

# City of Ballarat's Intercultural Cities Australasia Summit

## Our Stories – Intercultural Ballarat

The City of Ballarat – Australia's first Intercultural City – cordially invites you to join us in an Intercultural Summit. We will showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Intercultural peoples' stories of significant places, values, cultural practices, art, and local business knowledge, which are linked with the strong notion of what Compassionate Ballarat is all about.

This event is proudly hosted by the City of Ballarat Intercultural Ambassadors at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Local artist, Wadawurrung woman **Deanne Gilson**, will start the morning with a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and a talk about her art installation Murrup Laar, at Lake Wendouree.

Back at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, a special lunch will be provided by 'A Pot of Courage' as we listen to **Kinja**, an ethereal blend of Indigenous Australian and Celtic inspired moods, performed by Sarah and Ron.

Bengali artist **Anindita Banerjee** will take you through her artwork, and there will be a short gallery tour by Art Gallery Director **Louise Tegart**, followed by afternoon tea.

The 'Intercultural Conversations' panel discussion will explore Ballarat's diversity advantage through the stories, experiences and insights of its old and new migrants. The storytelling session will provide an understanding of the focus and work carried out by Compassionate Ballarat.



Please note we have limited spaces, so please book early.  
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**Friday 12 November  
2021**

### **11.30am Lake Wendouree**

Welcome to Country  
Wadawurrung woman  
Deanne Gilson

Speech by City of Ballarat Mayor  
Cr Daniel Moloney

Smoking Ceremony  
Deanne Gilson

Murrup Laarr Talk  
artist Deanne Gilson

MC Cr Belinda Coates

*In case of inclement weather, the  
start of the morning will move to  
the Art Gallery of Ballarat.*

### **12.45 – 1.30pm The Art Gallery of Ballarat**

Lunch.  
Catering 'Pot of Courage'

Whilst enjoying lunch, you'll  
be able to enjoy music and  
storytelling by Kinja, Indigenous  
Australian and Celtic inspired  
moods.

### **1.30 – 2.15 pm**

Bengali Art Exhibit Talk  
– artist Anindita Banerjee

### **2.15 – 3.15 pm**

Art Gallery of Ballarat Tour  
Art Gallery of Ballarat Director,  
Louise Tegart

### **3.15 – 3.30 pm**

Afternoon Tea

### **3.30 – 4.20 pm**

Discussion Panel  
Intercultural Conversations

Panel members  
Luna Folly, Arash Sami,  
Chez Dichiera, Abrar Dham  
and Meeta Narsi

### **4.20 – 4.30 pm**

'Threading our stories together'  
Dr. Lynne Reeder from  
Compassionate Ballarat

MC Intercultural Ambassador  
Bobby Mehta

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