

# Social News

Ex Staff Association  
(Ballarat Branch)  
February 2015

## Plans for a series of social events for 2015

Following suggestions from the Executive Committee last year for an increase of our social gatherings, the members at the AGM considered a series outings and informal lunches for 2015.

### First of our seasonal lunches on Wednesday March 4th

It is planned to have informal lunches at various venues on the **first Wednesday of March, June, September and November.**

The first is at the revitalised Crown Hotel at Buninyong. They provide a pleasant atmosphere and a good lunch menu starting at \$15. It is an opportunity to revisit what has been an old stamping ground for staff and students in the past.

**It is intended that this be an informal get-together for members and spouses and friends. All are invited to roll up at about midday. No bookings or RSVPs are required - just come along and enjoy**

### Day trip to Scienceworks on Thursday March 5 with spouses and friends welcome to join in. (details on P2)

An opportunity for Ballarat, Bellarine, Metropolitan and Gippsland Ex Staffers (and spouses and friends) to meet and do something interesting together at a central location.

**NOTE: Firm numbers are required for those who wish to take the Ferry from Scienceworks to Southbank.**

**RSVP to Verna ( [vernabarry@bigpond.com](mailto:vernabarry@bigpond.com) Ph.53323318) no later than Thursday February 26.**

### Further day trips - How about a Sunday tour of the Arts Centre Melbourne backstage?

Revealed are the fascinating secrets of the theatre in this guided tour through backstage rooms, hidden passageways and technical contraptions that are unknown to most visitors. (also there is a craft market around the Arts Centre that day)

**Sunday at 11. Takes 90mins. Only \$20. Dates? Contact: [ghawley@ncable.net.au](mailto:ghawley@ncable.net.au)**

**or MCG during the week?** The MCG Tour gives the visitor the opportunity to relive their great sporting memories through a comprehensive tour of this marvellous stadium. MCG TOUR FEATURES: The Ponsford Stand, City Terrace - with views of Melbourne's skyline, MCC Members Reserve, Players' change rooms (subject to availability), Cricket viewing room (subject to availability), Long Room, Cricket Victoria Bill Lawry Centre, MCC Library, Media facilities (subject to availability), A walk on the arena (subject to availability) ,[MCG Tapestry](#)  
**MCG Tours are from \$20. A guided experience. Takes approximately 75 minutes.**

You will receive our mid year

## Newsletter

as usual in May/June

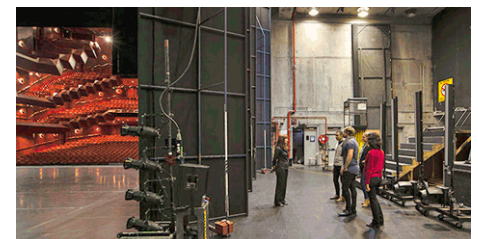


**What's on at Scienceworks:**

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/scienceworks/whatson/>

<http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/VISITORS/Pages/VisitorInfo.aspx>

<http://artscentremelbourne.com.au/whats-on/tour/backstage-tour>



<http://www.mcg.org.au/Tours/The%20MCG%20Tour.aspx>



## Excursion: Scienceworks

**Think Ahead** is an exhibition about advances in science and technology across ten themes - communication; medicine and health; music and sound; food; natural systems; transport; space; cities; daily life; and money. With more than 200 museum objects from the past, the present and the speculative future, **Think Ahead** blends innovative technology with hands-on experiences to inspire you to research, think creatively and share your ideas.



### The Pumping Station

Discover the smelly side of Melbourne's history. Hear some stinky stories from the straining well, explore the magnificent engine room as you marvel at the engineering feats that helped

overcome the stench of 19th century Melbourne. For more information about the historic Pumping Station, visit the [Pumping Station](#) website.

## Let's go: Thursday March 5

**Getting there:** 8.36 train from Ballarat to Footscray.  
Arr: 9.40 (Geelong Dep: 9.06 Arr Footscray 9.59)  
→ Change platforms. Metro to Spotswood, Dep Footscray: 9.53, 10.03, 10.13 (6min trip) Metro travellers: Williamstown/Werribee  
Trains depart every 10mins from Southern Cross to Spotswood

**THEN** → walk, (or Taxi) 3 blocks to Scienceworks (Opens 10.00).

→ **Play in Scienceworks and have some lunch**

**THEN** → **FERRY** Dep 1.45pm from Scienceworks (meet at the Pumping Station) to Southbank. **See the Yarra and the City from a much different viewpoint.**

### Return journey home:

→ Across Yarra footbridge to Flinders St Station → train, tram or walk to Southern Cross → Back to Ballarat **OR** extend time in Melbourne.

**Approx costs: Ferry \$12 one way**

**Scienceworks \$12 (\*concession free)**

\* Accepted concession cards are: Carer Card, Commonwealth Seniors Card, Health Care Card, International Seniors Card, Overseas University Card, Pension Card, Student Card (Australian or International) and Veterans Affairs Card. Photo ID is required for all concession entry.

**Train: Use Myki or Seniors free ticket**

### Note:

**Firm bookings are required for the ferry.**

**RSVP no later than Thurs February 26, to Verna ([vernabarry@bigpond.com](mailto:vernabarry@bigpond.com) Ph.53323318)**

**Remember: Tram travel in the CBD is FREE 'ave a gooday'**

## What's on at Scienceworks:

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/scienceworks/whatson/>

### NOW SHOWING



#### Winning Sky Photos: The David Malin Awards 2015

See spectacular images of the night sky!

PLANETARIUM FOYER



#### Science Fiction, Science Future

Are you ready for science fiction to become a reality?

**Until Mar 6**



#### Deep Oceans

Dive in and uncover the secrets of the world's largest habitat.

### Permanent Exhibitions (3)

#### NOW SHOWING



#### Think Ahead

What will our future be like?



#### Sportworks

Stretch your mind *and* your muscles.



#### Nitty Gritty Super City

Explore science in the city.

### Planetarium Shows (4)

#### NOW SHOWING



#### Starlight

Uncover the mysteries of the stars in this new planetarium show.

### Performances & Shows (1)

#### NOW SHOWING



#### Bolt from the Blue

Explore the remarkable properties and mysteries of lightning in this live show.

LIGHTNING ROOM

### Tours (2)

#### NOW SHOWING



#### Collection Store Tours

See highlights from our historic collection and learn about Melbourne's fascinating past.



#### Pumping Station Tours

Discover the smelly side of Melbourne's history.

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