

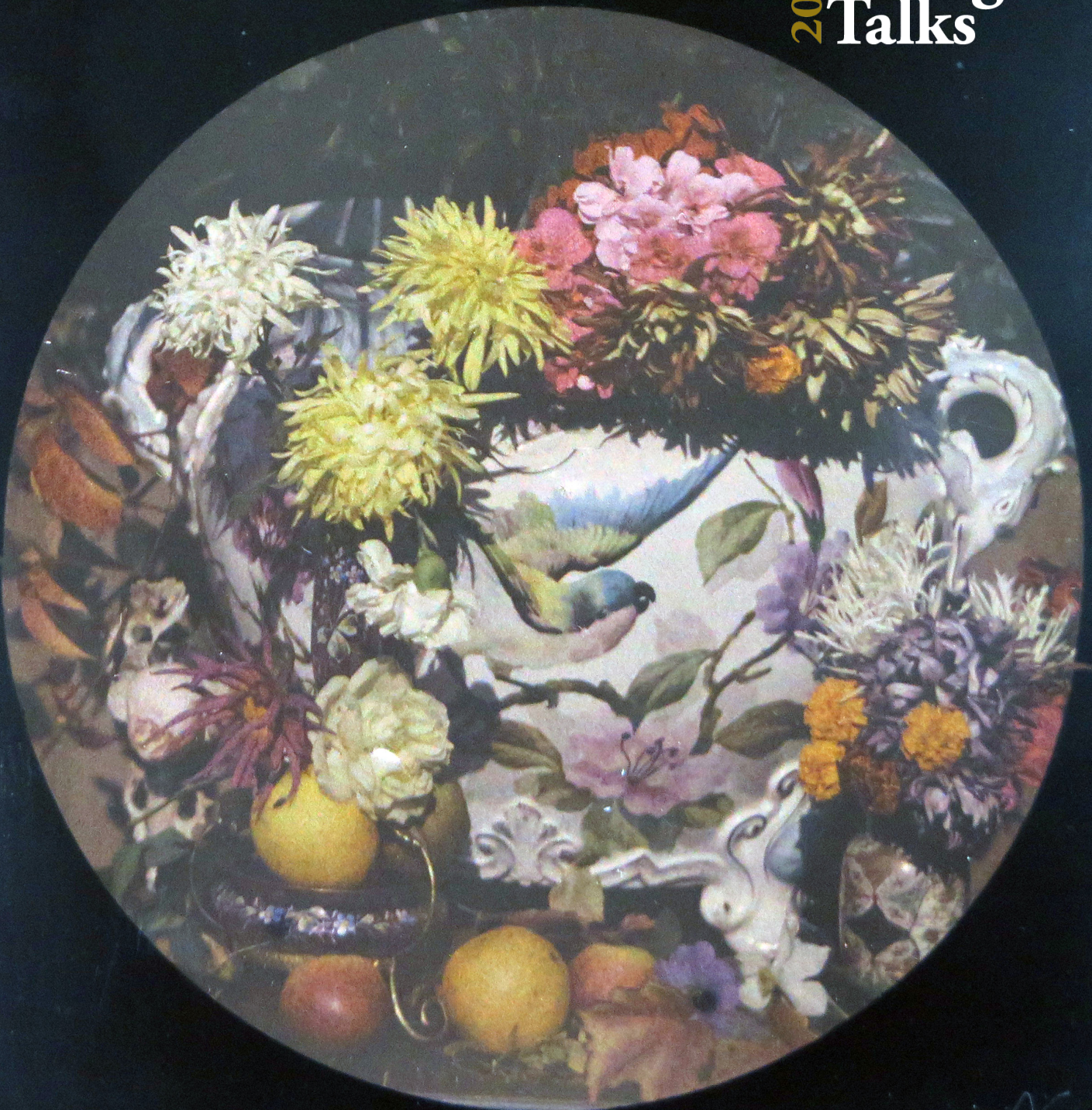
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**BALLARAT
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SEPTEMBER / 2022

**2022 Twilight
Talks**



Author of the Month

Veronica Lando:

Veronica is an Australian writer who won the 2021 Banjo Prize for her unpublished crime fiction manuscript, *The Whispering*.



Veronica Lando

Veronica grew up above her parent's Melbourne bookshop. She now resides in Townsville, Queensland. She is a member of the Australian Crime Writers Association and Sisters in Crime Australia and placed third in the 2020 Scarlet Stiletto Award.

Book of the Month

The Rising Tide by Ann Cleeves

Fifty years ago, a group of teenagers spent a weekend on Holy Island, forging a bond that has lasted a lifetime. They still return every five years to celebrate their friendship and remember the friend they lost to the rising waters of the causeway at the first reunion.

