



# MT PLEASANT

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Mt Pleasant History Group - Steps to Fulfilling a Vision



Following a forum hosted by the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, the first meeting of the Mt Pleasant History Group was held in July 2017. At one of the next meetings, the members brainstormed various ways in which to achieve the vision they had decided upon - 'Telling the Story of Mt Pleasant'. The Group then identified a large number of locations, buildings, institutions and people who contributed to the story of Mt Pleasant.

In 2018, the Mt Pleasant History Group, in partnership with the Ballarat and newly established East Ballarat Neighbourhood Centres were privileged to receive funding through the Mt Pleasant Engaging Communities Program, provided by the City of Ballarat. These funds have enabled us to develop interpretive signage that will be placed at four key locations in Mt Pleasant highlighting 20 historic sites. Since early last year, the Group has embarked on a process of identifying these important sites, along with the collecting of information and images which are to be used on the signage, as well as the accompanying brochure and website.

The first part of this project, the 'Discover Historic Mount Pleasant' brochure and associated website will be launched at 1:00pm on Thursday May 23rd at the Ballarat Observatory in Cobden St. The brochure will act as a guide to 20 historic locations around Mt Pleasant, and will supplement the signage when it is installed which we expect to happen within in the next couple of months.

Whilst the project has occupied much of the time of the Group, regular activities continue. Daytime meetings are held at the Mt Pleasant Primary School on the third Thursday of each month, and an evening presentation is held once each term. Anyone who holds an interest in the history of Mt Pleasant, the first residential suburb in Ballarat, is welcome to attend.

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## Discover Historic Mount Pleasant Project

The 'Discover Historic Mount Pleasant' brochure includes insightful information and photographs of more than 20 historic sites in Mount Pleasant. The official launch of the brochure will take place from 1 pm on Thursday 23 May at the Observatory, corner of Cobden and Magpies Streets, Mt Pleasant. All community members are welcome. Please see more information on the following page.

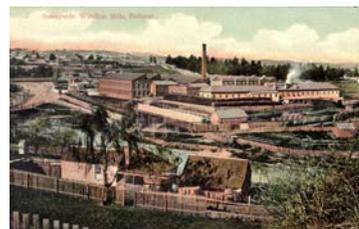
If you are unable to attend, you may be interested in visiting the brand new Discover Historic Mount Pleasant website that will be also launched on that day via: [www.hulballarat.org.au/discovermtpleasant](http://www.hulballarat.org.au/discovermtpleasant)

The following is an example of one of the historic sites featured in the brochure and website.

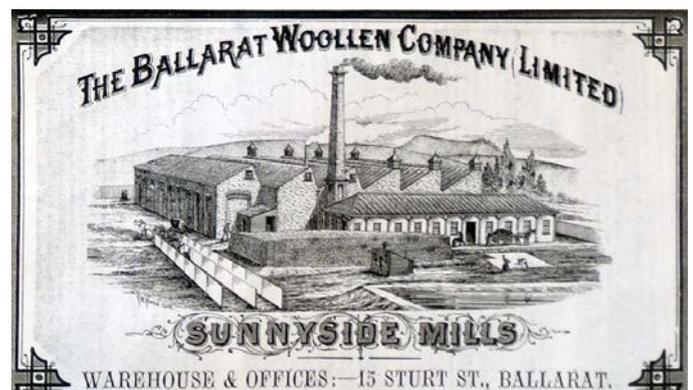
### Site 3: Sunnyside Woolen Mills

In 1872 land at Sunny Corner being used as market gardens was bought by the newly-formed Ballarat Woollen Co. Financed locally as profits from gold were declining, the mill began a new era in Ballarat industry. The architect was Henry Richards Caselli, Ballarat's most significant historical architect.

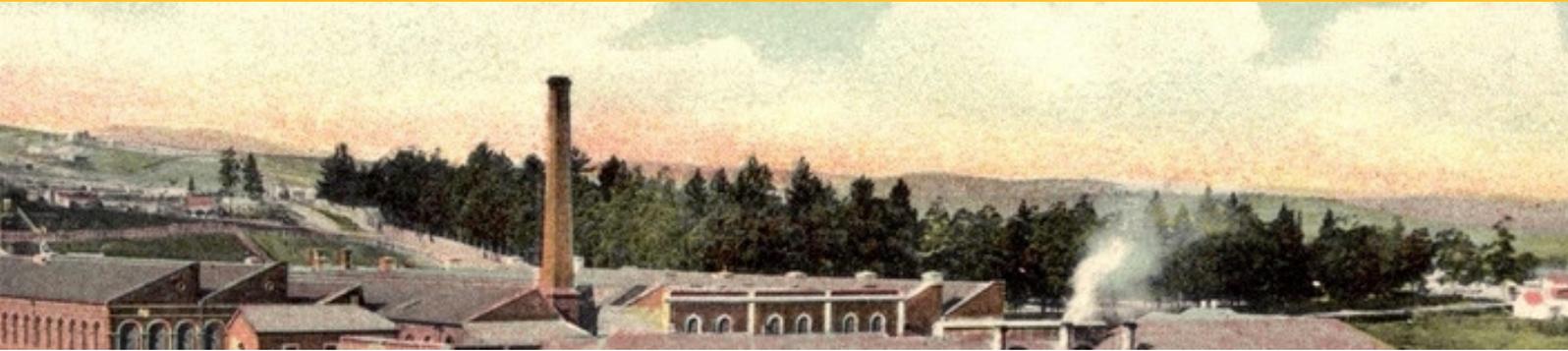
In 1874 the building was extended and the Romanesque arched section was added in 1886. Production of flannels, tweeds and blankets commenced in 1873. By 1875 the mill employed 150 skilled workers on steam-driven looms. It was described as the most perfect mill of its kind in the southern hemisphere. Following a vice-regal visit in 1895 the re-named Sunnyside Mills became a major tourist attraction.



