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**Athletic Club Brewery • Cubby Haus Brewing
O'Brien Beer+Rebellion Brewing • Red Duck**

For more information about beers, brewing, Latest releases, opening times, etc: please contact one of the breweries.

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For more information about Ballarat

www.visitballarat.com.au

For more information about Craft Beer

www.craftypint.com

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Discover Gold...

Ballarat Beer Trail

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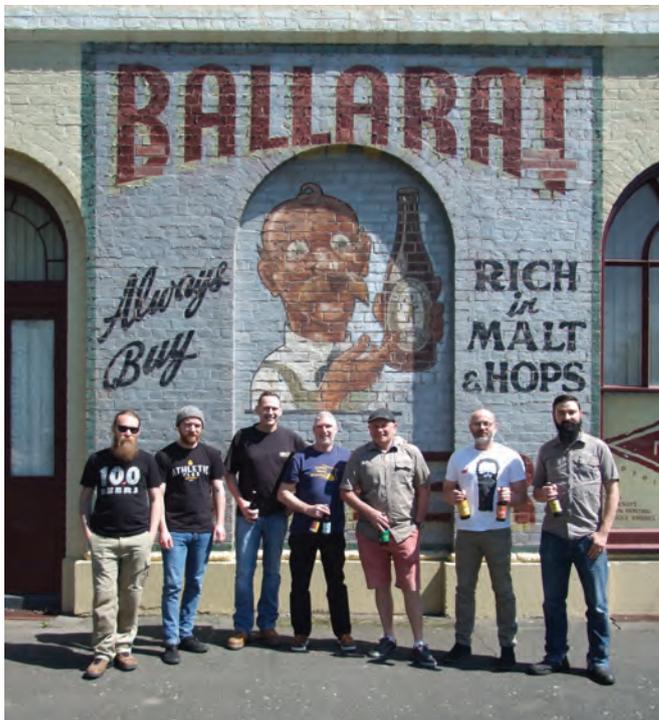
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The crafty guide to
Ballarat's finest
breweries, crafty eateries
and craft beer bottleshops

Maps
What to do
Where to go
Crafty shopping
Country sightseeing

Welcome to Ballarat

Ballarat, founded on gold and with a rich brewing history, now has 4 breweries to visit and a thriving craft beer scene. There has never been a better time to find some gold, or amber, or dark... each brewery has a different personality, a diverse range of quality beers and friendly helpful staff.



How to find Craft Beer in Ballarat

This guide is all about craft beer in Ballarat. Breweries to visit, places to eat that have great food and craft beer. Everything the craft beer lover needs to know!

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Ballarat's authentic brew pub experience

ATHLETIC CLUB BREWERY

Located in central Ballarat, the Athletic Club Brewery combines brewery tours, tastings and self-brewing sessions to offer visitors a completely immersive brewery experience. Just meters away from Ballarat train station, the brewery includes a comfortable tap room with up to eight Athletic Club beers on tap fresh from the brewhouse and casual American dining supplied by the adjoining Freight Restaurant. Fancy yourself as the king of the backyard brew or maybe you just want to try something new? Book yourself in for a self brew session. You'll get all the gear and ingredients to make your own brew. Sessions start at \$250 for a 50L batch. Canning, bottling and custom label services are also available. Bookings for brew sessions essential.



Open Daily from 11am until late
Address: 47 Mair Street Ballarat
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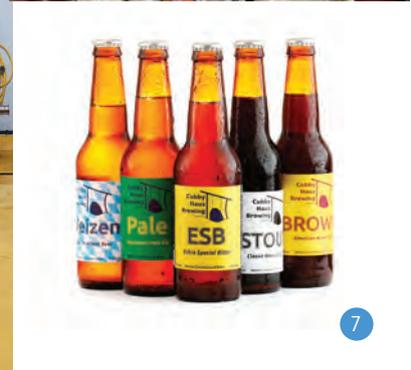
Nestled in the tree lined surrounds of Mount Pleasant

CUBBY HAUS BREWING

Cubby Haus Brewing is a destination for beer lovers and dreamers. A family run brewery with a passion for good living, fantastic beer and building stuff. Hand crafted beer is produced on premises in our 500 litre brew haus. Opened September 2016 with 5 core styles, the range will be constantly expanding with seasonals and pilot batches. Experience a selection of our beers with a tasting paddle or by the pot, schooner or pint. Quality cider and wines are also offered in the bar. Bring a picnic or choose from our selection of toasties and snacks. Relax on our comfortable couches while the kids play with the train set and chalk board. Proudly making quality hand crafted beer with passion.



