



## TRAVEL INFORMATION 2011 PEARL GATHERING

Kryal Castle,  
121 Forbes Rd. Warrenheip Victoria Australia 3352



Remember the Gathering starts Thursday afternoon 13<sup>th</sup> October with registration from 4pm, finishing after lunch (approx. 2pm) on Sunday 16 October. Kryal Castle is 8kms east of Ballarat on the Western Highway.  
**The Teachers Day** will be held prior to the Gathering on Thursday 13 October from 1pm to 4.30pm.

### TRAVELLING TO BALLARAT FROM MELBOURNE

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Ballarat is a large country city in Western Victorian, Population 85,000. It is about 115kms west of Melbourne city a 1.5 – 2 hour drive by car. The average temperate during October varies from 6C to 20C.

**Ballarat Visitor Information Centre:** Phone - Int +61 3 5320 5741 or 1800 446 633

**Ballarat Information website:** <http://www.travelvictoria.com.au/ballarat/transport/>

The easiest and quickest travel route for those who do not have their own transport is to fly into Melbourne Tullamarine Airport and catch the Ballarat Airport Shuttle Bus service, or if visiting Melbourne before travelling to Ballarat then take the V/Line train from Southern Cross Station (Melbourne city) to Ballarat. See below for transfer information.

**Melbourne Airport** also known as **Tullamarine:** Main international and interstate airport, on the west side of Melbourne city in Tullamarine.

#### GETTING THERE:- BY CAR

**OWN TRANSPORT:** Take the Western highway M8 from Melbourne to Ballarat or the Western Highway A8 from Adelaide.

**HIRE CARS:** There are many car hire companies (Hertz, Avis, Europcar etc) – check with individual companies availability. Request that city and country road maps be included with the vehicle when booking. Pre-booking is essential.

**Melbourne Airport Car hire companies:** <http://www.melbourneairport.com.au/To-From-the-Airport/Rental-cars/Overview.html>

#### AIRPORT SHUTTLE BUSES

##### Melbourne Airport to Ballarat – Ballarat Airport Shuttle Bus (Need to Pre book)

Fares: Ballarat adult \$30, return \$56

Pick up points. **Melbourne Airport:-** Ground Floor opposite the International Terminal. (Bus Zone3 ).

**Ballarat:** Railway Station Bus Bay 3

**Website:** <http://www.airportshuttlebus.com.au/> **E Mail:** [info@airportshuttlebus.com.au](mailto:info@airportshuttlebus.com.au)

**Phone:** Int: +61 3 5333 4181 (03) 5333 4181 **Fax:** Int: +61 3 5333 4992 (03) 5333 4992

##### Melbourne Airport to Melbourne City - Southern Cross Station (catch train to Ballarat from here)

From Melbourne Airport to Southern Cross Station Melbourne allow at least 1.5 hours – for airport baggage collection, bus connection to Southern Cross Station Melbourne, train ticket purchase, and walk to station platform.

**Sky Bus** runs from Melbourne Airport every 10-15 minutes during the day and takes about 20 minutes travelling time from the airport to Southern Cross Station Melbourne. **Website:** <http://www.skybus.com.au/>

#### BY TRAIN

##### Melbourne to Ballarat Station (train to Ballarat)

In Melbourne country trains start from Southern Cross Station Melbourne (formerly Spencer St station).

V/LINE runs train services from Southern Cross Station Melbourne to Ballarat every day. Trains depart from Southern Cross Station Melbourne to Ballarat approx. every hour and take 1.5 hours travelling time. Prices vary depending on what day/time you travel.

**Website:** <http://www.viclink.com.au/> includes both metropolitan and regional train travel.

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