Now, when one of them is found hanged, Vera is called in. Learning that the dead man had recently been fired after misconduct allegations, Vera knows she must discover what the friends are hiding, and whether the events of many years before could have led to murder then, and now...

Recommended reads

The Whispering by Veronica Lando

Callum Haffenden swore he'd never return to Granite Creek. But, thirty years after a life-shattering accident, he's thrust back into the clutches of Far North Queensland and a local legend he worked hard to forget.

When a man goes missing in the rainforest, the

past begins to resurface, breathing new life into memories of previous tragedies—two girls lost, seventeen years apart. In a town where it's easiest to turn a blind eye, the guilt runs deep and everyone in Granite Creek has something to hide...

The Last Hours in Paris by Ruth Druart

Paris 1944 – Elise Chevalier knows what it is to love... and to hate. Her fiancé, a young French soldier, was killed by the German army at the Maginot Line. Living amongst the enemy Elise must keep her rage buried deep within.

Sebastian Kleinhaus no longer recognises himself. After four years spent fighting a war he doesn't believe in, wearing a uniform he despises, he longs for a way out. For something, someone, to be his salvation.

Brittany 1963 – Reaching for the suitcase under her mother's bed, eighteen-year old Josephine Chevalier uncovers a secret that shakes her to the core. Determined to find the truth, she travels to Paris where she discovers the story of a dangerous love that grew as a city fought for its freedom. Of the last stolen hours before the first light of liberation. And of betrayal so deep that it would irrevocably change the course of two young lives for ever...

The Patient Doctor by Dr Ben Bravory

As a scientist, Ben understood the seriousness of his condition. But what he didn't expect was how being a patient would make him feel. During eighteen long months of treatment, including repeated radiation, high-risk surgery and aggressive chemotherapy, Ben felt scared, overwhelmed, sometimes invisible and often alone.

As he recovered, it struck Ben that after everything he'd been through he couldn't go back to his former career. He needed a change – and he wanted to make change. He wanted to become a doctor. He passed the medical school entrance exam and dived headfirst into an unrelenting timetable and the challenge of maintaining empathy under pressure...

New Releases for September

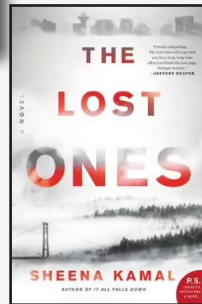
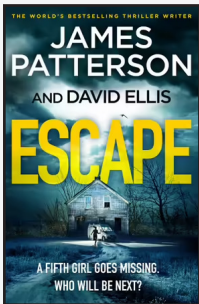
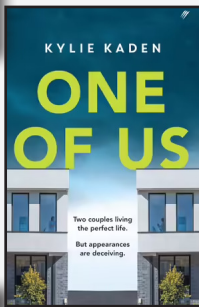
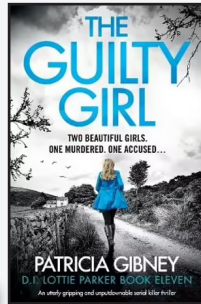
Mystery

Woman on Fire
In the Blood
Shooting Season
The Guilty Girl
The Family Remains
One for Us
The Girl Who Survived
Deadly Choices
Bloody January
Escape
The Lost Ones
Quarter to Midnight
Portrait of an Unknown Woman
Girl Forgotten
Silenced Girls
The Bitter Taste of Murder
Bruno's Challenge & other Dordogne Tales

Lisa Barr
 Jack Carr
 David J. Gatward
 Patricia Gibney
 Lisa Jewell
 Kylie Kaden
 Lisa Jackson
 Rachel McLean
 Alan Parks
 James Patterson
 Marnie Riches
 Karin Rose

Daniel Silva
 Karin Slaughter
 Roger Stelljes
 Camilla Trinchieri

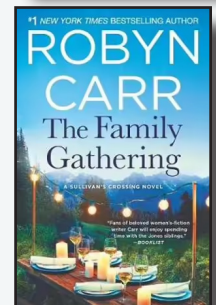
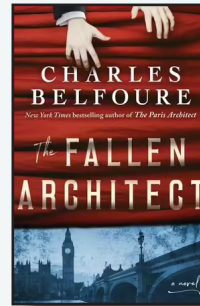
Martin Walker



Historical

The Fallen Architect
The Last Hours in Paris
Bluebird
The Night Ship
The Sun Rose in Paris

Charles Belfoure
 Ruth Druart
 Genevieve Graham
 Jess Kidd
 Penny Fields-Schneider



