

Newsletter

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

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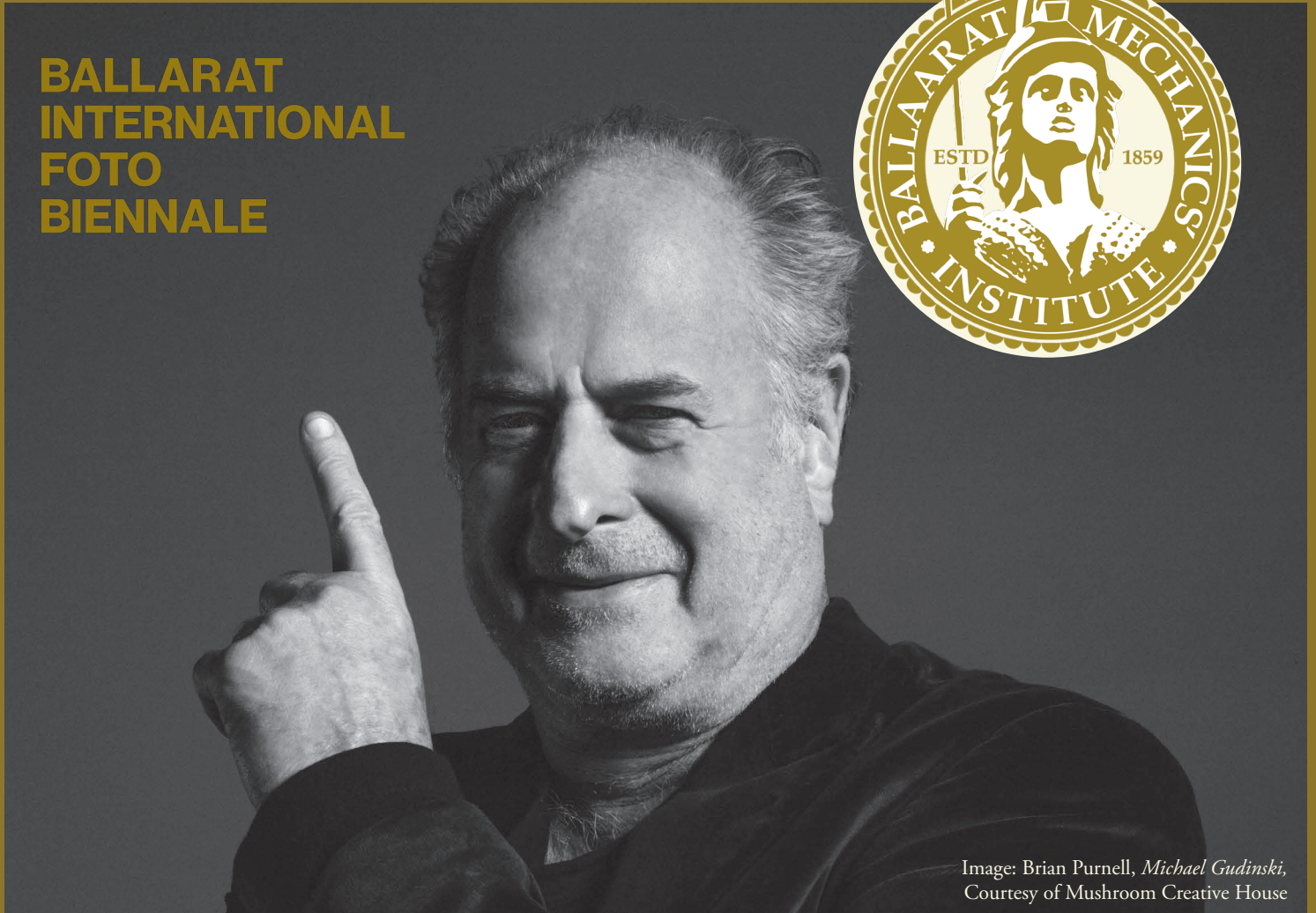


