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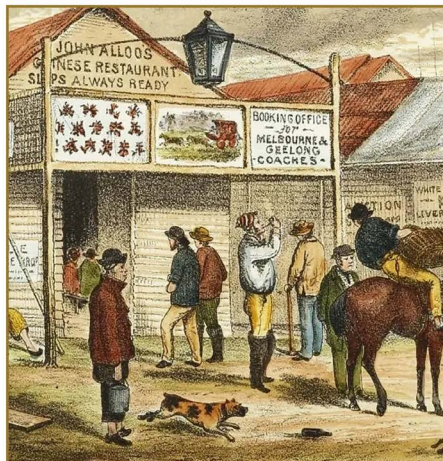
2024 **Twilight Talks**

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Uncovering the Past

- The archaeology of a Goldrush City - Wednesday 6 November
- Ballarat's Heritage Gaps Review Program - Wednesday 13 November
- How James became King - Wednesday 20 November
- Johnny Alloo...of Ballarat notoriety - Wednesday 27 November

ballaratmi.org.au/twilight-talks/

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From the Chair

Hello everyone.

What an eventful and successful October we have had at the BMI. We continued our **Twilight Talks** program and welcomed many new guests through out involvement and advertising in the **Senior's Festival**. Thanks to speakers: Gary Snowden, Lambis Englezos, Bronwyn Hughes and Ross McMullin. More inside...



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From the Chair

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Over the three sessions, we heard from brilliant researchers and authors on topics associated with war through the lens of the individuals themselves and various commemorative instruments, including stained glass windows. Books were for sale, as part of the talks (thank you Ross and Bronwyn), and anyone wishing to purchase a copy of *Lights Everlasting: Australia's commemorative stained glass from the Boer War to Vietnam* by Dr Bronwyn



Hughes, can obtain an order form from Rosemary at the Library desk, who I am sure would also welcome queries regarding Ross's various books, the latest of which is *Life So Full of Promise*.

Dr Bronwyn Hughes & Paula Nicholson

More Twilight talks to come in November – see details inside.

As required, we conducted our AGM on October 21st at 4pm. A big congratulations to our newest **Life Member in Carole Boundy**. Carole received a certificate and was happy to say a few words outlining the reasons for her support for and interest in the BMI. She explained that she had grown up in Truganina where there was a Mechanics' Institute that had burnt down. With all the contents and building gone, the community rallied to find the funds to build a new one, but of course the collection and original building was gone. Carole reinforced the importance of maintaining these original institutions and the



activity for generations to come. Big thanks once again to Carole.

Golf Day Fundraiser

If you would like to help the BMI whilst you are out and about in November, don't forget to check out our website for details regarding the **Golf Day** at Snake Valley Golf Course (Friday 22nd November). Thanks must go to Kevin Murnane and the team of volunteers for once again hosting this fundraiser at their club.

ballaratmi.org.au/event/golf-day-2024/

Open Garden & Devonshire Tea

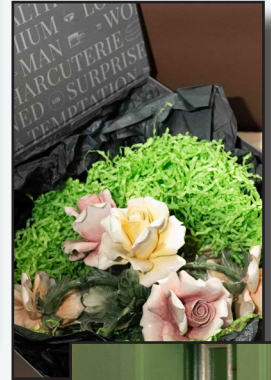
The **Open Garden and Devonshire Tea** will happen at *Errard Hall* (5 Errard Street North), on Nov 16th and 17th 2pm-4pm. Big thanks again to Malcolm Roberts and Michael Stubbs, for not only opening their garden to the BMI as a fundraiser, but for the donation of much of the Devonshire tea offering and the High Tea at the recent **Fashion Parade event**, all very delicious!!

Vintage Fashion Parade

The very successful **Fashion Parade Fundraiser** was held on Sunday October 28th – huge thanks again to **Geraldine Roberts** and her models and helpers and to **Malcolm Roberts** and helpers, including John Hudson, who worked with Malcolm to donate and serve the High Tea. A great fun day enjoyed by all, with around \$7,000 raised for the Institute, and more specifically much of these funds will go towards the repair of the vaulted glass ceiling in the Heritage Reading Room.

To follow are some photos of the day.

