



EVENT BRIEF AND SPEECH

Event	Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council 2009 Gala Ball Fundraising Event
Time	8.10pm
Date	Saturday, 1 August 2009
Location	Mining Exchange Historic Lydiard Street Ballarat
Arrival	6.15pm for Pre-Dinner VIP Cocktail Party
Contact	Ms Georgina Vagg, Fundraising Officer m) 0408 109 471 03) 5336 4016
Host	Mr Frank Williams, Chairperson of BRMC
Organisation	Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (Inc)
Attire	Black tie
VIPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Mr Laurie Ferguson • Hon Catherine King MHR & Partner • Geoff Howard MLA & Partner – Member for Ballarat East • Mayor Judy Verlin & Partner • CEO Anthony Schinck & Partner • Cr S. McIntosh and Partner • Cr C. Broomfield and Partner • Cr C. Fletcher and Partner • Mr Michael Van Vliet, VMC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VMC Commissioner Ms Elizabeth Drozd • Mr John So & Partner (ex Mayor of Melbourne)
Background	<p>All funds raised at tonight’s Special Event will be used to purchase much needed equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council (BRMC) is the peak multicultural agency or organisation in the Central Highlands-Grampians Region (CHGR). • There are 24 Cultural Associations/Groups and over 180 Individual/Associate members affiliated with BRMC. • BRMC’s mission is to work in partnership with other community organisations, Cultural Associations and members to actively promote multiculturalism, cultural diversity and the well-being of all migrant communities, throughout the Region. • BRMC provides opportunities for all people of all cultural backgrounds to come together to celebrate multiculturalism and cultural diversity. It also provides advisory services, support and advocacy for the particular needs of both older established migrant groups, plus “New Arrivals”. • Overall, BRMC aims to develop culturally sensitive programs which will encourage people of all ages within the Region to retain their heritage and so optimise the benefits of cultural diversity for all Australians.
Order of Proceedings	<p>6:20pm : ‘Cocktail Introduction’ at Heritage on Lydiard</p> <p>7:20pm : Official Party Arrives.</p> <p>7:40pm : ‘Welcome to Country’</p> <p>7.45pm : Welcome – Frank Williams</p> <p>7.55pm : Speech – Hon Laurie Ferguson</p> <p>8.05pm : Speech – Georgina, Women’s Officer & Community Representative</p> <p>8.10pm : <i>Your Speech</i></p> <p>8:13pm : Refreshments served</p> <p>9:00pm : Main Meal served</p> <p>10:05pm : Dutch Auction:Lucky Entry: Lucky Draw.</p> <p>1:00am : Function concludes</p>
Speech type	Short speech – approximately 3 – 5 minutes
Attachments	1. Cocktail Party flyer

ENSURING GOOD DEEDS CAN CONTINUE

8.10 pm, Saturday, 1 August 2009
Heritage on Lydiard, 15 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

<< confirm acknowledgments on the day >>

- Mr Frank Williams – Chairperson of Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council
- Hon Laurie Ferguson – Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services
- Mr Geoff Howard MP – Member for Ballarat East
- Councillors and Community leaders
- Distinguished guests
- Ladies and gentlemen

INTRODUCTION

- Good evening and thank you for the kind invitation to say a few words.
- Don't worry ... I know you are all eager to get to the dinner part of the evening, so I promise to be brief.
- Because in truth, tonight's event is less about words ... and more about deeds.

- About the deeds of the management, staff and supporters of the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council on behalf of the local community.
- Deeds often performed voluntarily and above and beyond the call of duty.
- Whether it be providing guidance and advice on accessing support networks or services ...
- Or assistance in securing suitable accommodation, employment or training opportunities ...
- Or representation on issues of concern individually or communally.
- Deeds that make a massive difference to countless lives.
- And tonight is about ensuring that those selfless deeds can continue.
- By reciprocating with a few deeds of our own ...
- ... in the form of support for this wonderful fundraising event.

CLOSING

- Pulling together has always been one of the hallmarks of Victoria's migrant and multicultural communities, so I am not surprised to see so many local businesses and members of the community pitch in to help stage tonight's gala event.

- Like Frank and all his staff at the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council, you are a credit to yourselves, and inspiration to us all.
- Thank you for your support and I wish you all a pleasant evening.
- Thank you.

SPECIAL INVITATION

BRMC is delighted to invite you to a

Cocktail Party

Prior to the Gala Ball at the Lydiard Wine Bar

Date: 1st August 2009

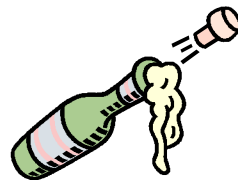
Time: 6.20 pm

Location: Heritage on Lydiard, 15 Lydiard Street North

Guest of Honour: Hon. Laurie Ferguson,
Ministerial Secretary,
Federal Government of Australia



Dress: Black Tie/ After Five (Ladies)



RSVP: Ms Georgina Vagg
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For catering purposes

No later than Friday July 24, 2009, 5 pm