Novels

The House of Fortune
The Family Gathering

Jessie Burton
 Robyn Carr

Australian

Summer at Kangaroo Ridge
Starting from Scratch
Take Me Home
The Whispering
Blue Hour

Nicole Hurley-Moore
 Penelope Janu
 Karly Lane
 Veronica Lando
 Sarah Schidt



Psychological
The Guilty Couple

C.L. Taylor

Around the BMI

The BMI Library

Home of literature and education

Ann Cleeves in conversation with Jock Serong

What a great evening for Ann Cleeves fans and those of her famous character, Vera Stanhome. Jock Serong's in-conversation with Ann held a full house in awe at The Minerva Ballarat on 18 August. They discussed her newest book *The Rising Tide*.

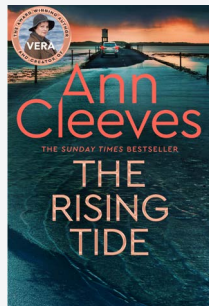
BMI Librarian, Rosemary McInerney worked closely with Ballarat Libraries and Collins Booksellers Ballarat on Lydiard in staging this event, we look forward to future collaborations.



Ann Cleeves



Jock Serong



Gallery | Ann Cleeves Event



Ann Cleeves & Jock Serong. Photo: Karri Ann



Ann Cleeves & Rosemary McInerney. Photo: Candice Wyman



Jock Serong, Mayor, Cr Daniel Maloney. Photo: Karri Ann



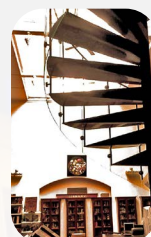
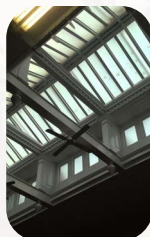
Ann Cleeves with Ballarat Library & BMI Library Services Teams



Above photos: Courtesy Karri Ann

Explore the BMI

Join a BMI tour to learn about the history and features of Ballarat's oldest cultural institution. Recently restored to its heritage condition, with stunning architecture and a large collection of heritage photographs dating back to the 1850s.



Book a Tour >

The BMI Collection
Preserving Ballarat's history for future generations

Around the BMI

Current Affairs Dialogue



Report on 25 August session.

CAD had its first discussion session on Thursday 25 August.

Subject, as advertised, was **“The (Dis) United States”**.

Discussion ranged over personal experience and observations from time living in or visiting the USA and focused on three socially and politically divisive current issues: (1) the US Supreme Court’s recent decision over-turning constitutional rights to abortion (Roe v Wade in shorthand reference); (2) recurrent mass shootings in the USA and their context of cultural attitudes to gun ownership, racial and geographic divisions and partisan political stances on gun reform; (3) the ongoing fall-out from the November 2020 Presidential election and 6 January 2021 Capitol riot. In this third issue, the group ranged over the US electoral system, conspiracy theories, the prospect of a Trump or other “Trumpist” Republican Presidential victory in 2024, whether Trump might be prosecuted or not - with pragmatic considerations of avoiding deeper division, even the risk of civil war and collapse of democracy, and strategic/economic implications for Australia of various alternative USA scenarios.

Wow! All that in 90 minutes. Bet you wish you were there! Too late, but look on the bright side - you can be at the next monthly CAD session.

Next CAD at the BMI:

Last Thursday of the month at 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. That will be **Thursday 29 September**. Subject will be **“Russia’s War on Ukraine: Whys, Wherefores and Global Implications”**. Keep it in mind in your viewing, listening and reading over the next few weeks. Come along and contribute; leave more aware and thoughtful.

(Hey, Thursday 29th is just four days after THE major current affair of September, the Grand Final!! We might spare 5 minutes to discuss Geelong’s premiership win. Go Cats!)

For information on how to become involved go to our [Events Webpage](#)

The Reading Room

This Member led book discussion and reading group meet the last Tuesday of the Month, the next being Tuesday **27 September at 10.30am**



All are welcome, please contact Great Christie via the Library or complete your expression of interest via our [Events Webpage](#)

Rosemary’s 2022 Book-Sale

If you would like to clear your book shelves in preparation for your 2022 Christmas presents, then we would like to hear from you. We are happy to take delivery of books during regular Library operating hours.



Eggy | With Gusto Ballarat

Last month saw the launch of a new album by Eggy, *With Gusto*, here are some images from a fantastic night in the Humffray Room on 20 August.

