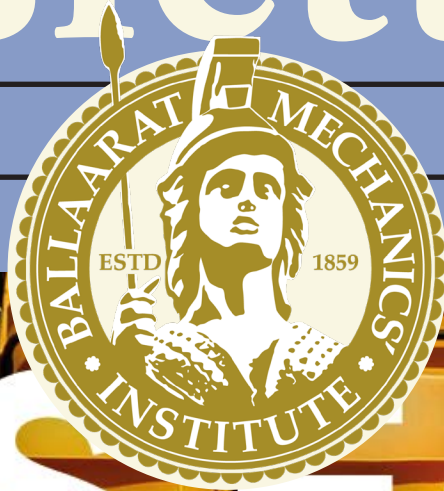


Newsletter

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

May / 2021



RESET

Restoring Australia after
the Pandemic Recession

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GARNAUT



The Wheeler Centre
Books Writing Ideas

Dear Members

It was great to see Members so well represented at Twilight Talks even more heartening is that we gained new members, due to the quality programming and recognition that the BMI is well placed to produce such community focused events. Great work done by Phil Roberts, Prue Bentley and their networks as well as all the behind work done by our staff. We are eagerly looking forward to continue thought provoking conversations as we work in partnership with The Wheeler Centre in presenting Ross Garnaut next month.

The Ballarat Heritage Festival has provided our event spaces with a busy month, this festival is right up our

alley and we're proud to be associated with it as it shows how important our city partnerships are.

Tours of the BMI have really started to take off we'd really like to have more volunteers to help with this great opportunity to fundraise, to capitalise on BMI awareness and show off our facilities, if you would like to be a part of our Tour Team contact details are on the back of the newsletter.

We will shortly be starting our Library Fundraiser, if you have any books that are gathering dust or taking up space on your shelves please contact Rosemary.

Mike Stephens



Library news

with Rosemary McInerney



Author of the Month

Aline Templeton

Aline lives in Edinburgh with her husband, in a house with a balcony built by an astronomer to observe the stars over the city skyline. She has worked in education and broadcasting and has written numerous articles and stories for newspapers and magazines. Her books have been published in several European countries as well as in the United States.



Book of the Month

Devil's Garden by Aline Templeton

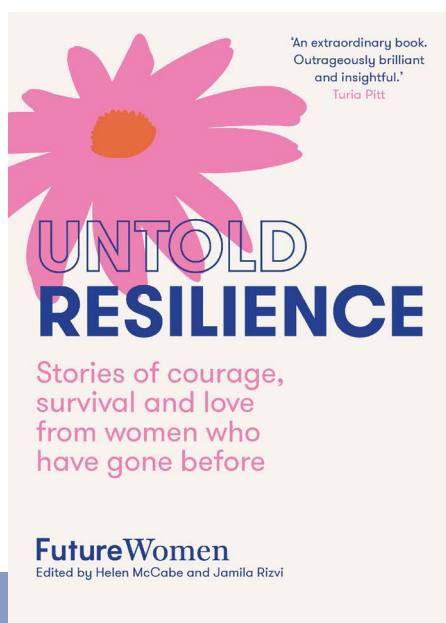
When DCI Kelso Strang hears that an old friend from his police college days suspects there is corruption at her local station in the Scottish Borders, he sends DC Livvy Murray undercover so that this will have to take a back seat as revenge for a long-concealed and ugly secret takes its tragic course. Just as the situation becomes critical, a storm roars in bringing chaos, and Strange can do nothing but rage and wait for the thaw.

Recommended Reads

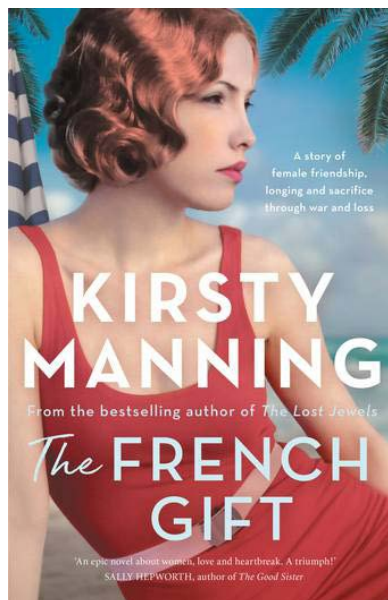
Untold Resilience by Future Women

A collection of inspiring real life stories from women who have triumphed through global and personal tragedy. We can learn so much from our elders they have been through it all... war, pandemics, the death of loved ones, fleeing violence or seeking a fresh start, to be their authentic selves.

Untold Resilience is all about hope and empowerment.



