

Newsletter



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NOVEMBER, DECEMBER/ 2022

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AUDREY HEPBURN

ROSEMARY recommends >

Author of the Month

Holly Ringland

Holly has a lifelong interest in cultures and stories that was sparked by a two-year journey her family took in North America when she was nine years old, living in a camper van and travelling from one national park to the other.



Holly Ringland

Holly obtained her MA in creative writing from the University of Manchester in 2011. She now divides her time between the UK and Australia.

Book of the Month

The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding by Holly Ringland

The last time Esther Wilding's beloved older sister Aura was seen, she was walking along the shore towards the sea. In the wake of Aura's disappearance, Esther's family struggles to live with their loss. To seek the truth about her sister's death, Esther reluctantly travels from lutruwita, Tasmania, to Copenhagen and then to the Faroe Islands, following the trail of the story Aura left behind.

Recommended reads

Dreamland by Nicolas Sparks

A family tragedy dashed Colby's dreams of a music career. He now oversees a farm and produce business owned by his family in North Carolina. In a rare occurrence, Colby accepts a temporary gig playing at a bar in St. Pete's Beach Florida. It is there that Colby meets Morgan and the two fall for each other.

Beverly flees with her six-year-old son to escape her abusive husband. To start a new life, they live in a

house near a small rural town. As money begins to run low, Beverly makes an agonizing choice that will change their lives forever.

Once Were Wild by Leslie Scott.

When Leslie Scott discovers two brumbies living on the rugged Mount Beckworth, she almost can't believe it. Brumbies don't live in Central Victoria, and the terrain is not suited to them, so how did they get there?

The horses are scared and unused to people, but the mountain is not a safe place for horses. With summer heat on its way, the waterholes are drying up and food is getting scarce-and local rumour has it that logging is soon to begin.

Every day for months Leslie makes the hike up the mountain, slowly but surely building a connection with the two brumbies, but there are other mysterious things happening up there, bones being rearranged into different shapes, and always the question: who left the horses here in the first place?

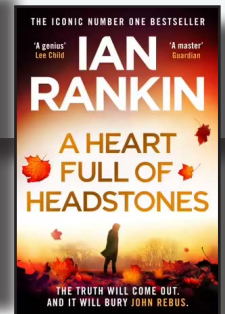
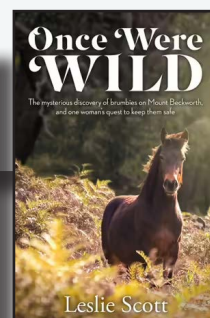
A Heart Full of Headstones by Ian Rankin.

John Rebus stands accused: on trial for a crime that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life. Although it's not the first time the legendary detective has taken the law into his own hands, it might be the last.

What drove a good man to cross the line? Or have times changed, and the rules with them?

Detective Inspector Siobhan Clarke faces Edinburgh's most explosive case in years, as a corrupt cop goes missing after claiming to harbour secrets that could sink the city's police force.

But in this investigation, it seems all roads lead to Rebus – and Clarke's twin loyalties to the public and the police will be tested to their limit.



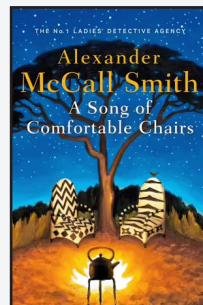
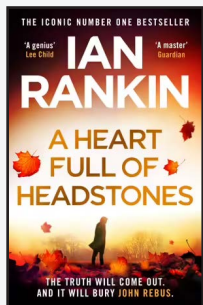
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New Releases for September

Mystery

Long Shadows
The Dark
The Maze
Catch Her Death
What She Found
Oath of Loyalty
Corpse Road
Restless Dead
Murder on Mustique
Twelve Secrets
Her Bleeding Heart
The Twist of a Knife
Dark Rooms
A Song of Comfortable Chairs
The Temple of Skulls
In Dark Water
The Bullet that Missed
A Heart full of Headstones
Desperation in Death

David Baldacci
 Sharon Bolton
 Nelson DeMille
 Wendy Dranfield
 Robert Dugoni
 Vince Flynn
 David J. Gatward
 David J. Gatward
 Anne Glenconner
 Robert Gold
 D.K. Hood
 Anthony Horwitz
 Lynda La Plante
 Alexander McCall Smith
 Andy McDermott
 Lynne McEwan
 Richard Osman
 Ian Rankin
 J.D. Robb