Image: Brian Purnell, *Michael Gudinski*,
Courtesy of Mushroom Creative House

Dear Members

I am pleased to report to members that after three years of tireless review by the current and previous Board, that a Special General meeting of members on the 28th June 2021 passed amendments to the BMI Constitution and introduced Bylaws that will equip the organisation to meet the challenges of a modern Board. There was a vigorous debate in relation to historical objectives and these will be given respectful consideration in the 'Mission Statement'. In Summary the changes are:

1. Size of the Board reduced from 12 to 9 members.
2. To ensure generational renewal of the Board a limit of 6 years service applies to all Board members.
3. Provision is made for a 1 year term extension of Board membership in addition to the 6 years service if requested by the member and approved by the Board.
4. The wording relating to the timing of the AGM each year

is now amended to be consistent with ACNC guidelines. (the AGM will be held within 5 months of the end of the BMI accounting year which runs to the end of April.

5. Each year the members will elect the Board and the Board will elect the Chair and Deputy Chair, for the coming 12 months.
6. As the changes to the Articles of Association and By-Laws came into effect immediately, four Board members had exceeded the maximum number of years service and must retire.

I would like to thank members of the current and past Board for their many hours of work over the past 3 years in reviewing and updating the legal documents required to run the organization on behalf of the members.

Mike Stephens



Library news

with Rosemary McInerney



Author of the Month

Camilla Trinchieri

Camilla was born in Prague to an Italian diplomat father and an American mother and came to the United States at the age of 8. After graduating from Barnard College, she moved to Italy. Camilla has written 7 mystery novels.



Book of the Month

Murder in Chianti by Camilla Trinchieri

Mourning the loss of his late wife, Rita, former detective Nico Doyle moves to her home town of Gravigna in the wine region of Chianti. He isn't sure if it's peace he's seeking, but that certainly isn't what he finds: early one morning he hears a gunshot and finds a man with his face blown off near his home.

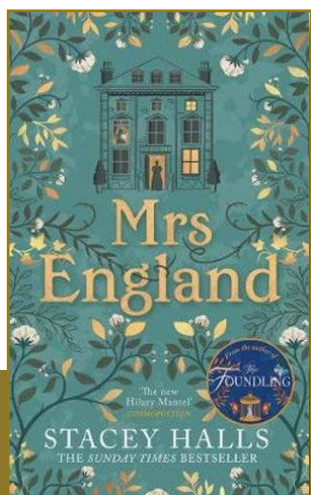
Salvatore Perillo, the local police inspector, enlists Doyle's help with the murder case. It turns out more than one person in this idyllic corner of Italy knew the victim, and with a very small pool of suspects, including members of Rita's family, Doyle must dig up Gravigna's every last painful secret to get to the truth...

Recommended Reads

Mrs England by Stacey Halls

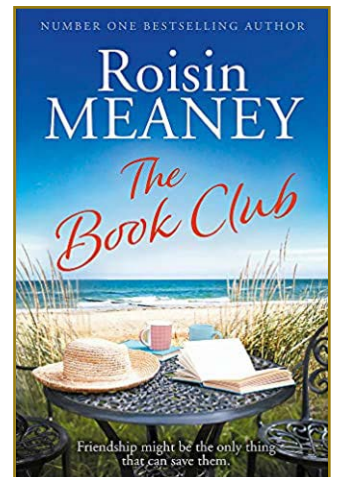
West Yorkshire, 1904, Nurse May is eager to start afresh. The position offered to her by Charles and Lilian England, a wealthy couple from a powerful dynasty of mill owners, seems to be exactly what she needs. But

as she adapts to life at the isolated Hardcastle House, it becomes clear there's something not quite right. After all, there's no such thing as the perfect family and she, above everyone else, should know...