Around the BMI



Photos: Dwight Gladman. Dwight is attending Photography Studies College in South Melbourne

Vintage Fashion Parade Hidden Lanes Tours

I attended the Vintage Fashion Parade; it was fantastic and a great success! The food was wonderful as well. It was great to catch up with old friends and make some new ones as well. It was a pleasure to donate a prize as part of the fundraising activities on the day.

Around the BMI

Hidden Lanes Tours would like to offer BMI members and attendees a special offer to participate in one of our tours. If you would like to do so you will get \$5 off our tour and Hidden Lanes will donate \$15 per tour to BMI

Go to: hiddenlanes.com/ballarat

Coupon code FASHIONPARADE - and get \$5 off any tour + \$15 goes towards the BMI. (Expires 14th November 2024) Can also be purchased as a gift for Christmas.

Hidden Lanes Tours - Emma Hall

Author Talks

Author talks continue, and with big numbers of guests attending recent events, we would expect nothing less with Rosemary leading the charge! **The Stella Day** (from the Stella writing Prize) comes to Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, on November 16 as well, with two sessions running. Firstly, we will hear from Kate Mildenhall at 1pm – *Writing about the Future*, then from Adriane Howell and Favel Parrett at 3pm, discussing *Travel Writing*. Here is the link to the Stella Website – these events are free.

stella.org.au/stella-day-out/

This function is another collaborative event, and we look forward to welcoming Stella into the building!

Speaking of books and authors, don't forget the **BMI book sale** – a great Christmas shopping opportunity! The sale will feature older and newer books and will take place across the library on the weekend of Nov 30 – Dec 1.

Thank you to all who once again contributed to our urgent call for funds in October. This appeal and other activities, have put us in a stronger position as

we head towards those typically slower event (and therefore income) months (mid Dec – mid Feb). We have taken part in the Bridge Market for the first time on November 2nd, selling our new 2025 BMI Calendars, (amongst other merchandise), now for sale through the library for \$40 featuring 12 beautiful images from our collection. This was once again created by Curator Ellen Becker. The market day raised around \$1200 for the Institute, and was a terrific opportunity to take the BMI message further afield! Thanks to all the volunteers that assisted.

We look forward to sharing details of Christmas activities within the building during December and ask you to consider purchasing a BMI Calendar or indeed a Library Membership for your friends and family for Christmas!

Paula Nicholson

Twilight Talks, Season 3 Dr Bronwyn Hughes

Lights Everlasting

Dr Hughes presented at our recent Twilight Talks and has given us access to a further treat that relates to her informative presentation, a lecture being delivered by Dr Susan E. M. Kellett.

Dr Susan E. M. Kellett

Dr Susan Kellett is a former army nurse who completed her PhD *Australia's Martial Madonna: the army nurse's commemoration in stained glass windows* (1919-1951) in 2016. A special case study was the genesis of the Australian War Memorial's Hall of Memory and the controversial behind-the-scenes debates leading up to its dedication by Queen Elizabeth, decades later. It will be a fascinating lecture only days before

Around the BMI

Remembrance day 2024.

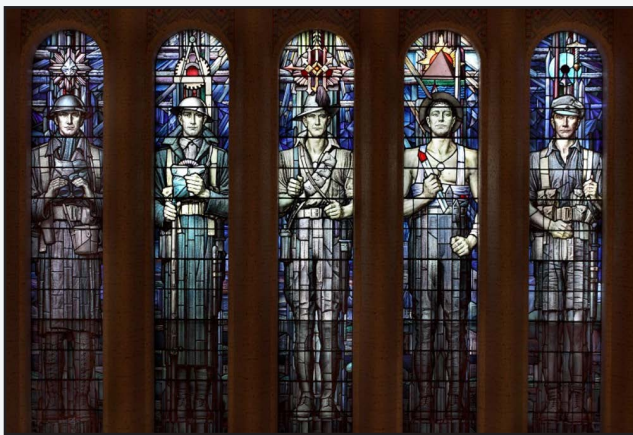
GLAAS INC warmly welcomes you to attend the 2024 Annual William Montgomery Lecture.

**To be held on Thursday 7 November 2024
online via Zoom 6.30 – 8pm**

This is a FREE event, please book at the link below to receive the Zoom details on 6th November, 2024.

This year's Montgomery Lecture will be presented by Dr Susan E M Kellett on the art of Mervyn Napier Waller, and the best known of his works – the stained glass in the Hall of Memory, Canberra ACT.