Australian

The Understudy
The Bellbird River
Country Choir
The End of the Game
The Tilt
Exiles
The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre
The Trivia Night
The Opal Miner's Daughter
The Orphans
The Sun Walks Down
The Night Tide
The Only Child

Julie Bennett
 Sophie Green
 Michael Fiddian
 Chris Hammer
 Jane Harper
 Natasha Lester
 Ali Lowe
 Fiona McArthur
 Fiona McIntosh
 Fiona McFarlane
 Di Morrissey
 Kayte Nunn

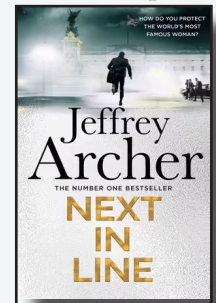
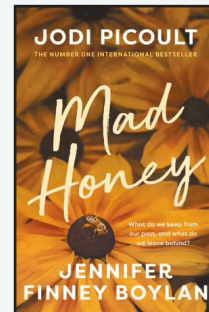
Family Matters
Keeping Up Appearances

Ellie O'Neil
 Tricia Stringer

Novel

Next In Line
Shrines of Gaiety
All The Broken Places
Forever Home
Mad Honey
Dreamland

Jeffrey Archer
 Kate Atkinson
 John Boyne
 Graham Norton
 Jodi Picoult
 Nicholas Sparks

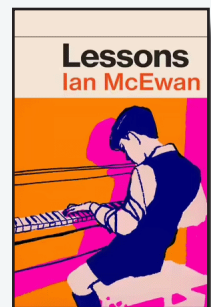


Historical

Haven
The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding
One Woman's War

Emma Donoghue
 Holly Ringland

Christine Wells



Literature

Nimble Foot
Lessons

Robert Drew
 Ian McEwan

Scandinavian

The Killing Forest
The Axe Woman
The Assistant
Sister
The Night Singer
The Hitchhiker

Sara Blaedel
 Hakan Nesser
 Kjell Ola Dahl
 Kjell Ola Dahl
 Johanna Mo
 Gerwin Van Der Werf

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Around the BMI

Sponsors & Partners

Thank you to those who have responded so heartily to our recent membership drive, this is an opportune time to thank our partners and supporters.

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Australian Government



The Hugh Williamson Foundation



Corporate Supporters:



For more go to our Partners & Supporters web-page.

If you would like to contribute/support this grand old beauty, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Executive Manager, Colin Jackson directly:

execmanager@ballaratmi.org.au

**Ballarat's Oldest
Cultural Institution**

2022 Twilight Talks

Local innovation in the spotlight at Twilight Talks

In September the BMI showed why Ballarat is becoming known as a city of innovators in its most recent series of Twilight Talks. The story of Ballarat's *gentleman inventor* kicked things off, with local **Henry Sutton** enthusiast Graeme Gooding, showing how the man, born in a mining tent on the Ballarat Goldfields began working on ideas and concepts in electrical engineering and design from his teens, and his ideas were well ahead of his years. Sutton invented lightbulbs, the hydraulic lift and many other devices, and his inventions are acknowledged to be among the most ingenious of their day.

Ballarat remains a hotbed of innovation to this day, with groundbreaking work in brain cancer being done by Dr Rodney Luwor and the team at the Fiona Eley Cancer Research Institute, the only regional cancer research facility in the country. In our city too, experts are building bespoke biodigesters at a new business, Gaia Enviro - turning industrial and agricultural waste into energy. Dr Peter Vamplew and his team at Federation University are developing tools to capitalise on the burgeoning artificial intelligence sector, and award-winning architect Talina Edwards is designing the houses of tomorrow.

Audiences were given access to some of the best minds Ballarat has to offer on these topics and more, and a stimulating series of talks was enjoyed by all. Look out for the Twilight Talks' return in February 2023 with a brand new series, and a new round of fascinating local speakers. The Twilight Talks committee is always looking for new speakers, so if you have suggestions, please contact Mark at: culturalservices@ballaratmi.org.au.



