

my Neighbourhood



MINERS REST

Making Miners Rest

When it comes to priority projects, no one knows better what is needed most at the local level than the locals. That's the philosophy behind the City of Ballarat's Engaging Communities Program.

In 2013/14, Council invested \$300,000 into community-led projects in Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong, designed to strengthen community links and build community confidence.

The Miners Rest Community Action Team was created in May last year and has supported projects including: Stage 1 of the revitalisation of the Community Park, relocation of the Soldiers Memorial, resurfacing of the basketball court, introduction of the Library Outreach Van, and markers at the wetlands.

The good news is a further \$300,000 will be invested in Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong in the City of Ballarat's 2014/15 budget.



Township Entrance Signs

Work has commenced on entrance signage at the northern and southern entrances of Miners Rest. The Miners Rest Community Development Team has designed attractive signs that will be a welcoming sight for road users.

The signs will be constructed from bluestone rocks with metal wording, and the Miner and His Dog features in metal cutwork. Lighting will enhance the signs at night.

Residents may have noticed two new banner frames at the northern and southern entrances to Miners Rest.

The banner frames are in place to promote community activities and events including the Miners Rest and District Lions Club Community Market.

Interested in promoting your event on the new banner frames? Call Peter Earl on 0413 995 078.

Soldiers Memorial Rededication

The Miners Rest Community Development Team worked closely with the City of Ballarat to conduct a re-dedication ceremony for the Soldiers War Memorial in May this year.

Over 100 people from across the community attended the ceremony and celebrated the marking of the next era of the Avenue of Honour, which will become a significant feature within the park and will ensure the people of Miners Rest will have a multi-faceted area for reflection, recreation and enjoyment.





New kindergarten coming soon

Construction of the new Miners Rest Early Learning Centre is underway. The new facility is being built off-site and once complete will be moved to its new home next to the Miners Rest Primary School.

Completion is expected to be late 2014 in time for the opening of the 2015 kindergarten year.

To find out more or to enrol your child visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Family and Children's Services team at 5320 5720.

Kids With A Voice (KWAV)

Kids With A Voice (KWAV) was established in late January 2014, as a result of two parents hearing that age-old holiday catch cry: "We're bored, there's nothing to do!"

A first gathering of 18 young people (with free pizza) led to a healthy brainstorm about what to do, how to change the situation and how to move forward with our ideas. The KWAV was formed, with the motto: "Giving the young people of Miners Rest an opportunity to have a voice and participate socially in their community. For local kids, by local kids."

KWAV is open to all young people aged 10 to 17 years, from the Miners Rest community. Their goal is to get together to participate in the community and to have some fun!

So far, Kids With A Voice have:

- Held a Paint Smash Obstacle Run and a movie night,
- Helped the Lions Club at its community dance,
- Participated in the Miners Rest Soldiers Memorial re-dedication,
- Contributed in a Landcare tree-guard collection day,
- Undertaken CPR training, and
- Met the City of Ballarat Mayor, CEO, Councillors and Council General Managers.

In exciting news, Kids With A Voice was named a finalist in the 2014 United Way Volunteer Awards (Youth Category).

Want to join KWAV?

KWAV meets regularly at the Miners Rest Community Hall to play table tennis and games, discuss what's happening in the town, and local opportunities.



Check out the Facebook page:
Kids With A Voice - KWAV.

Landcare Group

The Miners Rest Landcare Group has been busy recently, including planting 500 new trees along the Burrumbeet Creek in the Miners Rest Community Park, as part of National Tree Day on 27 July, 2014

The Group is also working to create a three-kilometre Landcare walk around Miners Rest, starting at the Miners Rest Common, travelling down Howe Street to Nelson Street.

The Gorse Task Force is well underway in Miners Rest and residents may have noticed dead and dying gorse around town.

Want to join the Miners Rest Landcare Group?

Or find out more about funding to help control gorse on your property? Call John, Miners Rest Landcare Group Secretary, on 0439 658 742.



MINERS REST COMMUNITY PARK



CFA clean up

The Miners Rest CFA, with assistance from Wendouree and Invermay CFA brigades, did a great job of cleaning up overgrown and inaccessible sections of the Miners Rest Community Park.

The clean up assists the establishment of plantings the Miners Rest Landcare Group completed last spring along the Burrumbeet Creek.



Tree Removal in the Plantation

Dead and dangerous trees have been removed from the plantation area of the Miners Rest Community Park, making the area safer and more appealing.



APPLY NOW FOR A COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

The City of Ballarat Community Impact Grant Program (CIGP) takes applications all year round, with grant money allocated each month.

Not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations may apply for grant funding for projects, events, exhibitions and performances that contribute to a vibrant community for the City of Ballarat.

The CIGP encourages organisations to build community relations, create connections and improve

health and wellbeing opportunities in Ballarat.

The CIGP Guidelines and application forms are available at the Council's Customer Service Centre; The Phoenix Building, Armstrong Street South or at www.ballarat.com.au

LIBRARY SERVICES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Did you know the City of Ballarat Library Outreach Van visits the Miners Rest Primary School in Dundas Street, 2:30 to 4:30pm, every Monday?

The Library Outreach Van provides the Miners Rest community with a fresh collection of adult, young adult and junior fiction, as well as picture books, non-fiction, magazines and CDs, DVDs and talking books.

Families are invited to iTots, interactive early learning sessions using iPads and various applications for toddlers aged 2 to 5 years, 2:45 to 3:45pm, every Monday.

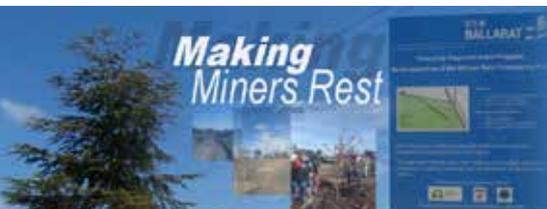


There is also a four week rotation of Duplo, musical instruments, wooden blocks, and puppets for children.

Want to know more?

Call the Ballarat Library on 5338 6800

or chat to the Outreach staff in Miners Rest.



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