



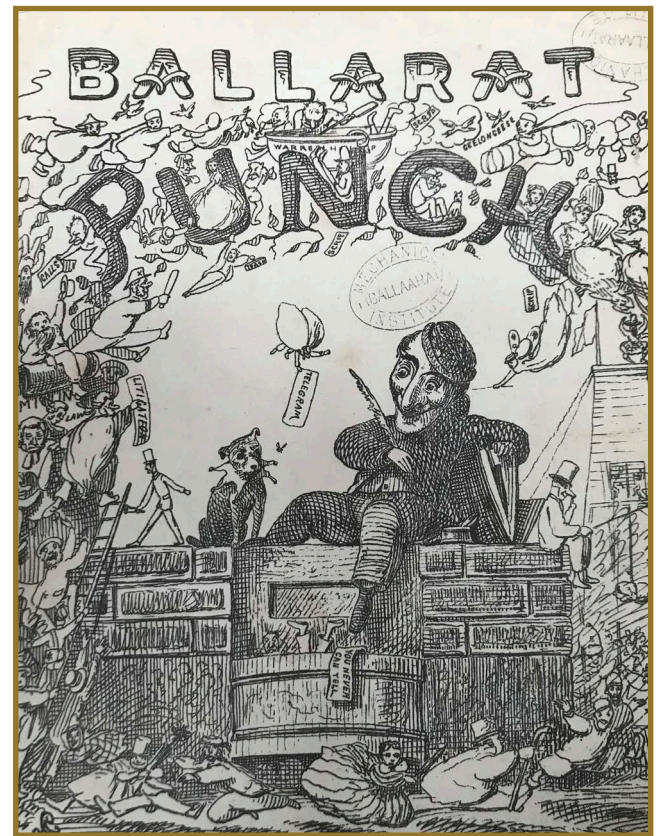
2024 Twilight Talks

Community Bank
Buninyong

 Bendigo Bank

Season 1

28 Feb – 27 Mar 2024



Wed 28 February | 5.30pm

Writing a Memoir

Speakers: Dr. Frank Hurley & Pastor Bill Sutcliffe

Wed 6 March | 5.30pm

Doctors & Nurses WWI

Speakers: Dr Jean Douglas & Garry Snowden

Wed 13 March | 5.30pm

BMI Stories

Speakers: Rex Bridges & Neil Leckie

Free: Courtesy, Community Bank Buninyong

Bookings: events.humanitix.com/twilight-talks-1-2024

P: 5331 3042 | E: library@ballaratmi.org.au
117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Wed 20 March | 5.30pm

Women in Sport: A Changing World

Speakers: Isabel Bacon, other speakers coming soon.

Wed 27 March | 5.30pm

Ballarat Punch

Speakers: Dr Annie Thomas, Prof Keir Reeves & Prof Richard Scully

More: ballaratmi.org.au/twilight-talks



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What are Twilight Talks

Twilight Talks have been held at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute since 2001, providing a great opportunity to hear some fantastic speakers and meet up with friends over drinks.

Participants arrive at the Humffray Room from 5.30pm for drinks and conversation, followed by a 30 to 40 minutes at 6pm.

BMI Members \$8.00 per person, non-members \$12.00. However for Season 1 of the 2024 sessions are FREE being proudly supported by Community Bank Buninyong.

Twilight Talks is very much in keeping with original intent of the organisation i.e. to provide BMI members and community members access to educational arts and cultural activities. Community talks were a regular part of these activities featuring prominent local and international singers, artists, athletes and academics.

Dr Phil Roberts OAM | Twilight Talks Host

Former school teacher and Principal, Phil is the author of 21 local history books, member Ballarat Golf Club, Royal Tennis Club and a keen cyclist. His extraordinary knowledge of the BMI continues to be invaluable.

Past President of the BMI 2004-07 | Patron 2021-24.

Neil Leckie | Twilight Talks Host

Neil Leckie is a BMI Member and is a former Electrical Engineer, TAFE Teacher and BMI Employee with an interest in Ballarat's history. He is one of the BMI Tour Guides. Neil is also a former Army Reservist with an interest in Ballarat's military history. He manages the military museum at Ranger Barracks in Alfredton.

Neil's family has also donated a collection of photos that now belong to the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute Image Collection, the *Arthur Leckie Collection*.

Volunteer run

Twilight Talks is a volunteer run program, providing an opportunity for BMI members and the wider community to engage with speakers from all over the nation. Due to the heritage importance of Ballarat many of these speakers and their stories are Ballarat and surrounds focused, particularly relevant to our member group and community however they equally embrace stories from far and wide.

Membership

The Ballarat Mechanics' Institute is a not for profit organisation, with a Board comprising of community members, usually for a period of three years, with the option of applying for reappointment. A position on the Board is voluntary, with members receiving no remuneration. The Board is responsible for governance and, within its financial limitations, has developed a strategic direction for the management of the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute. The Institute holds a valuable collection of heritage books and newspapers and other heritage items. We host a contemporary and heritage library and historical event spaces the BMI has existed here in Ballarat since 1859.