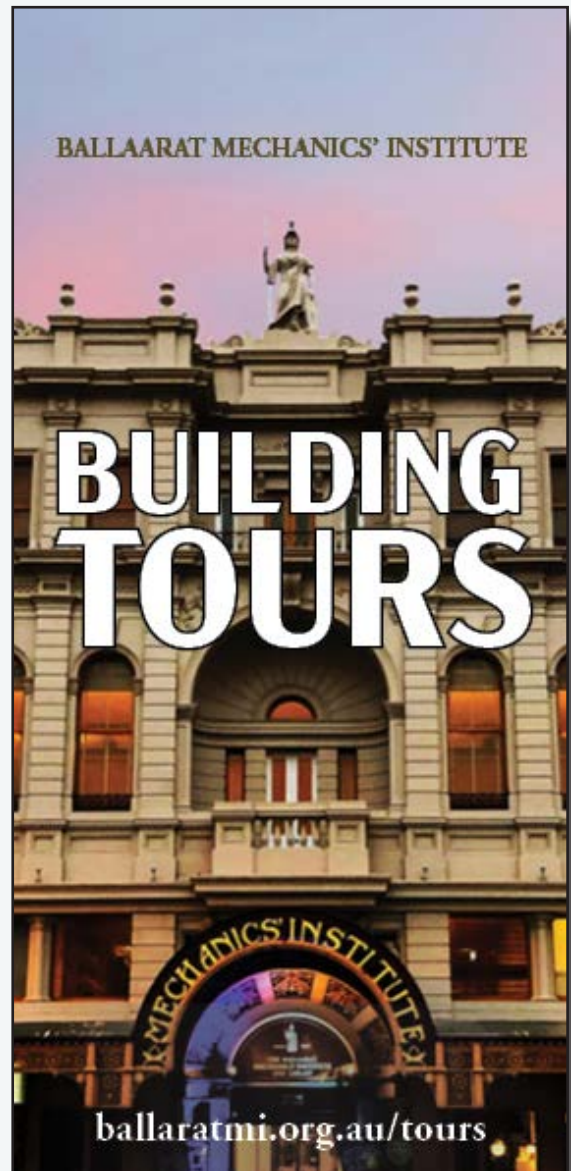
As well as unravelling long decades of discussion beforehand, the politics and demands and of a Second World War that delayed and frustrated the artist, she will also reveal the love story that lies behind the image of the nurse at the heart of a nation's sacrifice.



Stained Glass in the Hall of Memory, The War Memorial, Canberra ACT. Artist Mervyn Napier Waller. Photo: Susan Kellett

Book here for Zoom link to be received on
6/11/2024

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**Why not recommend
a tour of the BMI.**

Many thanks to our volunteer Proof Reader, **Kate Brady**, I hope you agree, she has elevated the quality of the newsletter.

Rosemary Recommends

Author of the Month

Sophie Green



Sophie is an author and publisher who lives in Sydney. She has written several fiction and non-fiction books under other names. She fell in love with the Northern Territory the first time she visited and subsequent visits inspired the story in the *Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club*.

Book of the Month

The Golden Thread by Tea Cooper.

The Golden Thread is set in 1889 in Maitland NSW and QLD Government House Paramatta. Protagonist, 19 year old Constance goes searching for her missing grandmother Nell and the search for a golden silk dress, which threatens to expose deep, long held family secrets.

Don't miss Tea in-conversation on 11 November at the BMI. More information [Here](#)>

Recommended Reads

The Venice Hotel by Tess Woods.

Signora Loretta Bianchi, the world famous cook at the Hotel 11 Cuore, is forced to choose between once-in-a-lifetime passion and her devoted husband.

Australian food writer Sophie finds a lot more than Signora Bianchi's secret recipes to love, but what is Loretta's charming son Rocco hiding? Law graduate Elena is sinking just like the

endangered city she's returned home to, and she'll stop at nothing to be free from her marriage.

Death at the sign of the Rook
by Kate Atkinson.

The stage is set. The players are ready. By night's end, a murderer will be revealed.

Ex-detective Jackson Brodie is staving off a bad case of midlife malaise when he is called to a sleepy Yorkshire town, and the seemingly tedious matter of a stolen painting. But one theft leads to another, including the disappearance of a valuable Turner from *Burton Makepeace*, home to Lady Milton and her family. Once a magnificent country house, *Burton Makepeace* has now partially been converted into a hotel, hosting Murder Mystery Weekends...

