

MT PLEASANT

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Ballarat East Neighbourhood House visits the Eureka Centre

Members of the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House recently visited the Eureka Centre to learn more about their directions into the future. The Centre now houses the Ballarat Research Hub which combines resources and services of the Public Record Office, Victoria's Ballarat Archives Centre, Ballarat and District Genealogical Society and the City Of Ballarat's Australiana Research Collection. The service provides researchers with access to public computers and printing, microfilm and microfiche collections and online databases such as Ancestry.com, Trove, Find my Past and the British Newspaper Archive. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am- 4.30pm.

The Eureka Centre hosts monthly Talking History @ Eureka, presented on the first Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm at the Eureka Centre Ballarat. It provides a forum for new ideas and research into local history, with a special focus on the colonial period. Upcoming talks are 'The Story of the Eureka Flag' with Clare Gervasoni (7 April) and 'The Irish and Eureka' with Phillip Moore (5 May).



Mt Pleasant History Group

The Mount Pleasant History Group will hold our regular daytime meetings at the Primary School at 1pm on the third Thursday of each month. We will have regular speakers, who we trust will help us explore the history of our great suburb. All are welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Just turn up and share your knowledge of the History of Mount Pleasant.

Our evening meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, and will be located at the Ballarat Observatory at the top of Cobden St (entry via Magpie St gate). We have some interesting topics being developed for these meetings.

Our first presentation will be by Wendy Benoit and the Cornish Association about Mt Pleasant & the Cornish [St Piran's day] held at Observatory from on Thursday March 26th.

For further information, call Max Duthie, President, Mount Pleasant History Group on 0407 664 593.

This edition includes articles about activities at the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House; volunteering; launch of the Tram Mural and 2019 Christmas Carols.

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Ballarat East Neighbourhood House Term 1 Activities Guide at Eureka Hall

Drawing with Jenette

Monday Afternoon
\$5 per session



Tai Chi with Jeni

Tues morning & Thurs afternoon
\$5 per session



The Gardening Club and the Ballarat East History Group

Usually get together one Monday
afternoon each month.



Mosaics with Sandy

Tuesday afternoons
\$15 per session, including materials



On 2nd March the Ballarat East History Group visited the Eureka Centre to discover more about the new Interpretation Plan for the Eureka Centre and the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park, and ways community can be involved.

Ballarat East Neighbourhood House Term 1 Activities Guide at Eureka Hall

Yoga with Jen

Wednesday Afternoon
\$5 per session



Crochet Group

Wednesday Afternoon
\$5 per session



We Want You!!!

How you can help?

- Admin/reception
- Share your skills and knowledge with others
- Setting up/packing up activities
- Letterbox drops
- General stuff

You will be able to:

- Meet new people
- Develop new skills
- Contribute to your community
- Build self-confidence
- Have fun

**Are you experienced in crochet?
Are you willing to volunteer to
assist individuals wanting to learn?**

We are looking for people who can informally guide and show crochet techniques to our small group who are passionate about learning how to crochet.

Please express your interest in volunteering by emailing reception@ballarateastnh.org.au or phoning 0428 775 945

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Tram Mural Launched in Mount Pleasant

On Thursday the 20th February representatives from the Mount Pleasant History Group, the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre, the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House, the City of Ballarat, local resident Bernadette Duffy and graphic designer Peter Lambert joined together for the official launch of the 'Mount Pleasant Tram' Mural. The mural is located at Country Lane Furnishings on the corner of Barkly and Cobden Streets, Mount Pleasant, and over 80 interested local residents and community members were in attendance of the launch.

The mural, which includes the seventh sign in the Discover Historic Mt Pleasant project combines two things which had a significant impact on the growth of our suburb; those being the commercial centre ('the shops') and the coming of public transport ('the tram') to the area in the early 1900s over the course of the Twentieth Century. It has been a joint effort between a number of groups and individuals to bring this outstanding project to fruition.

Reflections of the shops and trams in Mount Pleasant

In his opening address at the launch, Max Duthie (President of the Mount Pleasant History Group) spoke of the unique nature of the project in that it illustrated the establishment of a permanent commercial area in the centre of the earliest suburb in Ballarat (after two previous areas had operated further south of the Cobden / Barkly St intersection prior to 1900) a development which was spurred on by another unique event when public transport arrived in Mountie in the early 1900s. As the tram eventually came to terminate at the top of Cobden St hill, shops began to develop around the intersection and it made sense for local workers to catch the tram to and from work in Ballarat; and to do their shopping in the suburb.

Max suggested to his audience that although this corner was what most people during the middle of the 1900s thought of as 'the shops', in fact two previous commercial areas existed in the period from settlement to the arrival of the trams. When the Cornish miners arrived with their families in 1854, small shops were established in the area where people erected their tents. So businesses began in the area around Barkly, Morton and Humffray Streets (the latter also known as Yuille's Track as it led from Ballarat to Yuille's Woolshed further along the Yarrowee Creek). When Gold-bearing leads were discovered on the Western side of Whitehorse Range in 1856, diggers followed these leads down into the valley and turned the area South of Morton St into a quagmire.



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The building [now a hairdressers] began as a butchers; changed to a barbershop and then became Bartles greengrocer in 1927. This expanded into a grocery, sub-newsagency and fancy goods [even a penny library and post office at one time] for the next 30 years. Others [Walkers etc] carried on the business until the 1980s. when most of the shops on this corner until the 1980s when they either closed or were repurposed.