The French Gift by Kirsty Manning



A Former maid at a luxury villa on the Riviera, Margot Bisset finds herself in a prison cell with writer and French Resistance fighter Josephine Murant. Together, they are transferred to a work camp in Germany for four years, where the secrets they share will bind them for generations to come.

Present day Paris, Evie Black is rebuilding her life after a broken heart. She runs a specialist book shop and lives above it with her son Hugo. When an invitation to spend the summer on the Riviera, it's here that Evie begins to take an interest in a past mystery.

The Night Gate by Peter May

In a sleepy French village, the body of a man shot through the head is disinterred by the roots of a fallen tree. A week later a famous art critic is viciously murdered in a nearby house. The deaths occurred more than seventy years apart.

Enzo's investigations reveal an unexpected link between the murders and the Mona Lisa...



What's on



Red Mill Revue

Saturday 15 May | 8.00pm – 10.00pm

Saturday 22 May | 8.00pm – 10.00pm

Red Mill Revue! is a Celebration of the human form in all its variations. Our Multi-disciplinary performers combine Burlesque, Dance, Vaudeville, Tease, Comedy, Cabaret and Music into a high energy Variety show that's fun for everyone. You get a whole seat, but you'll only need the front – that's where you'll be glued. Regardless of your persuasion, orientation or occupation, if entertainment is your inclination – then Red Mill is your destination!

Tickets | \$39 – per person

Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

The Witching Hour & a Night of Spiritualism | Ballarat Heritage Festival

Friday 21 May | 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Ballarat séances and spiritualists were well known enough internationally to be discussed by no less than Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, avowed spiritualist and the creator of the detective Sherlock Holmes.

Join us in a magical exploration of Ballarat's Spiritualist past featuring many of the sleight of hand tricks and illusions that were the staple of Victorian mediums.

Tickets | \$30 – per person

Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

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2021 Victorian Pinup Pageant

Saturday 22 May | 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Welcome to the Victorian Pinup Pageant which is the first in a series of Pinup Pageants around Australia leading to the first Australian Pinup Pageant.

Tickets | Free – reservations essential

Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

The Wheeler Centre | Ross Garnaut *Reset, restoring Australia after the Pandemic Recession*

Wednesday 2 June | 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Post-pandemic times, Ross Garnaut argues, this presents us with the opportunity to reimagine economic structures and build a more prosperous and equitable society. Calling for the introduction of a basic income, a new business tax system, and a push towards full employment, Garnaut believes Australia should raise its economic ambitions higher than ever before.



Brimming with optimism and practical ideas, *Reset* presents a bold new vision for the Australian economy from one of our leading thinkers.

Tickets | \$10 – per person plus booking fee.

Online: You can name your own price for this event, any amount helps keep Wheeler Centre events accessible. Bookings are essential.

Event listing | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

Tickets | wheelercentre.com/events/ross-garnaut-reset



The Wheeler Centre
Books Writing Ideas

BMI Maker & Community Market

Saturday 19 June | 9am – 2pm

Don't forget this date in your winter calendar, free entry and live entertainment.

If you know of makers who may be interested in participating please contact the BMI via email or phone the Library.



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New Releases for May

Mystery

<i>The Gambling May</i>	David Baldacci
<i>On Cold Ground</i>	D.S. Butler
<i>The Dead Woman of Deptford</i>	Ann Granger
<i>Fadeaway Girl</i>	Martha Grimes
<i>Dead By Midnight</i>	Carolyn Hart
<i>The Night Gate</i>	Peter May
<i>Death with a Double Edge</i>	Anne Perry
<i>Hush Little Girl</i>	Lisa Regan
<i>Devil's Garden</i>	Aline Templeton

Novels

<i>Turn a Blind Eye</i>	Jeffrey Archer
<i>The Hope Family Calendar</i>	Mike Gayle
<i>Sunflower Sisters</i>	Martha Hall Kelly
<i>Those Hamilton Sisters</i>	Averil Kenny
<i>Flappy Entertains</i>	Santa Montefiore
<i>The Zookeeper of Belfast</i>	S. Kirk Walsh

Scandinavian

<i>The Night Ferry</i>	Lotte & Soren Hammer
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Australian

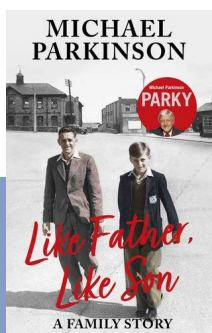
<i>The Hope Flower</i>	Joy Dettman
<i>The Lady with the Gun</i>	Kerry Greenwood
<i>Asks the Questions</i>	Kirsty Manning
<i>The French Gift</i>	Fiona McCallum
<i>Trick of the Light</i>	Kayte Nunn
<i>The Last Reunion</i>	Mary-Anne O'Connor
<i>Sisters of Freedom</i>	