Open: Friday, Saturday 12pm - 8pm
Sunday 12pm - 6pm or by appointment
884 Humffray St. South, Mt. Pleasant
Ph: 4343 1777
info@cubbyhausbrewing.com.au
www.cubbyhausbrewing.com.au



Naturally Crafted, Distinctly Different

O'BRIEN BEER + REBELLION BREWING

Rebellion Brewing has added a twist to thousands of years of brewing tradition by using malted sorghum and millet to produce gluten-free beers under the O'Brien label. The result is an award-winning, full-bodied flavour that extends across the entire range, always true to flavour without compromise, naturally crafted and distinctly different. Our range of nine beers includes some seasonal varieties that may be hard to find in bottle shops so if we still have stock there'll be some at the brewery.

Rebellion Brewing have been producing craft beer for 11 years, 9 of those in Ballarat. In addition to the O'Brien range of gluten free beers, available nationwide, Rebellion also produce The Rat Golden Lager, a crisp lager with a solid malt backbone and lingering bitterness.

We currently don't have a tasting room or bar but visitors are welcome to call in for take-away beer and a chat. Access is via the Ring Road linking Sturt Street and the Sunraysia Highway.



Open: 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday
36 Gregory Street West, Wendouree
(access from the Ring Road)
Ph: 1300 432 337
www.rebellionbrewing.com.au



Beer Rebels and Brewing Pioneers

RED DUCK

A small and passionate micro-brewery that was started in an old dairy, on the shores of Lake Purrumbete in 2005.

Red Duck blazed a path of new beer styles, re-creating historic brews, pushing boundaries and quickly became the brewer's brewery.

Moving to Ballarat in 2010, they are always striving for the highest quality and most enjoyable beers. They pride themselves on producing all natural, unfiltered, traditionally brewed beers. They thrive on diversity: having brewed over 130 different beers. The core range, which is brewed all year round, is joined by between 12 to 24 Limited Release and Seasonal beers each year. The selection is always changing, as they keep exploring new beers, new ingredients and new challenges!

Also home to Kilderkin Distillery, which opens early 2017



Open Monday-Friday 10-4, Saturday 12-5
Address: 11a Michaels Drive, Alfredton
Ph: 5332 0723 Mb: 0407 526 540
info@redduckbeer.com.au
www.redduckbeer.com.au





MAP

However you get to the breweries; car, bus, taxi, walk... plan your trip, try some beers, stock up and have fun!

ATHLETIC CLUB
47 Mair St East
Ballarat Central
Phone: (03) 5332 7031
Open 7 days 11am to late

CUBBY HAUS
884 Hummfray St
Mt Pleasant
Phone: (03) 4343 1777
Open Fri + Sat 12 - 8pm
Sunday 12 - 6pm
or by appointment

O'BRIEN + Rebellion
36 Gregory Street West*
Alfredton
Phone: (03) 4308 0136
Open mon-fri 8.30-4pm
*access from the Ring Road

RED DUCK
11a Michaels Drive
Alfredton
Phone: (03) 5332 0723
Open Mon-Fri 10-4
Saturday 12-6pm

Welcome to Beerllarat!

BALLARAT BEER FESTIVAL

A must see festival showcasing the finest craft beer from brewers around the world, **Ballarat Beer Festival** is held annually in **January** at Ballarat's City Oval and surrounding venues. A family friendly event, the festival has fast become an essential day on the beer lovers calendar with around forty brewers presenting in excess of 200 craft beers each year for the public to sip, sample and savour.

