market has grown and is flourishing with many varieties of fabulous garden items. From worms to vertical gardens, wire sculptures to hanging chairs, come and take a look! Purchase some plants to beautify your own garden and leave them at the Plant Crèche while you explore the rest of the Festival.

BEGONIA DISPLAY



Enter the Robert Clark Conservatory and surround yourself with beauty at the Festival's centrepiece, the Begonia Display. Every year the City of Ballarat's Gardens team curates this spectacular display featuring a coloured mass of more than 700 Begonias from the Botanical Garden's 'Tuberous' and 'Non-tuberous' (registered) collections.

FLORAL TUNNEL



Take a walk through the *Tunnel of Floral Delights* and admire the creations by the Ballarat Floral Art Society and Floral Enterprises. Slip into a Begonia skirt and take a selfie!

CREATIVE DESIGNER'S MARKET



Shop for something special for yourself, or a gift for family and friends at the Creative Designer's Market. Wander through the range of stalls selling jewellery, prints, homewares, fashion and craft.

CRAFT COTTAGE



Craft, craft, glorious craft! The Crafts Council of Ballarat is celebrating 25 years in the **Adam Lindsay Gordon Craft Cottage**, offering a wide selection of beautiful, original, and locally crafted giftware featuring paintings, photography, silk scarves and woodwork. Visit the Craft Cottage at the Botanical Gardens as well as the pop-up shop at the Festival.

APEX ART SHOW



Celebrating its 62nd Art Show this year, admire some of the region's best artistic talent, view the winning entrants and purchase your favourite piece to take home.

MITCHELL HARRIS WINE GARDEN

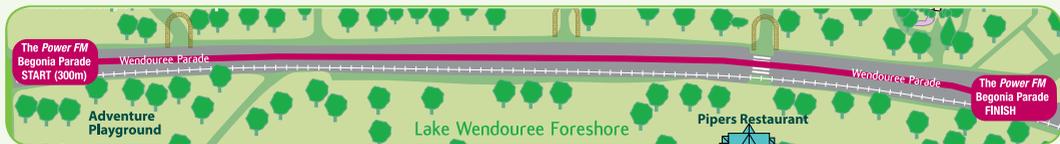


Savour your favourite drop and pair it with some of the region's fantastic local produce, while relaxing to the live music in the shade at the Mitchell Harris Wine Garden.

POWER FM BEGONIA PARADE

THE POWER FM BEGONIA PARADE WILL EXPLODE WITH COLOUR AND SOUND!

Watch local businesses, schools and community groups unite to celebrate Ballarat's diversity and community spirit. The fun begins at 11am, Monday 13 March along Wendouree Parade, between the Tramway Museum and North Gardens. Be there early to get a spot and if you can't make it to the parade, you won't miss out, as Power FM will be broadcasting live.



TWILIGHT CINEMA

The Lorax



The Ballarat Foundation welcomes you to a night under the stars, **Sunday, 12 March**, at the Lake Wendouree foreshore. Gates open at 6pm and the movie, **The Lorax** will commence at dusk. Pack a picnic rug, a picnic or buy dinner from a food truck. Come dressed in your favourite Dr Seuss outfit and enjoy fun activities and entertainment before the movie.

Tickets available on the night or at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au



HARMONY FEST 2017



'Parade of Cultures' Monday 13 March

The City of Ballarat's popular 'Parade of Cultures' is joining the Power FM Begonia Parade! This will be a spectacular way to kick off celebrations for Cultural Diversity Week 2017.

Post parade, head over to the Festival and visit **The Global Village** opposite the International Food Lawn (Monday only), hosted by the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council. Here you will discover even more cultural fun, music, activities and displays.

For more information on Harmony Fest 2017, or to view the entire Cultural Diversity Week program visit

www.ballarat.vic.gov.au



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Join us for the launch of Pets Choose Tap
See Celebrity Guests the ACU Sovereigns, Steve Moneghetti & Jason Hodges
Vote for your favourite pet in our Pet Show Competition
Learn how to GROW your own food



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