

Newsletter



**BALLAARAT
MECHANICS'
INSTITUTE**

JULY / 2022

The Ballarat Mechanics' Institute
The Ballarat Singers &
The Little Brass Band invite you to:

A BMI Fundraiser Event

**CAROLS
IN WINTER**

Dear Members

Thank you to everyone who supported our the BMI Appeal, it has been a tough year for everyone, we are very grateful for your support.

Our Fundraising Committee has been busy organising fundraising activities. *The Phantom of the Open* (14 July) cinema tickets selling well, I'd like to thank Regent Cinemas, Ballarat for their support. *Carols in Winter* (25 July) will be a welcome opportunity to distract us from Ballarat's July winter, thank you to the Ballarat Singers and The Little Brass Band who will take us on a carolling journey. These events are a great way to support the BMI and spend some quality time together.

We appreciate the time and effort that Jane Valpied, Paula Nicholson, Prue Bentley, Suzanne Yung and Ross Furness have put into organising these events.

Greta Christie and Frank Hurley have been working on a new initiative that I hope will appeal to members and their friends. This is a new discussion group focusing on current affairs, if this is something that appeals to you make sure you go to our **Events Webpage**> where you will find more information on all these activities.

There's no reason to stay at home this winter.

President - Mike Stephens

Author of the Month

Aline Templeton:

Aline lives in Edinburgh. She has worked in education and broadcasting and has written numerous articles and stories for newspapers and magazines.



Aline Templeton

Book of the Month

The Bookseller at the End of the World
by Ruth Shaw.

This rich memoir weaves together stories of the characters who visit her bookshops, musings about favourite books, and bittersweet stories from Ruth's full and varied life.

She's sailed through the Pacific for years, been held up by pirates, worked at Sydney's Kings Cross with drug addicts and prostitutes, campaigned on numerous environmental issues, and worked the yacht Breaksea Girl with her husband Lance.

Underlining all her wanderings and adventures are some very deep losses and long-held pain. Balancing that out is her beautiful love story with Lance, and her delightful sense of humour.

Recommended reads

The Last Summer by Karen Swan.

Eighteen-year-old Effie Gillies has lived all her life on St Kilda, she's the best climber on the island, as skilled and brave as any of the men. But in matters of the heart, she's an innocent, and when Lord Sholto, heir to the Earl of Dumfries, visits, the attraction between them is instant.

For one glorious week she guides the handsome young visitor around the isle, falling in love for the first time -until a storm hits and her world falls apart.

Three months later, St Kilda falls silent as the islanders are evacuated for a better life on the mainland. With her friends and family scattered, Effie is surprised to be offered a position working on the Earl's estate, but seeing Sholto in polite society isn't the reunion she'd hope for. And when a body is discovered...

The Island by Adrian McKinty

After moving from a small country town to Seattle, Heather Baxter marries Tom, a widowed doctor with a young son and teenage daughter. A working vacation overseas seems like the perfect way to bring the new family together.

When they discover a remote Dutch Island, off-limits to outside visitors, the family talks their way onto the ferry, taking a chance on an adventure far from the reach of iPhones and Instagram.

But as soon as they set foot on the island, which is run by a tightly knit clan of locals, everything feels wrong. Then a shocking accident propels the Baxters from an unsettling situation into an absolute nightmare.

The Girl from Lace Island by Joanna Rees

1989

When happy-go-lucky fifteen-year-old Leila is exiled from her exotic home on Lace Island to a cold English boarding school. It is just the beginning of her woes.

2016

Jess dreams of far-off places, white sandy beaches and warm tropical seas. When she gets her longed-for job as a cabin crew, those dreams are suddenly realized.

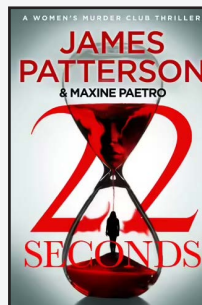
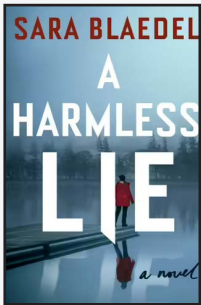
Two women, decades apart, their lives submerged in disaster and betrayal...