The Book Club by Roisin Meaney

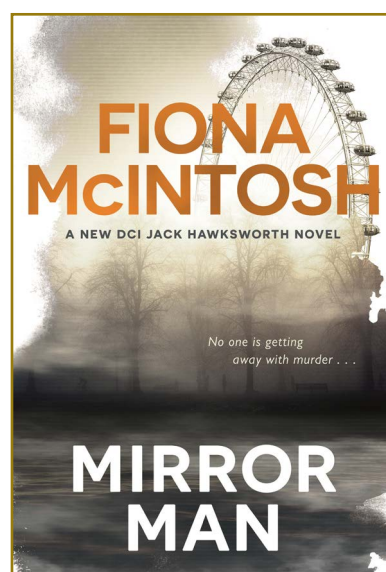
A tragic accident leaves the tightly knit book club in the small seaside town of Fairweather reeling – especially Beth and her twenty-something granddaughter Lil. But when Tom McLysaght arrives to the community, the members of the group find their lives changing in ways they never could have imagined.



On the surface, Tom's move to Fairweather was to escape his life in London to put some distance between him and his ex-fiancee. But as summer arrives, and old hurts begin to heal, Tom and the members of the book club are about to discover that opening themselves up to other people might be the only thing that will help them all to live, and to love again...

Mirror Man by Fiona McIntosh

Police are baffled by several deaths, each unique and bizarre in their own way. DCI Jack Hawksworth wastes no time in setting up operation Mirror with his team, Jack resorts to unconventional methods to disprove or find a link to the gruesome deaths. One involves a notorious serial killer from his past and the other smart young journalist who will do anything to catch a big break...



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New Releases for July

Mystery

Murder in Chianti
The Final Twist
In Her Tracks
The Silent Dolls
People Like Her
Twisted Lies
Hard Kill

Camilla Trinchieri
Jeffery Deaver
Robert Dugoni
Rita Herron
Ellery Lloyd
Angela Marsons
J.B. Turner

Novels

Ellie and the Harp Maker
The Jam Queens
The Missing Sister
Legacy
Where The Grass is Green
The Last Night in London

Hazel Prior
Josephine Moon
Lucinda Riley
Nora Roberts
Lauren Weisberger
Karen White

Romance

Other Women
Three Weddings and a Proposal

Cathy Kelly
Sheila O'Flanagan

Australian

The Girl Remains
The Paris Collaborator
The Dressmakers of Yarrandarrah Prison
Mirror Man
You Need to Know
Small Acts of Defiance

Katherine Firkin
A.W. Hammond
Meredith Jaffe
Fiona McIntosh
Nicola Moriarty
Michelle Wright

Non Fiction

Wild At Heart
Barrenjoey Road

Alienor le Gouvello
Neil Mercer & Ruby Jones

Psycholgial Thriller

The Lair's Daughter
The Perfect Lie
Her Last Holiday

Rona Halsall
Jo Spain
C.L. Taylor

David Haymes

The BMI Board & Members

The Board and members of the Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute extend their deepest sympathises to Jenny and family on the passing of our esteemed life member David.

Through his work on the BMI Board and Marketing Committee, along with the gifting by David and his wife Jenny of the *Max Harris Photographic Collection* to the Institute, he has made a major contribution to the BMI.

He will be sadly missed by all.

BMI Maker & Community Market

Many thanks to our stallholders, volunteers and visitors who braved the cold wet day on 19 June. Whilst numbers were down on the March event we were still able to raise over \$350 through the book-sale, we thank those members who kindly donated books.

Our next market is 6 November, we hope to see you there to welcome spring. The event listing is now on the website, if you know stallholders who may be interested please refer them to the website.

Stallholders | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events

Events

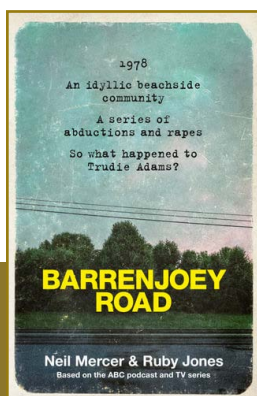
Sam McColl

We are now moving into a very busy period for Venue Bookings with many weekends already booked. If you have any family or friends looking for a venue for that special event we encourage you to book on-line or phone.

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Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/venue-hire



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What's on



Painting Basics with Geoff Roderick

Wednesdays 7 July - 28 July | 10.30pm – 3.00pm

These sessions are now fully booked.

Geoff will have a small selection of works on display at the Library during these sessions, commission for works sold will support the BMI. Please pop in and have a browse.