Non Fiction

<i>Untold resilience</i>	Future Woman
<i>Like Father Like Son</i>	Michael Parkinson
<i>The True of Ned Kelly's Little Sister</i>	Rebecca Wilson

Psycholgia Thriller

<i>Don't Ever Tell</i>	Lucy Dawson
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Twilight Talks

The talks in the first series during April this year have been very successful. They have been held in the Minerva Space before large crowds. The overall theme for Series One is **Ballarat Unmasked: Getting to Know Your City** and in April they have been about **Shaping our Future** on 15 April, **Ballarat Heritage** on 22 April and **City of the Arts** on 29 April. The talks held on Thursdays at 5.30pm take an hour. We have a forum approach, with the two speakers taking about 20 minutes each, followed by a question time of up to 20 minutes. The cost is \$10 per talk with BMI members receiving a free drink. Our preference is for bookings to be made online so that we can prepare for the audience accommodation, but it is also possible to book through the BMI library or at the door preceding the talk.



Sara Quon
CEO, Sovereign Hill



Alicia Linley
Co-owner
Mitchell Harris Wines

The last talk in Series One is on Thursday 6 May: **A Thriving City: Business Sustainability** with the two speakers Sara Quon, CEO of Sovereign Hill, speaking about how COVID-19 has brought about a changed business model at Sovereign Hill and Alicia Linley, co-owner of Mitchell Harris Wines, explaining how the pandemic has affected small business in Ballarat and future plans to ensure a thriving post-pandemic business ecosystem.

We are interested in suggestions about the topics for future talks and potential guest speakers. This can be done via the BMI website at the link below:

ballaratmi.org.au/twilight_talks

Phil Roberts | Twilight Talks Coordinator



Ballarat Mechanics' Institute
Ballarat's Oldest Cultural Institution

What's on



Twilight Talks

Thursday 6 May | 5.30pm – 6.30pm

This session: **Ballarat business:
*Not just surviving, but thriving***

Sara Quon, CEO of Sovereign Hill, tells of how the pandemic forced her organisation to rethink their business model and plan for a future in a very different economic world.

Alicia Linley, Co-owner of Mitchell Harris Wines, on how the pandemic has affected small businesses in Ballarat, and what they need from Local Government and community members to ensure a thriving post-pandemic business ecosystem.

Tickets | \$10 per person (free drink on arrival BMI members – bar open at 5pm).

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Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

Murder Mystery | The Peculiar Demise of William Bailey

Saturday 8 May | 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Sunday 23 May | 12.30pm – 2.00pm

A host and four suspects will guide party guests through a murder mystery based on Ballarat's shady past while a 3 course meal is served.

The story follows William Bailey, a paranoid and vain trickster from the Ballarat Goldrush era, who has just tricked the Learmonth family into selling a profitable gold mine to him...

Will you be able to catch a murderer?

Tickets | \$165 per person

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Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

Journey to the Southern Cross Ballarat Heritage Festival

Sunday 9 May | 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Join our rag tag team of travellers as they embark on a perilous journey from across the globe to make their fortune on the goldfields of 1850s Ballarat.

Our diverse group of travellers will face storms at sea and engage in a harrowing journey across a harsh land filled with bushrangers, wilderness and unscrupulous characters threatening both their lives and their wallets.



Tickets | \$10 per person

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Suffrajitsu & Playing the Ghost Ballarat Heritage Festival

Friday 14 May | 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Two historical shows with a short interval.

Suffrajitsu – See a suffragette rally and a Victorian Women's self defence display of suffrajitsu, the noble art of self defence for women.

Playing the Ghost – Explore Ballarat's rich heritage of ghostly rituals, beliefs and hoaxes..

Tickets | \$30 per person

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Rosemary's Book of the month

Ballarat Chess Club

Thursdays at 6.30pm

Tournament games begin 7.30pm
and the Junior Chess Club meet
6pm, everyone welcome.

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BALLARAT FILM SOCIETY

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
7pm for 7.30pm start



Ballarat Film
Society has now
published their
2021
program, pick one
up next time you
are in the Library.

Next film is *Parasite*, Korea 2018, 138min. Directed by
Bong Joon-Ho

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BMI Pop-up Shop

Thursdays & Fridays | 11am – 3pm

A great range of stock
to browse through.
If Thursdays and
Fridays don't suit your
shopping joy we can
open by appointment
on Saturdays, just
contact the Library to
arrange a time.



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BMI Tours | Looking for Volunteer Tour Guides

We are currently experiencing a high demand for tours of the BMI which is a great fundraising activity however we need more guides. If this is something that interests you we would love to hear from you, training can be provided through our Volunteer Program. Please email: mark@ballaratmi.org.au or Marilyn: volunteer@ballaratmi.org.au

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