



*“Committee for Ballarat is a visionary member-based organisation working to make Ballarat and region a better place to live.”*

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## **Premier attends Committee for Ballarat Forum & Luncheon.**

Committee for Ballarat Chair, Judy Verlin, today hosted a forum and luncheon for Committee’s Executive members and their guests, and were joined by special guest, Premier, the Hon Dr Denis Napthine, at Craig’s Hotel in Lydiard Street.

Chair, Judy Verlin said, “our Executive members play a critical role in supporting the work of Committee and the Chair’s luncheon is a great opportunity for us to say, thank you”. Verlin stated, “the annual luncheon also provides the opportunity for this key membership group to hear from our community & business leaders and discuss the issues and challenges confronting their business that impact on long term social and economic growth in Ballarat and the greater region”.

With over 45 in attendance, the Premier engaged in conversation and spoke passionately about his plans for the East West Link, the completion of the \$4.8bn Regional Rail Link project, and local investments in Ballarat centred on health, education and tourism.

Committee for Ballarat CEO, John Kilgour stated, “Executive members are keen to ensure that the Government identifies and invests in important economic, environmental, social and cultural projects, such as the Major Events & Sports Precinct, Ballarat West Employment Zone and Ballarat Station Precinct upgrade”.

Kilgour further added, “all tiers of Government have a responsibility to provide clear direction for accommodating planned growth, including major infrastructure investment needed to support this growth”.

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