View of Clunes from Lookout, 2021
Geoff Roderick

Leah Senior with Chimpanzee

Saturday 10 July | 7.00pm – 10.30pm



Artwork: Jimi Gregg

Leah Senior creates captivating folk music through ethereal vocals, thoughtful lyricism and blissful harmonies.

Joining her for the performance will be long term collaborators Andi Senior and Jesse Williams.

Also making their first ever hometown Ballarat appearance will be Chimpanzee led by Bananagun drummer Jimi Gregg and joined by other members of Cool Sounds and Crepes.

Tickets \$20.00

Bookings

trybooking.com/BSHHV

Tickets at the door if not sold out.

Noordhuis & Nicolle Quintet

Sunday 18 July | 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Small Space Music and the BMI are excited to present a fantastic double bill for our Winter Concert Series.

Featuring a quintet led by two of Australia's leading jazz musicians vocalist

Michelle Nicolle & Brooklyn based trumpeter/composer Nadjie Noordhuis plus an opening set by Nadjie and the multi talented pianist/composer Luke Howard featuring songs from their much acclaimed Ten Sails recording.



Nadjie Noordhuis & Michelle Nicolle

Tickets \$20.00

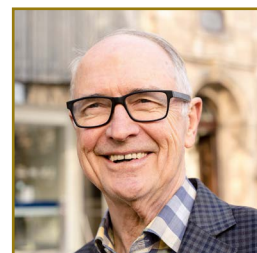
Bookings | trybooking.com/events

Tickets at the door unless sold out.

The Wheeler Centre | Ross Garnaut

Wednesday 11 August | 5.30pm – 7.30pm

'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.'



Tickets \$10 per person plus booking fee.

Bookings | ballaratmi.org.au/bmi-events



The Wheeler Centre
Books Writing Ideas

Coming this Spring...

more What's on



Event Update

Still life with Kelsie White

Mon 16, Sat 21, Mon 23 & Sat 28 August
Mon 5.30pm – 8pm | Sat 10.30am – 1pm



Image courtesy Kelsie White

Discover the basics of watercolour. As you mix some paint, try out some techniques and leave with a special portrait of an item selected from the BMI archives.

This is not a classical watercolour illustration class – Kelsie's style is relaxed with a focus on having fun, and capturing still life of objects in a modern illustrative style.

Perfect for anyone wanting to try out watercolours, create some personal art for their home or looking for a fun and creative way to spend some time.

The timing for these workshops have changed.

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Ballarat International Foto Biennale Number One | *Gudinski*

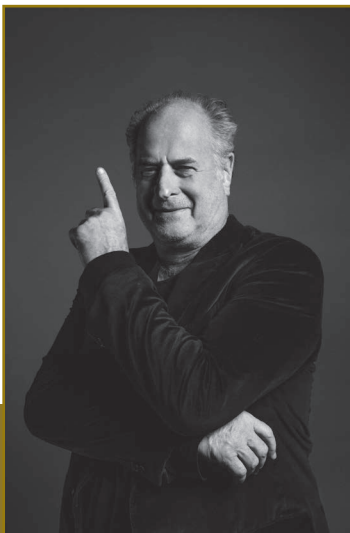
Saturday 28 August - Sunday 24 October
10.00am – 5.00pm

This element of the Ballarat International Foto Biennale will be held in the Basement of the

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute. We are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful event.

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Brian Purnell, Michael Gudinski, Courtesy of Mushroom Creative House

Card Making with Fay Marshall

Tuesday 14 Sep | 10.30pm – 3.00pm

Learn to use your creativity to produce amazing greeting cards that speak to your friends, family and colleagues with personality and heart.