During WW1, still surrounded by Chinese market gardens, it became a major supplier to the Australian military employing 500 people at its peak. An avenue of honour commemorating employees who served in the war was planted in Hill Street in 1918. The mill closed in 1981 as a result of the removal of protective tariffs. Subsequently it was used mainly for warehousing and job training.



*Join us for the launch of the  
'Discover Historic Mount Pleasant'  
Brochure*



The Mt Pleasant History Group and the East Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre invite you to join us for the official launch of this exciting new brochure that includes more than 20 historic sites in Mount Pleasant.

1:00 pm - 2.30 pm

Thursday 23rd May 2019

at the Ballarat Observatory

corner of Cobden and Magpie Street, Mt Pleasant

This official launch will include afternoon tea.

No RSVP is required, we look forward to seeing you there on the day.

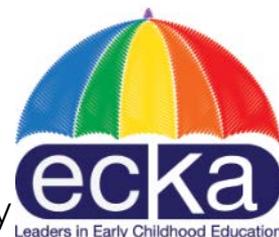
In addition to the launch, an exhibition of the stories and photographs of these historic sites will be on display.



## Mount Pleasant Kindergarten

Nationally rated as an exceeding service

- Extensive renovations with two new kinder rooms and facilities
- Specialised play based literacy and numeracy program
- 4 year old kinder sessions run 9:00am until 2:00pm- Monday to Friday
- 3 year old sessions available
- Higher qualifications of staff with 2 bachelor trained and 1 diploma trained educators



The Mt Pleasant Kindergarten has recently undergone extensive renovations; our beautiful building now includes 2 well equipped kindergarten rooms, foyer and large open outdoor play spaces.

The kindergarten is operating a 4 year old kindergarten program from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday – Friday, with 3 year old kinder available. Our program has excellent child to teacher ratio.

We provide opportunities for each child to explore and delight in the wonder of learning, through our play based learning environment that offers a literacy and numeracy program. We value parents as partners in nurturing your child's growth and development as independent learners.

We encourage our families to spend time and foster their child's love of learning through a variety of different ways, through family game nights, excursions to our local Mount Pleasant Primary School, engagement through community events, family picnics and much more.

We welcome all families to arrange a time to book a tour of our beautiful new facilities by calling us on 5332 3295. We are located at 826 Laurie St, Mt Pleasant.

All enrolments can be made through the Phoenix Building at Ballarat City Council. Vacancies are still available for 2019 or enrol now for 2020.

## Mount Pleasant Primary School

Mount Pleasant Primary School has had a wonderful start to Term 2.

Our Sensory Garden will soon have a lovely arbour and fence around it – we can't wait to share some pictures with you!

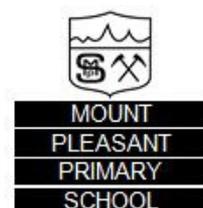
Our 1-2 students are investigating Interdependence, Adaptation and Eco-systems. They will be planting out part of the garden to create a butterfly garden for Spring.

We began the Term making Kindness Bands to celebrate Kindness Day.



We are now taking new enrolments for 2020. Please book in a tour with new Principal Kate Robinson ph: 03 5332 3646.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest information on Mt Pleasant PS – [www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps](http://www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps)



## Crouch Park Neighbour Day 2019

On Tuesday 9th April more than 55 people attended the Crouch Park Neighbour Day at Crouch Park at Kenworthy Place, Mt Pleasant. Local families were joined by visitors who had travelled from as far away as Mt Egerton and Bacchus Marsh after hearing about this free community event. Feedback from participants was very positive.

Children had a fun-filled morning, which included activities provided by Kelly Sports, the AFL Development Team and Playgroup Victoria. In particular, older children enjoyed the sports activities, whilst pre-school aged children had a wonderful time playing in the sand pit, wooden animal farm and tee pee. The parachute group activity were a highlight for parents and young children alike.

Central Highlands Water provided free water bottles, and the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre offered healthy snacks along with a chocolate Easter Bunny to take home. Parents warmed themselves with delicious coffee and hot chocolate by The Travel Bean. To bring the event to a close, families enjoyed Story Time together, reading the all time favourite - The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



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And we are happy to include contributions from local community groups and organisations.