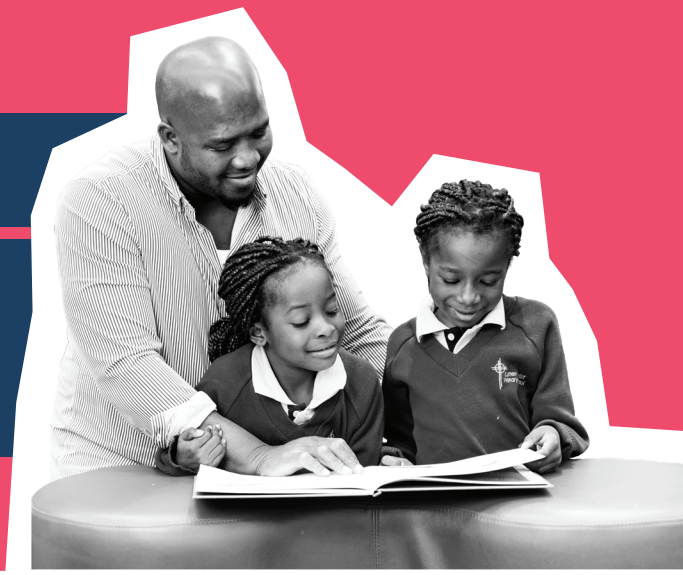
# Men leading change

For parents, coaches, teachers and men in the community who want to show up, lead by example and create lasting change for the young people in their lives.



**Friday 27 November 2026 | 9am – 1pm**
**The Goods Shed**
**200 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat**
**Wadawurrung Country**

**FREE (ticket limit of 4 per organisation)**

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

Barista coffee will be available to purchase.

## Register now!

Scan the QR code, or visit **tinyurl.com/2enj2cv8**

Please let us know if you have any accessibility or support requirements through the registration process or if there are ways we can make the event more comfortable and welcoming for you.

### Enquiries

Please email **hsplanning@ballarat.vic.gov.au** or call **(03) 5320 5500.**

## What to expect

**The 2026 Men Leading Change Forum is for people who want to make a positive difference in the lives of young people, lead positive change in their communities, and help prevent gendered violence.**

Through conversations about healthy masculinities, fatherhood, mateship and respectful relationships, the forum will provide practical ideas and explore what it means to lead with courage, challenge harmful norms, and model respect for the next generation. While this event is open to people of all genders, we are particularly encouraging local men - fathers, coaches, teachers, and community leaders to attend.

Hear from Will Austin, director of Modern Dad, 2026 Australian Community Father of the Year and father of three as he shares his journey with positive masculinity, mental wellbeing, and the importance of creating safe spaces for men and boys to connect.

Find out more about the nation-leading Respect Ballarat initiative and how you can get involved in creating a Ballarat where everyone is safe, respected and free from violence.

Hear from a panel, including local young people, as they explore what courageous leadership looks like, the role adults play in shaping respectful relationships, and how we can hold ourselves and one another accountable for creating positive change.

Participate in a facilitated workshop with The Men's Project team at Jesuit Social Services designed to spark reflection and action around habits and preconceptions related to masculinities, highlighting that change can be driven by everyone.

**Join the City of Ballarat, Women's Health Grampians, and Respect Victoria** in shaping a safer, more respectful future. Because real change happens when ordinary people have the courage to speak up, lead by example and influence others to do the same.



*"We have a responsibility to confront injustice. Every preventable harm deserves to be prevented. And every generation deserves to be empowered to do better than the last."* **WILL AUSTIN**

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