

O, what a way to start a week

By Emma Brown

A CARNIVAL atmosphere with a multicultural theme drew a big crowd at Orientation Week celebrations at University of Ballarat SMB campus yesterday.

The campus's acting director of student services, Jeannie King, said the turnout this year was very pleasing.

"We have had great support from staff, bringing students out to join in," Ms King said.

"Everything has been provided free of charge so there are no inhibitions with joining in."

The campus took on a festive feel with 36 flags representing the original countries of the student population.

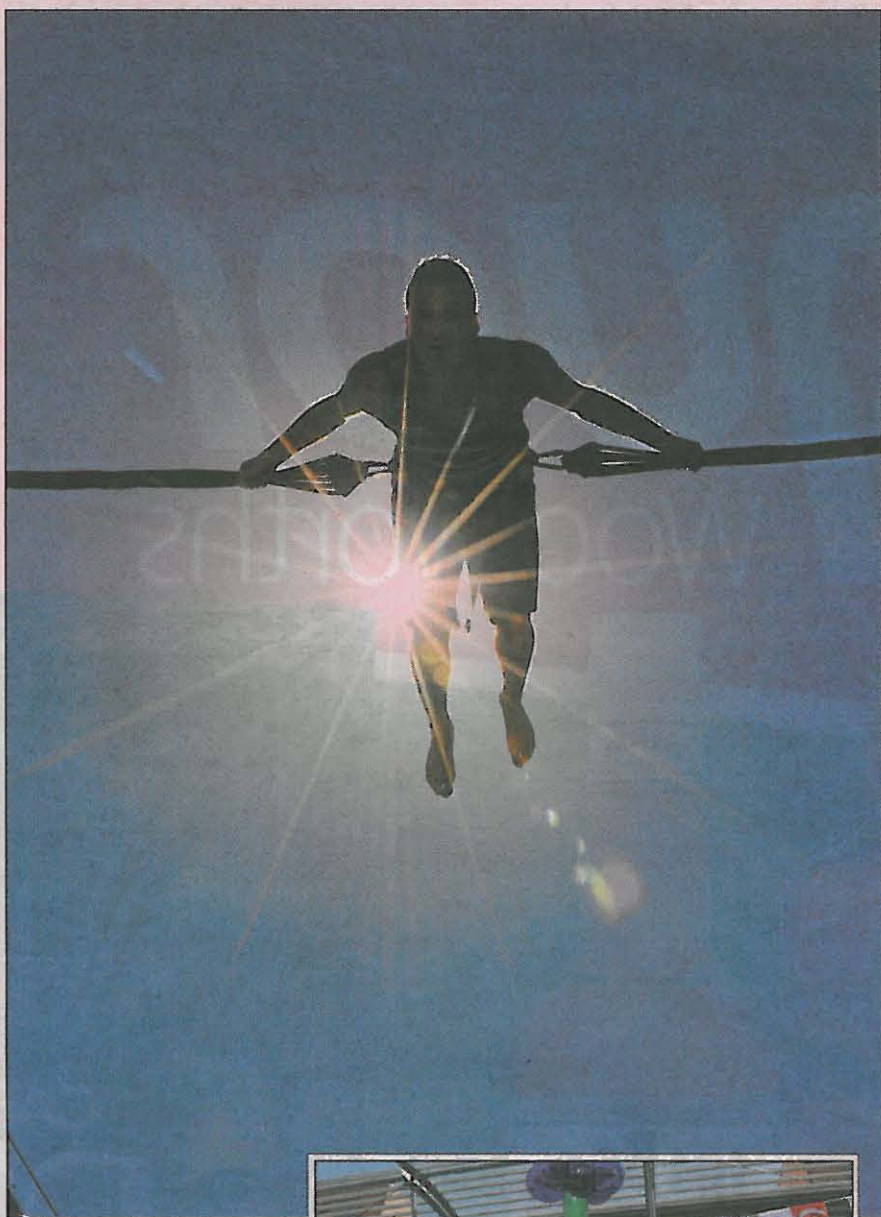
Entertainment was provided by students from the arts academy in a play on student life, while band Paul Mah and the Beatones provided the music.

For the adventurous a bungee trampoline was on offer, as was African hair braiding and Indian henna tattooing.

One of the most popular attractions, a balloon artist, was kept busy all day.

Students enjoyed the free barbecue and Indian food available and Red Bull provided drinks.

All daytime events



ABOVE: Alastair Gault leaps into the O-Week activities at University of Ballarat SMB campus yesterday.

RIGHT: The crowning moment for Amanda Giri, left, and Jessie Asker. Pictures: **Jeremy Bannister**



planned for O-week are alcohol-free.

"We have promoted our activities as alcohol free to show it is possible to have fun without alcohol," Ms King said.

Many community stalls and service providers were on hand to assist students.

Orientation activities

will continue at the SMB campus today, and UB campuses at Mount Helen and Horsham will run similar events next week.

COUNCIL

New staff to run city's big projects

By Marcus Power

MANAGERS for Ballarat's biggest projects will be appointed in coming weeks.

Interviews for two managers' positions at the Ballarat City Council, to look after the projects, will get under way next week.

One of those people will be appointed for 12 months and will have responsibility for the council's redevelopment of the Civic Hall site, as well as the relocation of the city's saleyards.

The other manager, on an 18-month contract, will take charge of the city's planned western expansion, the Ballarat West Growth Area and Employment Zone and the Ballarat Western Link Rd.

Both jobs will be full-time, temporary roles and will cost ratepayers between \$65,761 and \$72,821 each, plus superannuation.

Ballarat City Council growth and development director Jeff Pulford said the council wanted to fill both jobs by the end of the month.

"We'd be aiming to put them on as quickly as possible," Mr Pulford said.

He said the Ballarat West job would oversee the next stage of the Ballarat West employment zone.

"There will be a lot of work happening this year with a whole



Jeff Pulford

lot of stakeholders, including the government and various agencies, as well as the Committee for Ballarat."

The other manager will also have plenty of work to do.

Plans for a Civic Hall redevelopment to house the council's administration and other tenants were unveiled by the council last year.

The plan passed its first test last December, with consultants' reports saying the council had outgrown its current office space.

The council is now on the hunt for co-tenants for the site.

The saleyards will be moved from its present Redan site to an as yet un-named location under private management.

An announcement on a future site for the yards is expected this week.

Pipe bands fire up for South Street

By Dellaram Jamali

THE Royal South Street Society is celebrating 119 years of competition, commencing this weekend with the Highland Pipe Band competition.

Approximately 700 talented musicians will compete in different grades, performing a range of

dance tunes, including March, Strathspey and Reel.

The competition will feature 17 bands from around Victoria including the University of Ballarat Pipe Band.

Bands will start at 12pm on Sunday on the foreshore of Lake Wendouree, in the Fairyland

area, and will conclude with a mass parade at 4.30pm.

This weekend's competition is a free event and designated parking has been set aside in the North Reserve area.

The Highland Pipe Band competition started in 1907 and ran until 1950. It was re-introduced in 1996.

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