Graeme Hood



Rod Luwor



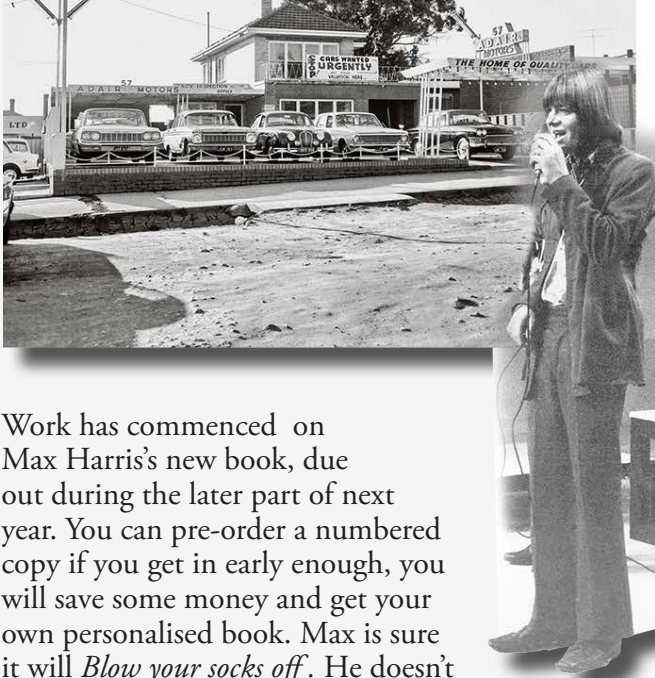
Peter Vamplew



Talina Edwards

Around the BMI

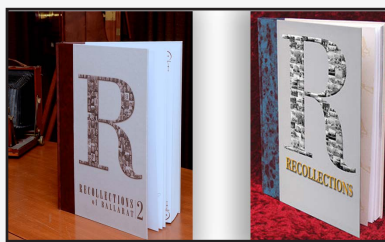
Max Harris | Ballarat in the Swinging Sixties Plus



Work has commenced on Max Harris's new book, due out during the later part of next year. You can pre-order a numbered copy if you get in early enough, you will save some money and get your own personalised book. Max is sure it will *Blow your socks off*. He doesn't have a cost yet as he only decided to go ahead with this venture a week ago (though it's been in the pipeline for some years now).

To order email Max at maxsharris50@gmail.com

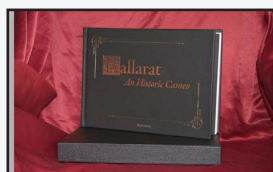
Previous books by Max:



Recollections 1 & 2



Panoramas of Ballarat



Ballarat An Historic Cameo



Ballarat in the Swinging Sixties Plus

Current
Affairs
Dialogue
AT BMI



Don't miss our Current Affairs Discussion Group on 24 November, this will be the last discussion for the year. If you are curious or simply wish to hear other perspectives on the issues of the day then we would love to hear from you. The discussion will be China, why not have your views valued and thought through...

If you would like to view the notes from the previous discussion, go to our events page.

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

Charm of Finches (w Coda Chroma)

Saturday 5 November, 7pm



Melbourne sister duo *Charm of Finches* (aka Mabel and Ivy Winred-Wornes) make haunted tunes about love, grief and whispering trees; indie folk awash with seamless blood harmonies traversing melancholy and wonder in equal measure.



For tickets go to:

<https://www.minervaballarat.com.au/>

Salon Sessions

In partnership with Duo Latte

Sunday 6 November | 2pm

Come and join John Dods, and Dana Czarski for an afternoon of light classics for cello and piano in the ambiance of the Humffray Room.



Afternoon Tea provided in the Library courtesy Alfredton Rotary Club.

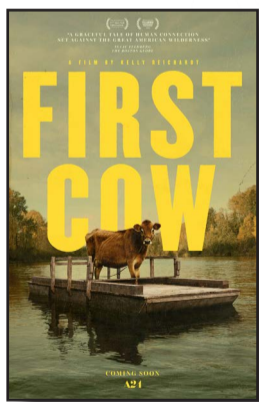
Bookings: [Go to our events page](#)

Ballarat Film Society

Tuesday 8 November, 7pm

The First Cow | The Minerva Space

With a similar 'feel' to *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (1971), *First Cow* reveals, surprisingly, an America built on racial and social diversity during the birth of American enterprise.



Two travellers on the run in the 1820s dream of striking it rich, relying on a wealthy landowner's cow which is the first cow to ever reach Oregon.

Kelly Reichardt is an American director known for her minimalist-style and love of small rural communities.

USA, 121 min.
Directed by Kelly Reichardt

Source: Madman. For more go to our [Events Page](#)

Eric Bogle Live

Friday 11 November | 7.30pm - 9pm
Minerva Space

Eric Bogle is an internationally known and respected songwriter. For nearly 40 years he has toured the world with his music, inflicting his songs on innocent bystanders from outback Australia to the streets of New York and many places in between.