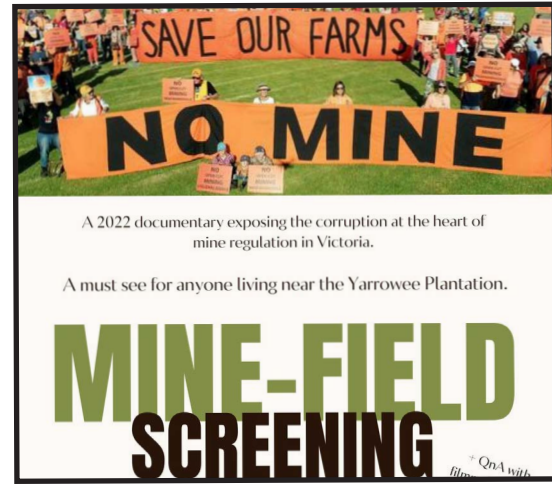
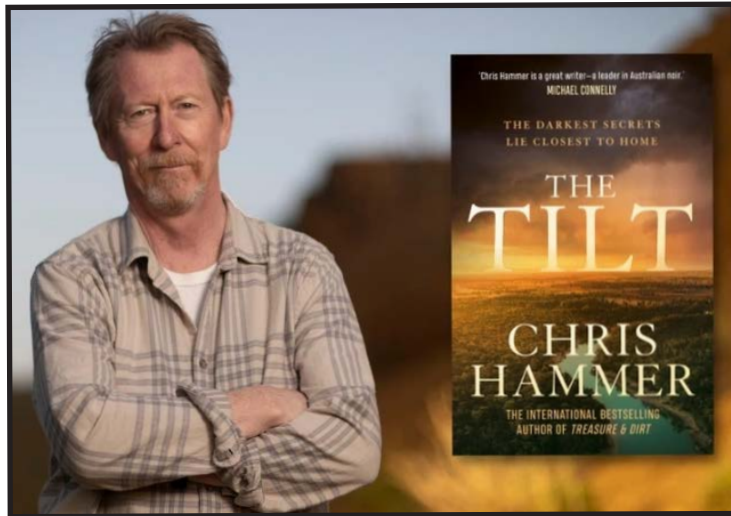


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OPENING HOURS

Library: Mon-Thu -Fri, 10am-4pm
Wed & Thu | 10-3pm
Sat 9.30am-12noon
Sun Closed

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

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WHAT'S ON



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Henry Sutton's Camera (display) | Innovation

Until - 3 October | Heritage Reading Room



The *Kromskop* is the camera Sutton used to take the image being used for Twilight Talks. Courtesy Federation University Historical Collection

This exhibition is based on topics of the upcoming Twilight Talks, Season 2. It comprises of our collection of heritage books and support from Federation University Historical Collection.

For more: [Go to our events page](#)

2022 Twilight Talks

Innovators:

Uncovering some of Ballarat's best minds

Wednesdays 5.30pm | Humffray Room

7 September | Back to the future:

Science fiction to science fact

Guest Speakers: Greame Hood & Assoc. Prof. Peter Vamplew

Greame is an amateur historian and retired electrical engineer on the astounding life of Ballarat's gentleman inventor, Henry Sutton. Peter is from the School of Engineering, Federation University his subject will be on the rise of artificial intelligence and it's amazing potential for our lives.

14 September | The climate & ecology:

Local researchers protecting the planet.

Guest Speakers: Dr Savin Chand & Sandra Penman

Savin from Federation University will give an inside look at how data is transforming our understanding of the world's changing weather patterns. Sandra is a PhD candidate, Melbourne University, has tales to tell on the extraordinary life of Victoria's microbots.

21 September | **Health:**

Next generation medical innovations

Guest Speakers: Dr Luke Spencer & Dr Rodney Luwor

Luke is a Ballarat surgeon on the innovations that have lead to surgery as we know it in 2022. Rodney is a researcher, Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute on the leaps and bounds being made into cancer research right here in Ballarat.

28 September | **Ballarat industry:**

At the cutting edge of the world of R&D

Guest Speakers: Luke Brennan & Talina Edwards

Luke from Gaia Enviro who are a Ballarat company getting ahead of the bio-energy future. Talina is an emerging leader, known for her sustainable architecture and is a passionate advocate for building a better future.

Tickets: \$10-12 per person

Bookings: [Go to our events page](#)

Mine-Field Screening

Saturday, 17 September, 5pm | The Minerva Ballarat

A 2022 documentary exposing the corruption at the heart of mine regulation in Victoria. A must see for anyone living near the Yarrowee Plantation.



Q&A with filmmaker, Peter Vaughan and impacted Lindenow farmer, John Hine.

