



**ballarat  
begonia  
festival**

**FREE**  
**10–12 March 2018**  
**10am–5pm**

CITY OF  
BALLARAT 

# WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



## It's my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 Ballarat Begonia Festival.

This year marks the 66th year of our annual award-winning festival, and what a way to celebrate its continuing popularity and success than with a new program of events for the entire family to enjoy.

We, as a city, are very fortunate to be able to hold events such as the Ballarat Begonia Festival among such a beautiful backdrop – our 160-year-old Botanical Gardens.

Developed from the old Police paddock site, the public gardens now feature a remarkable collection of mature trees and marble statues, set among colourful garden bed displays.

This Ballarat Begonia Festival you will be one of the thousands of visitors who have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the Gardens, and I encourage you to do so as you enjoy the many activities, performances and displays this March.

A team of very dedicated gardeners have also been busy growing thousands of tuberous begonias for this year's Begonia Display, so don't forget to visit the Conservatory to see this outstanding feature of the Ballarat Begonia Festival.

This year we welcome back gardening guru Costa Georgiadis who we know was hugely popular the last time he was in Ballarat.

Come and explore the Gardens, be inspired by one of the expert talks and take part in the free live entertainment at the 2018 Ballarat Begonia Festival.

The City of Ballarat is proud to present the 2018 Ballarat Begonia Festival, and I'd like to thank and acknowledge our festival partners who help make this happen.

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

**Cr Samantha McIntosh**  
**Mayor of Ballarat**



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# FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE



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**Free park and ride service**  
Victoria Park to the festival  
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**Free train connection**  
Wendouree Station to the festival  
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**i** **Event Information/ATM**

**Accessible toilets**

**M** **Marveloo**  
Adult change and toilet facility

**Supervised accessible drop-off location**  
located at Nursery Drive,  
North Gardens  
(excluding Monday before 1pm)

**First Aid**

**Drinking taps**

**Auslan interpretation (Sunday only)**  
See schedule on page 5 for details.

**Plant creche**  
Cost: Gold coin

**Parent Place**  
Baby change and feeding facility

**Free tram rides**  
Easy transport from one end of the  
Festival to the other

**Begonia Display**  
Optional: Gold coin donation

Please see map pages 8–9 for location information

## Begonia Display



View the festival's namesake inside the Conservatory - the Begonia Display. This year's Begonia collection, which includes 2500 tuberous begonias grown by the City of Ballarat's dedicated gardeners, is a sight to behold.



# JOIN US ON THE MAIN LAWN



## Costa Georgiadis

Popular television personality Costa Georgiadis is returning in 2018 with a program of talks drawing on his all-consuming passion for plants and people.

Join Costa live on the Main Lawn with Central Highlands Water and Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group.



## Central Highlands Water

Central Highlands Water is proud to be the Community Partner of the Ballarat Begonia Festival.

Join their team to explore life and liveability in the Central Highlands region. Chat with celebrity guests, learn how to grow water efficient gardens and get involved in competitions to Live, Create, Grow and Play.



## Rebecca Sullivan

Meet Rebecca Sullivan – ‘Granny Skills’ movement extraordinaire.

Rebecca will talk on a range of topics as part of her presentation *The Art of The Natural Home*, including tips and tricks, as well as chemical and waste free living ideas using ‘Granny Skills’. Join Rebecca daily on the Main stage.



## The New Joneses

Imagine if your daily habits could change the world? Well they can, and do.

The New Joneses will showcase the easy, everyday choices everyone can make for a healthier, happier planet.

This is your chance to check out The New Joneses’ multi-award winning pop-up tiny house and gain some tips and ideas on how you can live like The New Joneses.

# CELEBRITY GARDENER

## Get Grubby TV presents DIRTGIRL and Costa the Garden Gnome

Join in the daily fun with the stars of dirtgirlworld and Get Grubby TV, DIRTGIRL and Costa the Gnome live at the Main Stage.

Find a rainbow, come to the sing-a-long picnic, get up close and personal with some worms and discover which vegetable makes a perfect microphone.

Getting grubby has never been this much fun.



## Daily on the Main Lawn

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY		
10.15am	Get Grubby TV presents The Grubby Bucket challenge	15 mins
10.30am	Central Highlands Water presents GROW with Costa Georgiadis	45 mins
12pm	Rebecca Sullivan presents The Art of The Natural Home	30 mins
12pm	Get Grubby TV presents The Picnic Set (Location: International Food lawn)	45 mins
1pm	Rebecca Sullivan presents The Art of The Natural Home  Auslan interpreted session on Sunday only	30 mins
1.45pm	Get Grubby TV presents DIRTGIRL and Costa the Gnome How to get Grubby (Location: New Joneses stage)  Auslan interpreted session on Sunday only	45 mins
3pm	Central Highlands Water presents GROW with Costa Georgiadis  Auslan interpreted session on Sunday only	45 mins
4pm	Get Grubby TV presents Carpool Carrot-oke (Location: New Joneses stage)	1 hour
MONDAY		
10.15am	Get Grubby TV presents The Grubby Bucket challenge	15 mins
10.30am	Rebecca Sullivan presents The Art of The Natural Home	30 mins
12pm	Central Highlands Water presents: GROW with Costa Georgiadis	45 mins
1.15pm	Rebecca Sullivan presents The Art of The Natural Home	30 mins
2pm	Get Grubby TV presents DIRTGIRL and Costa the Gnome How to get Grubby (Location: New Joneses stage)	45 mins
3pm	Central Highlands Water presents: GROW with Costa Georgiadis	45 mins
4pm	Get Grubby TV presents Carpool Carrot-oke (Location: New Joneses stage)	1 hour

# LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



## Kailee O'Beirne

Horsham's Kailee O'Beirne will perform a combination of covers and original music when she takes to the stage at this year's festival.