Opposite Bartles there is only one name to remember, Hobills. Jack Hobill's butchers was in Cobden St until it burnt down in the 1930s. His brother Tom built a new shop on the corner and Tom took it over when Jack decided he did not want to be a butcher anymore. Tom and his son provided a service to Mountie for many years; which included free delivery of the weekend meat and they also extended credit to needy local families when times were tough (as did Bartles).

And so we come to this shop, outside which we are gathered today. Mrs White began a grocery store here in 1907 and added a Post Office in 1912. Other names associated with the grocery business here include Membreys, Macklins and Rees. In 1958, Bill Rees established what is believed to have been one of Ballarat's first "cash and carry" stores. Since then, it has been a Milk Bar and a Fish-and-Chips shop, before becoming Country Lane Furnishings.

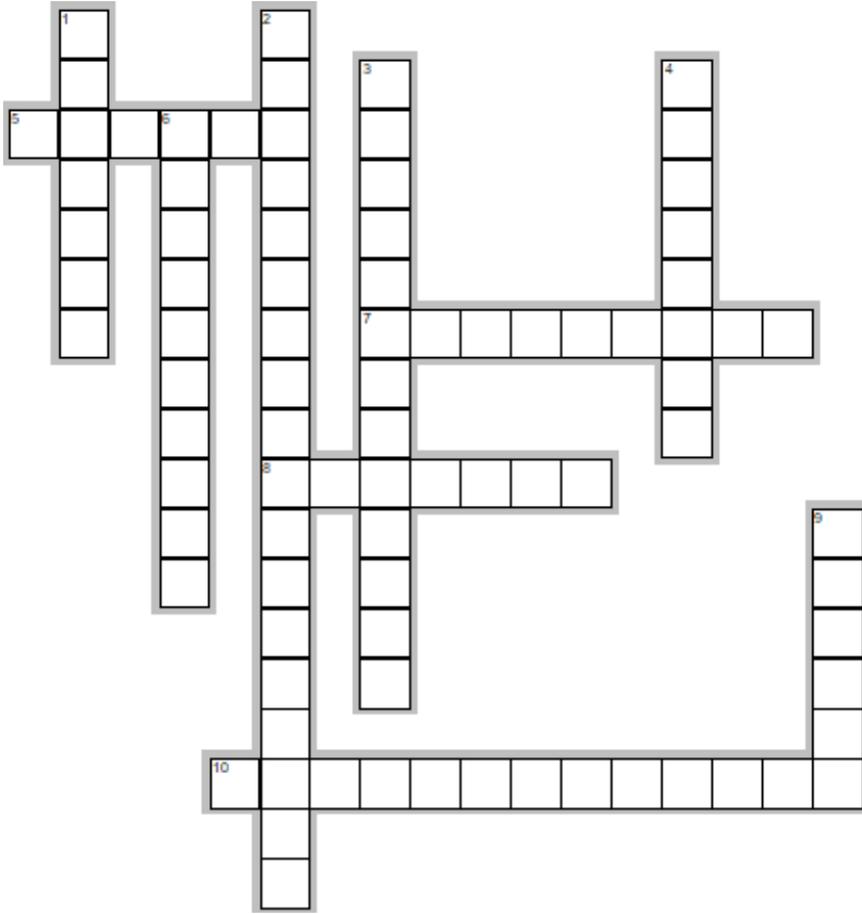
The launch of this mural highlighted the development and importance of 'the shops' and 'the trams' to the development of this unique suburb. For more information on the meetings of the Mt Pleasant History Group, along with articles and images of Mountie history, feel free to contact Max on 0407 664 593.



This photograph is the original photo the mural is designed from, sourced through the Ballarat Tramway Museum.



Crossword and Word Search Puzzles



Across

- 5. Chinese Martial art practiced for both its defense training, its health benefits and meditation.
- 7. We Live in a ...
- 8. Full strength and vigor as well as freedom from signs of disease.
- 10. All people from all background

Down

- 1. Form of visual arts
- 2. Brings people together
- 3. The action of taking part in something
- 4. Education
- 6. Hooks and wool
- 9. Relating to interaction with other people

Community

S E I T I V I T C A I U Y Y L
 G J C W E L P O E P V U D D E
 N N P S T R E H T E G O T E A
 I Y I A T M P C Q S O J X Y R
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COMMUNITY COOKING
 NEIGHBOURHOOD ARTS
 HOUSE CRAFTS
 PARTICIPATION KEEPING
 SOCIAL
 INCLUSION
 ACTIVITIES
 PEOPLE
 LIVING
 LEARNING
 TOGETHER
 EXPLORING
 HEALTHY
 FRIENDS
 EXERCISE

Crossword Solutions

Across

- 5. Tai Chi
- 7. Community
- 8. Healthy
- 10. Multicultural

Down

- 1. Drawing
- 2. Neighborhood House
- 3. Participating
- 4. Training
- 6. Crocheting
- 9. Social



Mt Pleasant Christmas Carols 2019

Mt Pleasant Primary School, Ballarat East Neighborhood House and local residents, with support from the City of Ballarat, hosted the 2019 Mt Pleasant Christmas Carol at the Mt Pleasant Reserve on Sunday 8th December 2019.

It was a fabulous evening; sun was shining, children running around playing and plenty of singing! Everyone had a great time! Santa arrived in a Morris Minor (Reindeer were tired). Thank yous goes out to Ballarat Vintage & Classic Car Club, Phoenix P-12 Community College, Mt Pleasant Primary School, Mt Pleasant Community Connections Group, Uncle Murray and the City of Ballarat.



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Mt Pleasant Christmas Carols 2019 We had a blast!!



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