Recurring signature events, include the Friday Night Degustation Dinner, a main stage hosting live bands throughout the day, beer education classes, an abundance of food trucks, a kids' zone, activities and competitions. The festival brings close to 5,000 attendees to Ballarat every year for the weekend.

As a year is too long to wait to celebrate first-class beer, the Ballarat Beer Festival also presents The **Ballarat Winterlude Beer Festival** in July, which coincides with the Ballarat Winterlude festival and showcases the finest winter beers and ales from brewers around Australia.

www.ballaratbeerfestival.com.au



Apparently we can't live by beer alone...

Beer and Food matching

Have you every had a S'mores pizza and a porter? How about Smoked crispy skin duck and a big hoppy IPA? what would you match a sour beer to? Chocolate!

Quick and easy choices

Fast food or slow food, there is a beer that goes with everything. If you don't want to agonise over your beer choice, simply pick a favourite; pale ales, pale lagers, ambers or a rich porter. Don't fuss and it will be alright! Beer does go with everything...

Up the game

More complex food requires more complex beer. Belgian, Farmhouse, more malty, try beers that have unusual ingredients that match the food. Leave the tinnies for the BBQ and be brave!

Fine dining

Gone are the days where only wine is served. Beer can be more complex, more rewarding and more exciting than wine. There are some amazing beer experiences to be had. Don't be afraid of beer that costs the same as good wine, there is gold to be found! Lash out on a bigger bottle to share with friends.



**Just a few of the many eateries, in Ballarat,
that are keeping craft beer drinkers happy...**

The Mallow Hotel

A cosy, friendly local styled pub, with an ever-evolving selection of Aussie craft beer, premium local wines and top quality pub-grub. Ballarat's original craft beer pub. hello@themallow.com.au
20 Skipton Street, Ballarat Ph: 5331 1073

The Forge Pizzeria

Gourmet woodfired pizza, specials and salads are available. There is always the not so secret dessert pizza. Extensive local craft beer and wine menu. 1771 Sturt Street, Ballarat Ph: 5337 6635
also at 14 Armstrong St Nth, Ballarat info@theforgepizzeria.com

The Main Bar

Wood-fired pizza, plus Modern Australian food, in a friendly bare-brick venue over 2 floors, plus a deck. Local beers on tap.
28 Main Rd, Bakery Hill Ph: 5333 7722

Red Peppa

Modern Australian menus offered in a sophisticated environment, local beers and wines. 34 Sturt St, Ballarat Central Ph: 5331 6327

Irish Murphys

Hearty traditional grub and craft beers, plus live music, in an upbeat Irish pub with cosy booths.
36 Sturt St, Ballarat Central Ph: 5331 4091

Munster Arms Hotel

Modern Australian Gastro-Pub, craft beer focused.
10 Victoria St, Bakery Hill. Ph: 5332 2323

Hop Temple

A venue enthusiastic about good beer, wine and food. Relaxed atmosphere. Situated down Hop Lane, follow the umbrellas and festoon lighting to a hidden laneway delight. Lots of crafty taps.
Rear of 24 Armstrong St North, Ballarat Central Ph: 5317 7158

Catfish

Catfish is a contemporary Thai restaurant, open Tuesday to Saturday for dinner and lunch on Sundays. Unique fine dining in a Chefs Hat awarded venue. 44 Main Rd, Bakery Hill Ph: 5331 5248

Mitchell Harris Wine Bar

Local and imported wines, craft beers and small plates in a loft space with arched windows, rafters and exposed-brick walls. Groovy Architect designed spaces, cellar bar, functions and bottle shop.
38 Doveton St N, Ballarat Central Ph: 5331 8931

Ballarat Provadore

Situated at the gateway to Ballarat. Local produce, great coffee, delicious wood fired pizzas, local beers and modern Australian fare.
9379 Western Hwy, Warrenheip VIC 3352 Ph: 5334 7231

Pipers by the Lake

Unrivalled views of Lake Wendouree and set amongst the foreshore park. Stylish old-world building with outside tables and a light-filled interior, for choice bistro food and local beers.
403 Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree Ph: 5334 1811

Brown Grain Thai

Unpretentious, spacious dining room serving traditional soups, curries and stir-fries. Local beers and wines
212 Sturt St, Ballarat Central Ph: 5340 0517

For more dining choices www.visitballarat.com.au

Where to buy Local & Craft Beer

If you can't get to a brewery to stock up then there are some great choices around town that stock the local craft beers, and a broad range of other craft beers.