O'Beirne regularly performs in Ballarat and has recently been awarded the 2016 Run Ballarat Talent Quest and 2017 Macedon Ranges Music Festival Youth Stage Competition.



## Kieran T

Kieran T, an award-winning solo artist from the Surf Coast known for his strong vocals joins this year's line-up of live entertainment.

Kieran will perform hits from the last four decades, from Adele, Rhianna and Sia to the best of Australian rock, seventies disco and motown music.



## Motor City Sounds

Paying tribute to the classic sounds of motown and soul music, Motor City Sounds will bring energy to the stage this Begonia Festival.

Featuring talented musicians from across Victoria, the 10-piece band are set to have festival-goers on their feet.



## Anna Oliphant Wright

Take time out to listen to Ballarat's own Anna Oliphant Wright, who will perform blues, country and folk live on stage.



## Chris Morant - Street Performer

Chris Morant combines balloon artistry, juggling, stilt performances with magic and more. A style street performer, Chris brings joy to all ages. Don't miss Chris in action all weekend.

## Le Petite Grande Comedy Tent



La Petite Grande is a mini “spiegelesque” show tent, full of big surprises for everyone to enjoy. Comedy and circus shows on all weekend.



### DAILY IN THE COMEDY TENT

11am	Kiki and Pascal	2pm	Kiki and Pascal
11.45am	Maple Staplegun	2.45pm	Maple Staplegun
12.30pm	Kiki	3.30pm	Kiki
1.15pm	Dr. Hubble's Bubble Show	4.15pm	Dr. Hubble's Bubble Show



### Dr Hubble's Bubble Show

If you're a fan of bubbles, then you can't miss Dr Hubble's Bubble Show.

Prepare to see giant bubbles.

One lucky child will also have the chance to be put inside a bubble - so come along, it could be you.



### Kiki and Pascal

Unravel the love story of Kiki and Pascal during their live show of singing, juggling, contortion, interactive comedy and acrobatics.

Be prepared for a surprise ending.



### Maple Staplegun

Armed with hula hoops, office items and a quirky attitude, Maple Staplegun has a show of improvisations and comedy set to have the whole audience in laughter.

# 2018 BALLARAT BEGONIA FESTIVAL MAP



## BEGONIA FESTIVAL MAP – KEY

### Refreshments

- Central Highlands Water Taps
- Festival Food
- Coffee and Tea
- Mitchell Harris Wine Garden
- Brewers and Distillers Garden

### Horticultural Activities

- Begonia Display
- Garden Talks
- Garden and Creative Market
- Floral Tunnel
- Friends of the Gardens Nursery
- Plant Crèche

### Children's Activities

- Super Sandpit
- Little Languages Storytelling
- Budding Gardeners
- Paint-a-gnome hat
- Obstacle Course

### Family Activities

- Le Petite Grande - Comedy and Circus
- Street Performer
- Craft
- Art Exhibitions
- Spinning and Weaving
- Wood Working
- Vision Australia
- Fish Hatchery
- Chi Gongg demonstrations

### Festival Services

- Event Information / ATM
- Accessible Toilets
- Supervised Accessible Drop-off
- Shuttle Bus Drop-off & Pick Up
- Bus Stop
- Free Tram Rides
- Parent Place
- First Aid
- Central Highlands Water Drinking Taps
- Marveloo

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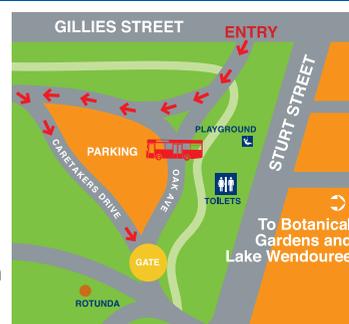
## FESTIVAL PARKING

### 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.



## FREE TRAIN & RIDE

Visitors please take advantage of a free Festival shuttle bus service from the Wendouree 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 Tramway Museum as well?



## Garden and Creative Designers Market



Admire fabulous garden items or purchase creative items to beautify your own home. Our garden market stallholders will be ready to help you plan your garden with a large variety of plants available for sale.

You also have the option to leave your plants with the Friends of the Botanical Gardens at the Plant Creche while you explore. Profits made by the Friends are returned to Botanical Gardens projects.

Don't forget to visit the Craft Council in the Adam Lindsay Gordon Cottage who stock original and locally-crafted giftware.



