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FEDERATION TO BRING INNOVATION SERIES EVENTS TO HEART OF BALLARAT

Thought leaders from across the state will be sharing their insight into various challenges and opportunities in the Ballarat region during a new series of events hosted by Federation University Australia at its SMB Campus.

The Innovation Series is a collaboration between Federation University Australia and Committee for Ballarat, Commerce Ballarat, City of Ballarat and Regional Development Victoria. These free, public events bring together community, government, industry and education to generate creative thinking and inspire change in the Central Highlands region.

The inaugural Innovation Series event to be held at Ballarat's SMB Campus on Lydiard Street South will be 'Why Participation, Access, and Equity Matter in Sports' with presenters including [Professor Rochelle Eime](#) from Federation's Institute of Health and Wellbeing, Steph Mundy, Federation University Alumna and Strength and Conditioning Coach at the Victorian Institute of Sport, and Rod Ward, Moorabool Mayor and former Ballarat Football League Chief Executive and AFL Goldfields Regional Manager.

The 'Why Participation, Access, and Equity Matter in Sports' Innovation Series event will take place from 5.00pm – 6.30pm on February 22 at Prospects Restaurant located on Federation's SMB Campus on Lydiard Street South.

Further details on the inaugural and future Innovation Series events can be found at www.federation.edu.au/events.

Quotes attributable to Federation University Australia, Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley

"Our Innovation Series events bring thought leaders across a wide range of disciplines to our regional centres to inform and inspire. Following the success of these events in Gippsland, we are excited to start delivering these events and look forward to welcoming the Ballarat community to our SMB campus in the heart of Ballarat's CBD."

About Federation University Australia

With a history spanning over 150 years, Federation University Australia is Victoria's premier regional dual-sector university with campuses located in Ballarat, Berwick, Brisbane, Gippsland and Wimmera. From 2018-2022 Federation ranked first in Australia for first-generation student enrolments. In a first for Australia, the globally recognised co-operative education model will be embedded across all Federation programs from 2026.