Campana's

Family run bottle shop, wine store and craft beer stockists, with the best Cheese shop and deli goods in town.

Lunch in the cafe, great coffee and fully licensed too.

Campana's Stockade Cellars Ph: 5331 2422

Cnr Mair and Armstrong Streets, Ballarat

Coach House Ale

Coach House Ale is delivering the best in local and international craft beer to Ballarat and the surrounding area.

A craft beer specialist, located near the main train station.

202 Lydiard St N, Soldiers Hill Ph: 0418 423 303

Jack's Cellarbrations

Stocking a large and growing range of local and imported craft beer, and they know a thing or two about wine and cider.

Jack's is also a Friendly Grocer store, which is pretty handy to get some eats to go with your beers.

901 Sturt Street, Ballarat Ph: 1300 794 630

Mat's Cellarbrations

Mat's have 3 stores across Ballarat which stock a growing range of craft brews:

1763 Sturt St. Alfredton Ph: 5330 2134

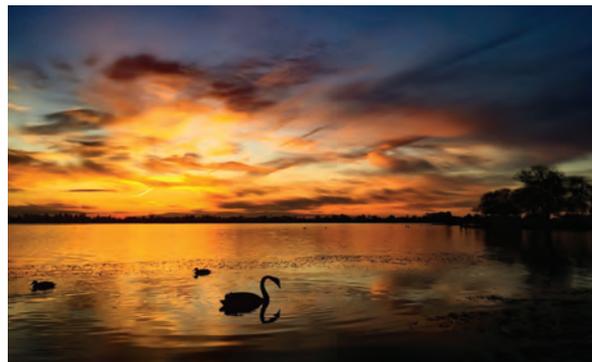
920 Howitt Street, Wendouree Ph: 5330 2134

14 Whitehorse Rd. Mt Clear Ph: 5330 2134

Stay a bit longer...

You may have heard of some other nearby attractions such as Sovereign Hill, Kryal Castle, Ballarat Wildlife Park, Art Gallery of Ballarat, and M.A.D.E. Ballarat is also a great launching place for trips further afield, such as Daylesford, the Spa country, the Grampians and it's even worth contemplating visiting more breweries down south in the Otways and along the Great Ocean Road.

Plan your trip to Ballarat breweries, keeping in mind that you may be drinking. And craft beers are just so damned tasty, you might find that you inadvertently go over the limit. It is worth booking ahead. Ballarat is a great place to visit, tour, sightsee, eat and drink!



Lake Wendouree. Photo courtesy of Mitchell Harris Wine Bar

Ballarat is well serviced for all types of accommodation: Bed and Breakfast, Caravan and Camping, Hotels and Motels, Retreat and Lodge, or Self Contained: look online at www.visitballarat.com.au or call in and talk with friendly staff at the visitor centre Town Hall, 225 Sturt St,

Crafty Friends

A few other local places of interest to the craft beer enthusiast, and for those that are tagging along:

321 Cider

A family owned boutique cider company located in Learmonth, just a few minutes drive from Ballarat. Cellar Door, cafe and local produce. 321 High St, Learmonth Ph: 5343 2233

Kilderkin Distillery

Opening early 2017. Ballarat's first modern day distillery. Producing premium gin and whisky, using traditional copper pot stills. Whisky will be maturing in small barrels which are Kilderkin sized!