## Saltbush Kitchen



Indulge in a range of bushfood, and learn how to introduce Australian bushfoods into your own kitchen and garden.

See daily schedule at the Market stage for talks and demonstrations occurring across the weekend.



## Woodies



Watch the masters at work in the Ballarat Woodworkers Guild marquee. Young visitors will receive a small wooden gift made on-the-spot by these skilled artisans.

# REFRESHMENTS

## Festival Food



Let your taste buds lead the way through the Ballarat Botanical Gardens as you enjoy a range of cuisines at this year's Begonia Festival.

Discover the variety of savoury options, delicious sweets and coffee on offer throughout the gardens.



## Ballarat Brewers and Distillers Garden



Ballarat's brewers and distillers have joined forces to bring an exciting new addition to this year's festival.

Enjoy samples of local beer and gin as you take a break from all the festivities.



## Mitchell Harris Wine Garden



Savour your favourite drop while relaxing at the Mitchell Harris Wine Garden, on the lawn behind the Robert Clark Centre.

Listen to live music and enjoy some of the region's best local produce.



# ACTIVITIES



## Super Sandpit

Parents and guardians have the opportunity to relax with a tea or coffee while their children explore inside an enclosed and safe sandpit.

The Super Sandpit is made possible by Ballarat Sand and Soil, SHAE Enterprises and is run by ECKA.



## Little Languages

Join the City of Ballarat Library staff near the Super Sandpit for Storytime at 3pm daily.

## Parent Place

Located next to the Super Sandpit, Parent Place provides a safe, welcoming and child-friendly space with change and feeding facilities.

Run by the City of Ballarat Family and Children's services staff, Parent Place is also supported by a passionate team of volunteers.



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## Budding Gardeners Tent

A herb garden is a great way to introduce children to the world of gardening. BotaniKIDS together with Bunnings Ballarat will help families create their very own herb pail, with a variety of different herbs to take home for planting in your garden and for use in the kitchen.

Parents will also enjoy listening to the Bunnings DIY talks happening at the Potters Lawn stage next to the Budding Gardeners tent.



## Make your own gnome hat

Children have the chance to create colourful designs for their hat to explore the Gardens.

With thanks to the Ballarat Society of Artists who kindly donate their time to run this painting activity. Stay and admire the Society's works of art or purchase a piece to hang on your wall.



## How well do you Gnome me? Garden Trail competition

Discover hidden gnomes throughout the Ballarat Botanical Gardens for your chance to win a travel voucher valued at \$3000.

Join Gneil the gnome tour guide in the 'Be-Gnome-ia' trail and help him locate each of his friends.

Collect your Garden Trail entry form the information marquee for your chance to win.



## Obstacle Challenge

Older children will have a ball tackling the obstacle course as they weave in and out, over and through a range of challenges.

# MORE TO EXPLORE



## Floral Art



The Ballarat Floral Art Group will once again showcase their talents with a range of floral displays. Admire their work and learn some techniques from the masters themselves.

You can also join the team at Stems Flower Market for floristry demonstrations throughout the entire weekend.

Check the daily schedule board at the Market Stage for demonstration times. Don't forget to take a floral keepsake selfie with family and friends by the flower wall.

## Spinners and Weavers



Try your hand at weaving, spinning and felting, or watch the Ballarat Spinners and Weavers at work during their live demonstrations.

## Chi Gongg demonstrations



Bakery Hill Natural Health present two Chi Gongg demonstrations daily in the tranquil and naturally beautiful surrounds of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

10am and 2pm daily

## Fish Hatchery Tours



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

Guided Tours at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm daily (Allow approximately 25 minutes)

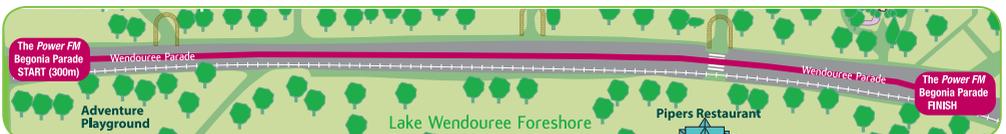
## Power FM Begonia Parade

This year's 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 12 March along Wendouree Parade, between the Tramway Museum and North Gardens. Be there early to get a spot.

If you can't make it to the parade, you won't miss out with Power FM broadcasting live.



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# ANTIQU RUSH

Ballarat will be buzzing with activity over the March Labour Day weekend, with antique dealers coming from the Goldfields and beyond for the very first Ballarat Antique Rush.

For more information go to [visitballarat.com.au](http://visitballarat.com.au)



# IN THE SHADOW OF SUMMER

An exploration of design through Bonsai  
Fri 9 Mar to Mon 12 Mar



A rare opportunity to see high quality mature bonsai, together with ceramics inspired by Japanese aesthetic traditions

An Art Gallery of Ballarat exhibition for the Ballarat Begonia Festival

## TICKETED CONCERT

Fri 9 Mar

## FREE TALKS

Sat 10 & Sun 11 Mar,  
2pm and 4pm both days

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Free entry  
Open 10am to 5pm daily

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    - Vote in our art competition
- Compete in our Be Smart Choose Tap handball competition

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