Tickets: \$12 per person

BALLAARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE Events

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

Book-Making with Maggie Dannatt

Thursdays, 13 October - 3 November, 10am - 1pm

Heritage Reading Room



I made my first book as a teenager, wanting to save all my favorite Don Martin cartoons from all the Mad magazines

I had bought. I later learnt basic bookbinding at art school so that I could bind the books I was illustrating. I have made many sketch books since then and taught these skills to children and adults.

I love creating art that taps into a sense of play and is easily accessible to everyone.

In these workshops we start by making decorated papers that we then paste and sew together to create a simple book. It is a variation on the concertina style.

The book will be a beautiful long lasting item to hold photos, drawings, writing or all of the above.

This is a 4 part series | Cost: BMI members \$94.40

Concession: \$118.80 | Regular: \$132.00 incl. gst.

Maximum of 8 attendees.

Bookings: [Go to our events page](#)

Ballarat Film Society

Thursday 13 October, 7pm

Quo Vadis, Aida? | The Minerva Ballarat

Bosnia, 1995, middle-aged Aida is a United Nations translator located in the small mountain town of Srebrenica when the Serbian army ignores a UN peace ultimatum and begins a series of round-ups. Aida's translation skills come into action when Aida and her family find themselves among 30,000 besieged citizens attempting to find shelter. The director, herself a survivor of the war, has made a film of universal urgency and power.

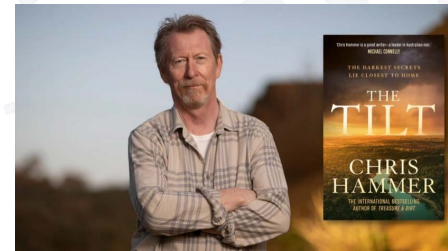


Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2021, 101 min. Directed by Jasmila Zbanic

Go to our [Events Page](#) for more.

Chris Hammer: In conversation with Lyn Yeowart

Tuesday 18 October, 11am - 12pm | Humffray Room



Join bestselling crime writer Chris Hammer in conversation with 2022 Indie Book Award winner for debut fiction, Lyn Yeowart. Hammer, the multi-

award-winning author of *Scrublands* will be discussing his highly anticipated novel *The Tilt*.

Yeowart's debut novel (*The Silent Listener*) and Hammer's latest work explore protagonists returning home and delve into gritty stories set in the heart of small-town Australia.

Got a question for Chris? There will be a 15-minute Q&A at the end of the session.

Books available for purchase and signing. A partnership with Ballarat Municipal Libraries.

Tickets: Free

Bookings: [Go to our events page](#)

BALLARAT LIBRARIES
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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.

P | 0499 255 240

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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

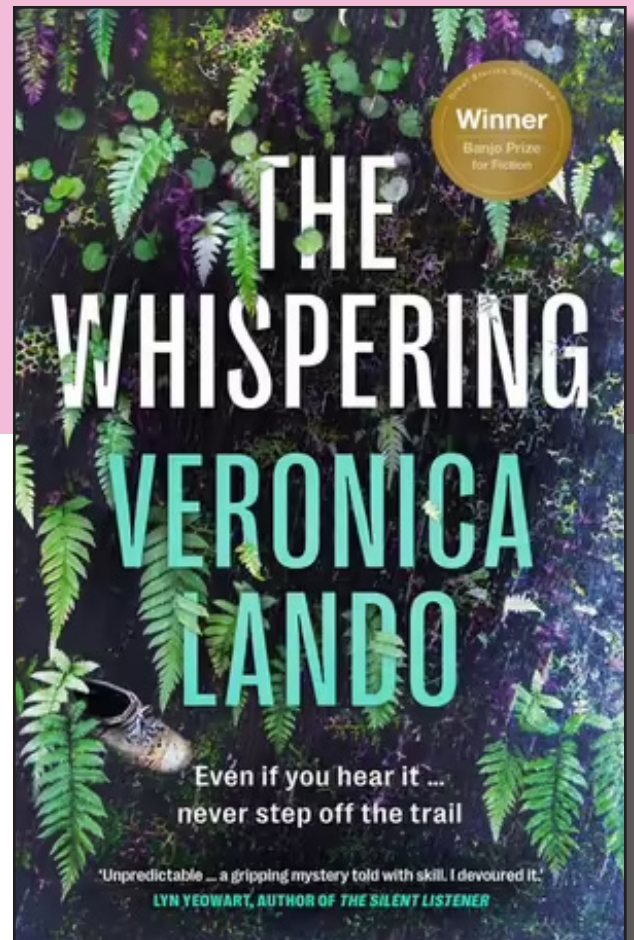
& Collectables

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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