11a Michaels Drive, Alfredton Ph: 5332 0723

Mt Buninyong Winery

Drop in to sample Australia's largest range of fortified wine. Stay for a wood fired pizza or share plate. Lunch & dinner. Beer & spirits. 10 Platts Rd, Scotsburn Ph: 0428 331 066

Ballarat Wineries

Surrounded by more famous wine growing regions, Ballarat's wineries are hidden gems, all producing great wines. Look at the Ballarat Vignerons website for more details. www.ballaratwineries.com

Ballarat Home Brew Centre

Everybody who walks through the door is happy to be picking up what they need for home made bread and beverages: beer, wine, cider, mead and distilling. 1/314 Ripon St S, Ballarat Central Ph: 5333 5825

The Avoca Hotel

The Avoca is a multiple award winning hotel restaurant in the Pyrenees wine region of western Victoria. About 40 mins drive, north from Ballarat. Widely recognised for its outstanding food, extensive cellar of local regional wines and **an extraordinary range of craft and boutique beers**. The Avoca has been a 3 times winner of both the prestigious Golden Plate Award for Best Hotel and Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence.

115 High St, Avoca VIC Phone: 5465 3018



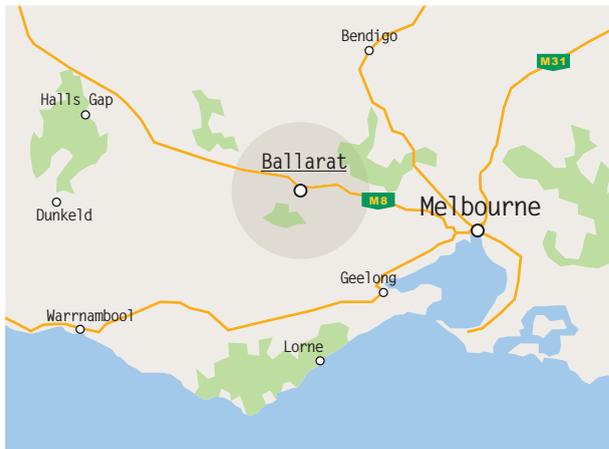
Pyrenees Wine Trail

With 22 cellar doors to unearth, sample the region's renowned premium shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and sparkling wines. Enjoy lunch or indulge in a cheese platter while soaking in the magnificent views of the valleys and mountain ranges. www.visitballarat.com.au/wineries/pyrenees

Top tip: a day of wine touring needs to be rewarded with a cleansing Ballarat ale! There are many cellar doors now stocking local beers too.

Visit Ballarat

Ballarat is easy to get to by road or train. It is also easy to find anything in Ballarat. With its wide open streets, central locations and friendly locals!



Towns nearby

Discover the greater region and explore the quaint townships of Buninyong, Learmonth, Creswick, Clunes, Smeaton, Blampied, Avoca and more. Once bustling, these historic towns are rich in the remnants of the gold rush era and offer visitors a glimpse into years gone by. Featuring premium eateries, stunning architecture and all within close driving distance of Ballarat, these locales are full of charm and wonder.

www.visitballarat.com.au or call in to the Visitor Information Centre at the Town Hall in Sturt Street.

Get Touring!!

These organisers know how great tours in and around Ballarat can be. Take the hassle out of organising the whole day and let the experts take you for a ride... (so to speak!)

Fit Tours

Come with us as we go “behind the brew” in Ballarat’s growing craft beer scene. Travel through one of Australia’s most significant gold rush boomtowns with professionally guided beer sampling and VIP back-room brewery tours. Perfect for the novice and beer connoisseur alike, you will taste a selection of unique local craft beers, enjoy a gourmet lunch and talk to the unique characters that bring these establishments to life.

Cycling or minibus options available!

M: 0422 462 100 info@fittours.com.au

www.fittours.com.au

Aussie Brewery Tours

Australia's Premier Beer, Cider and Distillery Tour Operator offers beer, cider, spirit and food lovers an experience they will never forget! Contact: Scott Dewar

Ph: 1300 787 039 / M: 0488339270

www.aussiebrewerytours.com.au

Goldfields Bike Tours

Personalised guided tours, along recognised trails and tracks, and around towns. Support vehicles, accommodation organised and e-bike options. All ages!

Call Ian De Lacy 0418 303 065

www.goldfieldsbiketours.com.au