During those 40 years he has embarked on eight tours of North America, 11 tours of Europe and many, many tours of Australia, with four tours of New Zealand thrown in as well.

He has performed at many of the major folk and music festivals around the globe, including Port Fairy, Woodford and The National in Australia, Philadelphia, Mariposa and Vancouver in North America, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and the Celtic Music Festival in Lorient, France, as well as treading the boards in countless folk, footy, bowling and social clubs and arts theatres all around the world.

Tickets only through Her [Majesty's Box Office](#)

Kings of the Blues

Saturday 12 November | 8pm - 9.30pm

Starring Dave Hole, Shane Pacey and Geoff Achison.

BB, Freddie and Albert represent the pinnacle of blues guitar virtuosity. They used a minimum to create the maximum blues effect, and together they set the standard to which all others aspire.

Such is their influence that those who have come closest to emulating their extraordinary power are



regarded as Guitar Gods – people like Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Peter

Green and the great Jimi Hendrix.

We are proud to have 3 of Australia's greatest players, Geoff Achison, Dave Hole and Shane Pacey paying homage to these giants. They will combine their guitar-slinging fretboard talents in a series of exclusive shows performing the music of these Three Kings.

Tickets only through Her [Majesty's Box Office](#)

Christmas Drinks | BMI Members & Volunteers

Wednesday 7 December, 5pm
Humffray Room

Come join us for Christmas Drinks, the Ballarat Singers and The Little Brass Band will bring additional Christmas Cheer.



Ballarat Film Society

Thursday 8 December, 7pm

Beyond the Wasteland | The Minerva Space

Filmed in Australia, USA, France, Germany and Japan, this documentary examines the contemporary culture rooted in *Mad Max* (1979) and *Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior* (1981) both of which became instant international cult films during the 1980s with their dystopian and post-apocalyptic themes and imagery. The film explores the eccentric world of the fans from around the globe, their costumes, and their machines. From the largest international *Mad Max* gathering in the USA, *Wasteland Weekend*, to Japan's *Mad Max* conventions and Australia's own *The Search for Max* event in Clunes, the film marks

40 years of *Mad Max* as a global phenomenon.



Australia, 2021, 93 min.
Directed by Eddie Beyrouthy
Kooky Australian Documentary

Source: Umbrella Entertainment.
For more go to our [Events Page](#)

Christmas Book Sale

Saturday & Sunday 17, 18 December | 9am - 2pm
Library & Heritage Reading Room

Don't miss these Christmas Shopping Experiences.

BMI Maker & Community Market

Sunday 18 December | 9am - 2pm
Library & Humffray Room

Also open will be Tickety Book Antiques & Collectables, The Ballarat Imaginarium & our own Vintage & Collectables shop.

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



BALLARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE Events

Keep an eye on our *Events Webpage* > updates.





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Wed & Thu | 10-3pm
Sat 9.30am-12noon
Sun Closed
Christmas closures 23 - 31 Dec

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WHAT'S ON



	TUE 1 NOV	WED 2 NOV	THU 3 NOV	FRI 4 NOV	SAT 5 NOV	SUN 6 NOV
	Closed Library MELBOURNE CUP	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 7.30pm-9pm Kadampa Meditation	10am-3pm Library 10am-1pm Book-making With Maggie Dannatt 11am-4pm Vintage & Collectables 6.30pm Ballarat Chess Club	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables	9.30am-12noon Library 10.30am-11.30am Book Club 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 7pm-9pm Charm of Finches (w Coda Chroma) Minerva Space	Closed Library 2pm-3.30pm Salon Sessions, Duo Latte
MON 7 NOV	TUE 8 NOV	WED 9 NOV	THU 10 NOV	FRI 11 NOV	SAT 12 NOV	SUN 13 NOV
10am-4pm Library	10am-3pm Library 2pm- 3pm BMI Tours 7pm-9.30pm Ballarat Film Society, <i>First Cow?</i>	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 7.30pm-9pm Kadampa Meditation	10am-3pm Library 11am-4pm Vintage & Collectables 6.30pm Ballarat Chess Club	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 7.30pm-9pm Eric Bogle Live Minerva space	9.30am-12noon Library 8pm-9.30pm Kings of the Blues Minerva Space	Closed Library
MON 14 NOV	TUE 15 NOV	WED 16 NOV	THU 17 NOV	FRI 18 NOV	SAT 19 NOV	SUN 20 NOV
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MON 21 NOV	TUE 22 NOV	WED 23 NOV	THU 24 NOV	FRI 25 NOV	SAT 26 NOV	SUN 27 NOV
10am-4pm Library	10am-3pm Library 2pm- 3pm BMI Tours 10.30am-2pm The Reading Room	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 7.30pm-9pm Kadampa Meditation	10am-3pm Library 11am-4pm Vintage & Collectables 1pm-3pm CAD at BMI 6.30pm Ballarat Chess Club	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables	9.30am-12noon Library 10.30am-11.30am Book Club, last book club until February	Closed Library
MON 28 NOV	TUE 29 NOV	WED 30 NOV	THU 1 DEC	FRI 2 DEC	SAT 3 DEC	SUN 4 DEC
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WHAT'S' ON DECEMBER