New Releases for July

Mystery

A Harmless Lie
What She Said
The Silent Sisters
The Midnight Hour
Going Dark
Beach Murder
Dead Against Her
No Less The Devil
Six Graves
The Night Caller
22 Seconds
Three Debts Paid
Watch Her Disappear
The Murders at Fleet House
The Devil's Bargain
Old Sins

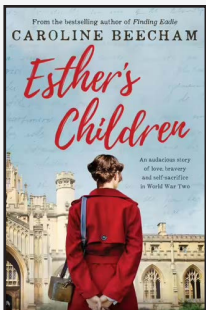
Sara Blaedel
 D.S. Butler
 Robert Dugoni
 Elly Griffiths
 Neil Lancaster
 Michael Ledwidge
 Melinda Leigh
 Stuart MacBride
 Angela Marsons
 Martina Murphy
 James Patterson
 Anne Perry
 Lisa Regan
 Lucinda Riley
 Stella Rimington
 Aline Templeton



Historical

Esther's Children
The German Wife
The Resistance Girl

Caroline Beecham
 Kelly Rimmer
 Mandy Robotham



Scandinavian

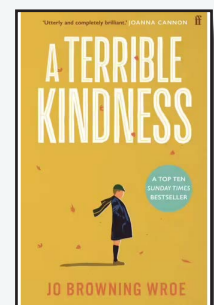
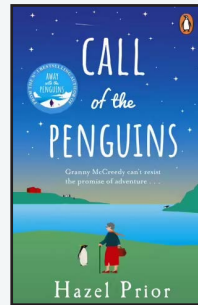
The Fallout
Bitter Flowers

Yrsa Sigurdardottir
 Bitter Flowers

Novels

Lessons in Chemistry
The Distant Shores
Call of the Penguins
The Girl from Lace Island
The Last Summer
A Terrible Kindness

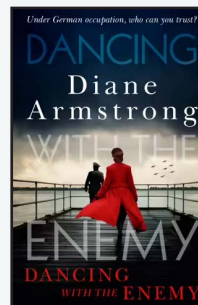
Bonnie Garmus
 Santa Montefiore
 Hazel Prior
 Joanna Rees
 Karen Swan
 Jo Browning Wroe



Australian

Dancing With The Enemy
Mara's Choice
A Valley Dream
The Island
The Murder Rule

Diane Armstrong
 Anna Jacobs
 Anna Jacobs
 Adrian McKinty
 Dervla McTiernan



Non-Fiction

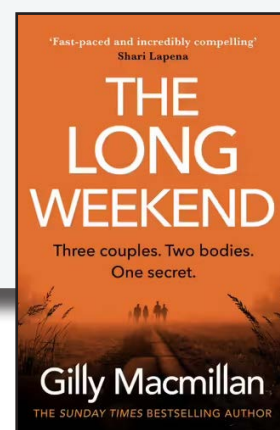
Outback Teacher

Sally Gare

Psychological

The Long Weekend

Gilly Macmillan



Reserve your copy >

WHAT'S ON



TUE 5 JULY	WED 6 JULY	THU 7 JULY	FRI 8 JULY	SAT 9 JULY	SUN 10 JULY
10am-3pm Library 10am-3pm Lillipilli Exhib 2pm- 3pm BMI Tours	10am-4pm Library 10am-4pm Lillipilli Exhib 11am-3pm Vintage Shop 7.30pm-9pm Kadampa	10am-3pm Library 10am-3pm Lillipilli Exhib 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 6.30pm Ballarat Chess Club	10am-4pm Library 10am-4pm Lillipilli Exhib 11am-4pm Vintage & Collectables	9.30am-12noon Library 9.30am- 12noon Lillipilli Exhib	Closed Library
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BALLAARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

Salon Sessions

An Afternoon of songs arias & duets

Sunday 17 July 2pm



OPENING HOURS

Library: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm
Sat 9.30am-12noon
Sun Closed

Vintage & Collectables Sun-Tue Closed
Wed-Thu 11am-3pm
Fri 11am-4pm
First Sat of month 11am-pm

BOOK NOW

20% discount for Members

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Image: Courtesy Faye Heininger

Exhibition of works | Lillipilli Beads Faye Heininger

4 July - 27 July | Our Library

This exhibition of work is a pre-lude to the workshops that Faye is conducting on 20 & 27 July. Some works will be on sale. Commission on these sales supports the BMI's Art and Cultural activities.

Our Collections Team will also contribute to this exhibition by showcasing imagery from our Heritage Book Collection and Heritage Newspaper Collection on the theme of the art and craft of jewellery.

The BMI Collection

Preserving Ballarat's history for future generations

BMI Fundraiser The Phantom of the Open

Thursday 14 July at 6.45pm
Regent Cinemas, Ballarat

Don't miss this opportunity to support the BMI and see a great film. A heart-warming British comedy starring Oscar Winner Mark Rylance, the true story of Maurice Flitcroft, the worst golfer to ever play the British Open.



