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Executive Manager of the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute Announced

Tony Godfrey has been appointed to the newly created position of Executive Manager of the BMI. The appointment is a clear affirmation of the significant role the Mechanics' Institute continues to play in modern day Ballarat.

The President of the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute **Phil Roberts** is delighted to announce the appointment of **Tony Godfrey** to the new position of Executive Manager of the Institute.

The position is to manage Ballarat's historic, cultural institution and to focus on its long-term sustainability. It is envisaged that partnerships with the City of Ballarat and other community organisations will be strengthened and developed further and that the Institute will be enhanced as an integral part of the Ballarat arts, cultural and educational community and economy.

Tony brings to the position a strong interest in the Mechanics' Institute, a wide breadth of previous experience, financial capability, enthusiasm about the Executive Manager role and commitment to the future directions of the Institute.



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He has many years of relevant senior management experience including positions as Special Projects Manager at Ballarat Clarendon College; Executive Assistant to the CEO at North Ballarat Football & Sports Club; Director of Finance and Corporate Services at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat; Business Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and Business Administrator, Damascus College, Ballarat.

He holds a Bachelor of Business in Accounting; a Graduate Diploma in Business Management; and, a Masters of Business Management.

The BMI membership, Board and staff members look forward to working closely with Tony over a number of years.

Some words from Tony Godfrey

Tony is very enthusiastic about this role and looking forward to commencing. He stated “the history, heritage and community connection of the Institute is extremely impressive and the work to date by the Board, staff and volunteers is an absolute credit to all. The future is really exciting”.

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About the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute

Mechanics' Institutes are the forerunners of adult education and libraries in Victoria. The nineteenth century term “mechanic” meant artisan or working man.

The Ballarat Mechanics Institute was first established in early 1859 and the foundation stone of the construction of the back section of the existing building was laid, in 1860, with an estimated crowd numbering 10,000.

Since 1859, the BMI has been used for balls, lectures, markets, cinema, library, concerts and cultural events.

The historic building has been extensively restored. As well as housing an extensive library and impressive collections, at any time of year it is buzzing with an array of events from concerts, weddings, dances and performances, through to seminars, lectures and workshops.

The Ballarat Mechanics' Institute welcomes visitors for tours, cultural events and exhibitions.

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