Also open will be:
The Ballarat Imaginarium
Tickety Book Antiques & Collectables
BMI Vintage & Collectables



Saturday & Sunday 17 & 18 December | 9am - 2pm



Sunday 18 December | 9am - 2pm



Meet the makers

WHATS' ON



TUE 6 DEC	WED 7 DEC	THU 8 DEC	FRI 9 DEC	SAT 10 DEC	SUN 11 DEC	
10am-3pm Library 2pm- 3pm BMI Tours	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage Shop 5pm BMI Christmas Drinks Members & Volunteers  7.30pm-9pm Kadampa Meditation	10am-3pm Library 11am-4pm Vintage & Collectables 6.30pm Ballarat Chess Club 7pm-9.30pm Ballarat Film Society, Beyond the Wasteland	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables	9.30am-12noon Library	Closed Library	
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MON 19 DEC	TUE 20 DEC	WED 21 DEC	THU 22 DEC	FRI 23 DEC	SAT 24 DEC	SUN 25 DEC
10am-4pm Library	10am-3pm Library 2pm- 3pm BMI Tours	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables 7.30pm-9pm Kadampa Meditation	10am-3pm Library 11am-4pm Vintage & Collectables 6.30pm Ballarat Chess Club Final meet for the year Return 12 January	10am-4pm Library 11am-3pm Vintage & Collectables	Library Closed	Library Closed
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10am-4pm Library	10am-3pm Library 2pm- 3pm BMI Tours	10am-4pm Library Vintage & Collectables closed	10am-3pm Library Vintage & Collectables closed	10am-4pm Library Vintage & Collectables closed	9.30am-12noon Library Vintage & Collectables closed re-opening in February	Closed Library

ROSEMARY'S Book of the month

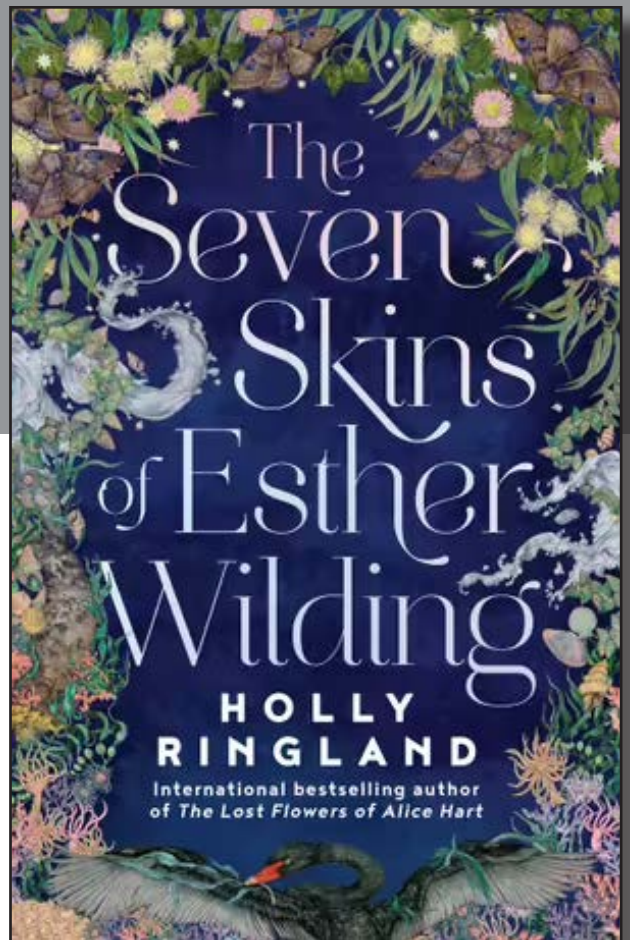
Ballarat Chess Club

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

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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