

my Neighbourhood

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SEBASTOPOL

MAKING SEBASTOPOL

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

In the past two years, Ballarat City Council has invested significantly in community-led projects in Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong, designed to strengthen neighbourhood links and build community confidence. Last year, the Engaging Communities Program was expanded to include Warrenheip, Lake Esmond and Cardigan Village, completing important projects in these neighbourhoods.

In 2015/2016, the City of Ballarat has extended the program to Sebastopol, Brown Hill and Cardigan Village, with \$300,000 allocated in the City Budget to initiatives in these communities.

SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY PANEL

**Are you passionate about your neighbourhood?
Are you keen to make a positive difference in the Sebastopol community?**

Expressions of Interest are now sought for local residents to join the Engaging Communities - Sebastopol Community Panel (SCP).

The SCP will:

- represent a wide cross-section of the community
- seek projects from the Sebastopol community
- allocate the program funds to agreed projects
- encourage matching funds to be sourced ensuring 'added financial value' to the end product

Meetings will be held as required and the SCP will be an active group for the duration of the funded program.

Interested in joining the Sebastopol Community Panel?
Contact the City of Ballarat's Community Development Team at 5320 5746 or visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au to download the Expression of Interest Form.

APPLY NOW FOR A COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

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

The CIGP encourages community-based organisations to build community relations, create connections and improve health and wellbeing opportunities in Ballarat.

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.

Want to know more?

Visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au for a copy of the guidelines and online application form or contact the City of Ballarat Community Development Team at 5320 5746.



myTownHall is the place to have your say about what's happening in our city, to tell us what you think about our community and what's important in your life.

myTownHall is open all hours, seven days a week, and it's a direct line to your Councillors. There's a lot happening in Ballarat, so log on any time to share your thoughts on all the surveys – or just the big projects that are important to you.

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THE FUTURE SEBASTOPOL LIBRARY

The City of Ballarat has committed \$1.25 million to the refurbishment and rebuild of the Sebastopol Library.

The future Sebastopol Library will be a vibrant and interesting place for the whole community, welcoming people of all ages and all backgrounds. It will be a local hub for a variety of exciting cultural, learning and recreational programs.

Features of the new and improved Sebastopol Library:

- Increased opening hours
- Increased library floorspace
- Upgraded public toilet facilities located inside the building (current toilet facilities are located outside)
- Meeting room space available out of hours
- Upgraded technology room and facilities
- Increased children's collection and activity space located adjacent to children's playground facility
- Inclusion of a dedicated young adult space
- More areas to sit and gather due to removal of small rooms and walls
- New furniture and relocatable shelving on wheels
- Out of hours returns chute directly into a dedicated sorting room
- An additional rear accessible entrance adjacent to car parking space providing a safer option for library users to access the facility
- Upgraded staff facilities



Designs and plans for the refurbishment of the Sebastopol Library are in development.

SUMMER SPLASH IN SEBAS!

Ballarat's latest outdoor water play facility will be developed at Victory Park in Vickers Street, Sebastopol in time for the summer season.

The \$550,000 outdoor water play facility will feature an exciting variety of spray features, including the ever popular sneaky tipping buckets, towering spray features, a soaking run-through water tunnel, and a four-way water cannon fight.

The splash pad also has safe, quieter play zones for smaller children to explore aquatic play safely away from the bigger splashes and faster moving fun.

During the cooler months the space will be transformed into an informal sports court.

The Vickers Street site is an important local community precinct within Sebastopol and this project is part of an ongoing commitment to improve community facilities and attractions in the precinct.

The City of Ballarat's first outdoor water play facility at Midlands Reserve has been a popular free community attraction since its launch in December 2013.



New Netball Court at Marty Busch

Planning is well underway for the new \$265,000 junior netball court at the Marty Busch Recreation Reserve. The project will deliver a new netball court, court lighting and a shelter.

Works are expected to commence in October and will be completed for the start of the 2016 Ballarat Football Netball League season.

A \$100,000 power upgrade will also be delivered at the Reserve to provide for future electrical infrastructure to the sports grounds, gun club, soccer facility, cycling velodrome and netball facilities.

The project is fully funded by the City of Ballarat as part of the 2015/16 Budget.



BALLARAT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre (BNC) operates at the Ballarat South Community Hub (Hub). The Hub is located from the Tuppen Street entrance of Phoenix P-12 Community College senior campus. It is a shared community facility, owned by the whole community.

The BNC provides opportunities for life-long learning; connecting people with their community through volunteering opportunities, local events and community development

projects. It supports the local community to become stronger and grow by identifying local needs, listening to the concerns of residents, and working with them and other organisations to respond to the challenges that exist in the community.

The Hub is a great venue for club meetings, functions, conferences or training seminars. All community members are welcome to visit this fantastic community resource.

Want to know more?

Contact the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre at 5329 3273; email admin@ballaratnc.org.au or visit www.bsclub.com.au



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