



Date: 5 March 2026
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Dear Resident,

Re: FREEDOM OF ENTRY CEREMONY

HMAS *Ballarat (II)* will exercise the right of Freedom of Entry to the City of Ballarat on **Sunday 15 March 2026**. Crew and Officers from HMAS *Ballarat (II)* will form up at the bottom of Sturt Street and march up Sturt Street to the Town Hall at 10.30am. Following formalities, the party will continue the march to Lyons Street South. The granting of the Freedom of Entry is the highest honour a town or city can bestow upon a military unit.

For the safety of participants and all road users, the following traffic alterations will be in place;

ROAD CLOSURES – Sunday 15 March 2026 from 8am until 12 pm

- The west-bound lanes of **Sturt Street**, from **Grenville Street to Lyons Street South**
- **Armstrong Street South**, from **Bath Lane to Sturt Street**.
- A partial closure of **Lyons Street South** between **Dana Street and Sturt Street**
- **Sturt Street** and all intersecting streets will be progressively re-opened commencing at Lydiard Street as the March passes.

PTV bus stops in the 400 and 500 block of Sturt Street westbound will be closed between 8am and 12pm on Sunday 15 March, please access the next closest bus stop convenient to you.

Pedestrian access to shops and services is always available during these altered traffic conditions.

Speed restrictions and some short delays are expected; therefore, all road users are reminded to approach the area with caution and follow the direction of traffic marshals and police.

For further information contact the events team on 03 5320 5500 or via email at events@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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