

THE CHRISTMAS TALE OF BALLA-RAT'S STAR

Join local characters Balla and Pete on their quest to find the perfect star to adorn their Christmas tree.

Simply follow the Story trail below and be sure to tag #christmasinballarat when you post your photos.

Visit christmasinballarat.com.au to find out more about the Trail.



-  McKenzie St
-  Rotunda (Sturt St)
-  Town Hall (Median Strip)
-  Central Square
-  Gold Shop (Window)
-  Art Gallery of Ballarat
-  Gold Monument
-  Grenville St Wall
-  Bridge Mall
-  Bakery Hill



ARTS TRAIL

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Follow the Balla-Rat's Star trail on the map included in this guide and don't forget to share your experiences on social media using the hashtag #christmasinballarat

"T' WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
ON A BALLARAT STREET.
TWO CHARACTERS WERE STIRRING,
CALLED BALLA AND PETE.

"STEPPING BACK TO ADMIRE
THEIR TREE FROM AFAR,
IT DAWNED ON THE RATS
THEY WERE MISSING THE STAR!"

Hark! Without the star for the top of Balla and Pete's Christmas tree, the festive season is sure be ruined! Our friendly rats set out on a desperate search to find a star and provide the ideal finishing touch, but time is not on their side!

Will you help Balla and Pete find a star in time for Christmas?
Join them in a merry escapade around town to complete their quest!

Bring your sense of adventure, your family and friends, as you help the search for the perfect star. There are 10 mind-bending interactive artworks with photo opportunities dotted along the trail, so be sure to pack your camera!



ILLUSTRATORS

MEET THE ARTISTS BEHIND THE CHRISTMAS TALE OF BALLA-RAT'S STAR.



**TRAVIS PRICE
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A product of the University of Ballarat, Travis began his career as a graphic designer before transitioning to commercial illustration. Twenty years on he has worked for everyone from Mambo through to Nike, UnderArmour, Pearl Jam and The Boston Globe. Working from his home studio Travis continues to share his love for Ballarat through his local murals projects.

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**CAROLINE KEYS
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Growing up in South Africa, Caroline only ever wanted to be an artist. After studying, she cut her teeth illustrating books for rural African schools before moving to Australia. She continues to work for educational publishers as well as on picture books and in recent years has been busy illustrating Snugglepot and Cuddlepie for a series of May Gibbs books commissioned by Scholastic.

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