Tickets \$20 per person (incl gst) are available at the library or can be purchased via our [Events Webpage](#)> Tickets need to be picked up at the Library.

Ballarat Film Society

Thursday 9 June, 7pm | *High-Ground*



High-Ground,
Australia 2020,
104min.
Dir. Stephan Maxwell
Johnson.
Australian Frontier
Wars Drama.

We present this film to celebrate NAIDOC Week, 2022. This is the first film that director Stephen Maxwell Johnson has made since Yolngu Boy, 20 years ago. Set in the 1930s Northern Territory, where two cultures collide in the violence perpetuated by a subjugating force. Frontier violence prevails but so do local tribal custom, religious beliefs, and familial dynamics, all in the midst of a war of resistance. The film was years in the planning and inspired by the 1911 Gan Gan 'punishment expedition'. Four stars from David Stratton. Source: Amalgamated.

Stars: Guruwuk Mununggurr, Wakarra Gondarra, Jack Thompson, Simon Baker, Callan Mulvey and Aaron Pedersen.

Salon Sessions

The BMI in partnership with Melba Opera Trust

Sunday 17 July, 2pm-3pm

Melba Opera Trust scholars, Samantha Hargrave, Nathan Breeze and Nathan Bryon will perform accompanied by Associate Artist, Su Choung in the intimacy of the Humffray Room.



Meet the artists in the Library after the performance, rattle some fine china and enjoy tea and homemade scones. Courtesy, Alfredton Rotary Club. Great discounts for Members. [Events Webpage](#)>

Tickets (include gst):
Members \$25.20 | Concession \$32.70
Under 17yrs \$19.30 | Regular \$38.50

Paper bead-making | with Faye Heininger

Wednesday 20 & 27 July

Faye started *Lilli Pilli Beads* (a paper bead jewellery and accessories company) after moving to Ballarat in September 2019.



Now fully booked.

Carols in Winter with the Ballarat Singers & Little Brass Band

Monday 25 July 5pm for 5.30pm start.
Humffray Room



An evening of fun good cheer and sing-a-long... It's cold outside so what better way to warm up our minds and hearts than with carolling harmony.

We are thrilled to have The Ballarat Singers & The Little Brass Band to take us on a carolling journey.

Fundraiser - The funds raised for this event will go towards a gallery hanging system to display some of our wonderful collection of heritage photographs and other works of art.

Bar Open - The bar will be open from 5pm and to warm things up even more, 'mulled wine' will be on offer.

Inclusions - A song-sheet and light nibbles.

Entry \$10 per person (incl gst) Can be purchased at the library or via our website. We will hold a door list of all who have purchased entry. More at our [Events Webpage](#)>

Current Affairs Dialogue

Thursday 28 July, 1pm-3pm

This new initiative is a member-lead discussion group for more information go to our [Events Webpage](#)>

Current
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AT BMI

2022 Twilight Talks

Updates for Twilight Talks

Some great progress has been made in relation to guest speakers and program details, to accommodate these changes we have had to push the dates back slightly.



Image: Glass Plate, Henry Sutton, Colour Photograph, 1890s
Courtesy Federation University Australia Historical Collection.

Season 2 | Session 1
Wednesday 7 September, 5.30pm for 6pm start

Season 2 | Session 2
Wednesday 14 September, 5.30pm for 6pm start

Season 2 | Session 3
Wednesday 21 September, 5.30pm for 6pm start

Season 2 | Session 2
Wednesday 28 September, 5.30pm for 6pm start

Keep an eye on our [Events Webpage](#)> updates.

We are looking for Tour Guides for Minerva's Secrets



Must have confidence to speak to larger groups of up to 25 people and happy to learn new information and deliver that information in a fun and enthusiastic way.

Apply:

ballaratexpressionofinteresttovolunteer

If you already volunteer contact Marilyn:
volunteers@ballaratmi.org.au



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.

P | 0499 255 240

E | president@ballaratchess.com



BALLARAT FILM SOCIETY

We meet , every 2nd Thursday of the month
7pm for 7.30pm start.



Check the website for
program updates and
screenings.

P | (03) 5341 2266
[ballaratfilmsociety](http://ballaratfilmsociety.com)



BMI Vintage

& Collectables

Wed & Fri | 11am – 3pm
Thur | 11am – 4pm
First Saturday of the Month

In line with the new Library
operating hours and the
enlivening of our Front of
House shopping strip
Geraldine Roberts is
experimenting with extended
operating hours. Keep an eye on our website for details.

The shop is an important BMI fundraiser.

[vintage&collectables >](#)



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