Happy Birthday | Fay Marshall

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Contemplative Spaces | Yuria Okamura

Wednesday 15 Sep | 1.00pm – 3.00pm

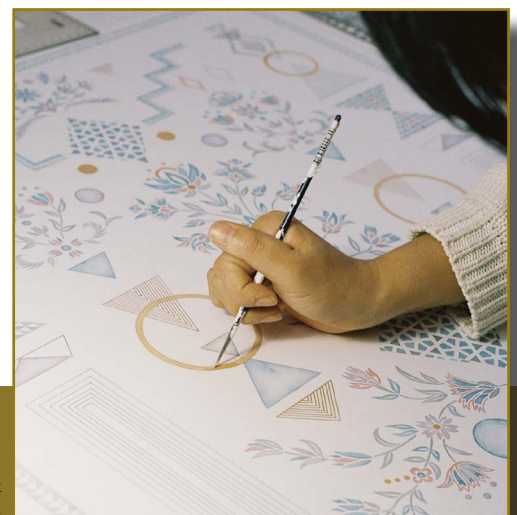
Yuria Okamura is a Melbourne-based artist whose practice encompasses drawing, painting and installation. She brings together and reinterprets diverse metaphysical imaginings from across cultures through the utopian language of geometry and diagrammatic aesthetics.

Yuria will discuss how she incorporates architectural and decorative elements in her work to visualise *contemplative spaces*. She will demonstrate how to set up preliminary sketches using different outlining techniques with colour pencils or carbon paper, and how to employ different watercolour staining techniques, including layering and detailing.

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Yuria at work
Photo: Jessica Grilli

Rosemary's Book of the month

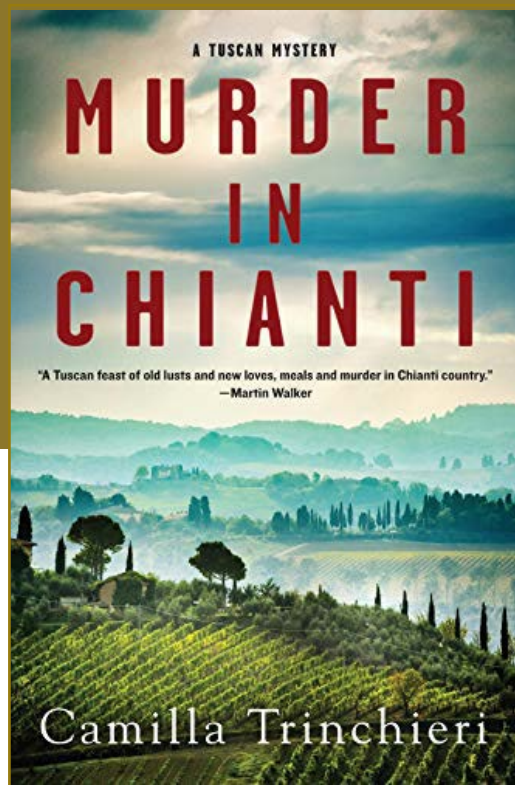
Ballarat Chess Club

Thursdays at 6.30pm

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

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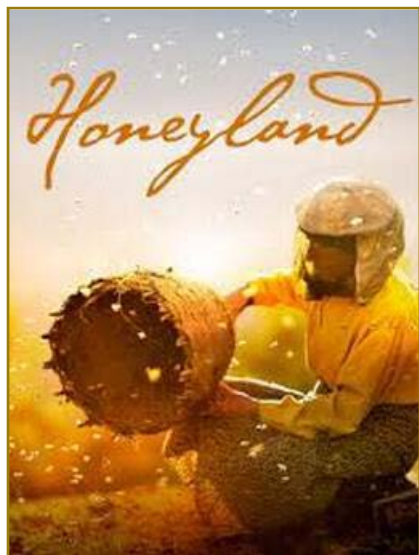
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BALLARAT FILM SOCIETY

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

Ballarat Film Society 2021 Program, pick one up
next time you are in the Library.



Next film

Honeyland, North
Macedonia, 2019,
85min. Directed
by Ljubomir
Stefanov and
Tamara Kotevska.

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BMI Pop-Up Shop

Thursdays & Fridays | 11am – 3pm

The Pop-Up Shop has had a great week with a number of high value items sold. Come in and have a look at the revamped layout. Don't forget to tell your friends... the shop is a wining fundraiser for the BMI and also provides high end vintage bargains for our customers.

If Thursdays and Fridays don't suit we can open by appointment on Saturdays, contact the Library in advance to arrange a time.

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