Witness 8 by Steve Cavanagh.

Ruby Johnson used to live on Manhattan's West 74th Street, with her parents. But the family lost everything, including their home, due to her father's gambling. Now she works on that very street as a maid to some of the wealthy families.

Ruby knows all their precious secrets, so when she witnesses a murder in one of the homes, she sees an opportunity to make some cash and change her mother's life – and her own!

Ruby knows the victim, and the killer, and so it is that she makes an anonymous call to the police and names the killer, but she's telling a lie, and, as we eventually find out, she has a very good reason for doing so...

Reserve your copy >

New releases

New releases

Mystery

<i>Leave No Trace</i>	D.S. Butler
<i>Witness 8</i>	Steve Cavanagh
<i>Count Their Graves</i>	Jennifer Chase
<i>The Dark Wives</i>	Ann Cleeves
<i>Dead Ends</i>	Jeffery Deaver
<i>The Dead Beneath Us</i>	Matthew J. Evans
<i>End of Story</i>	A.J. Finn
<i>Her Last Walk Home</i>	Patricia Gibney
<i>One of us is Dead</i>	Peter James
<i>The Devil You Know</i>	Neil Lancaster
<i>The Black Loch</i>	Peter May
<i>Death in the Air</i>	Ram Murali
<i>The Great</i>	Alexander
<i>Hippopotamus Hotel</i>	McCall Smith
<i>Such Charming Liars</i>	Karen M. McManus
<i>Blood Ties</i>	Jo Nesbo
<i>We Solve Murders</i>	Richard Osman
<i>Burn It All Down</i>	T.G. Reid
<i>Why She Died</i>	J.G. Roberts
<i>Buried Too Deep</i>	Karen Rose

Australian

<i>The Masterpiece</i>	Belinda Alexandra
<i>The Seachangers</i>	Meredith Appleyard
<i>The Golden Thread</i>	Tea Cooper
<i>The Valley</i>	Chris Hammer
<i>The Girls from Fitzroy</i>	Jennie Jones
<i>The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife</i>	Anna Johnston
<i>Cherrywood</i>	Jock Serong
<i>The Paris Gown</i>	Christine Wells
<i>Opal</i>	Patricia Wolf



Historical

<i>Swift River</i>	Essie Chambers
<i>In The Margins</i>	Gail Holme
<i>The Hidden Girl</i>	Lucinda Riley
<i>The Wartime Book Club</i>	Kate Thompson

Novel

<i>Righteous Kill</i>	Ted Lapkin
<i>The Venice Hotel</i>	Tess Woods

Romance

<i>Lies & Weddings</i>	Kevin Kwan
<i>The Ball at Versailles</i>	Danielle Steel

Literature

<i>Death at the sign of the Rook</i>	Kate Atkinson
<i>The Book of Fire</i>	Christy Lefteri

Non Fiction

<i>Guy Gaunt: The Boy From Ballarat Who Talked America Into The Great War</i>	Anthony Delano
<i>Back Roads</i>	Heather Ewart & Karen Michelmore





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In conversation with Tea Cooper

Monday 11 November, 6pm - 8pm
Humffray Room.

Tea will be talking about her new book, *The Golden Thread*.

Tea Cooper is an award-winning Australian author of historical fiction. In a past life she was a teacher, a journalist and a farmer. These days she haunts museums and indulges her passion for storytelling.

Cost: \$10 per person | ballaratmi.org.au/library/

Jack Rutter Yorkshire Folk Singer

Monday 11 November, 7.30pm - 8.45pm
Minerva Ballarat.

Yorkshire folk singer Jack Rutter has established himself as one of the standout voices of the folk, roots and acoustic music scene in recent years.

A hugely engaging stage presence, his soaring vocal, powerhouse guitar and bouzouki playing and masterful arrangements of traditional songs and contemporary covers.

**Cost: \$33-\$66 per person plus bkg. fee.
ballaratmi.org.au/live-music/**

Twilight Talks | Uncovering the Past: Ballarat's Heritage Gaps Review Program.

Wednesday 13 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Humffray Room | Bar open at 5pm.

Guest speaker - Annabel Neylon. City of Ballarat
Heritage Co-ordinator.

**Cost: \$8 BMI member \$12 general admission.
ballaratmi.org.au/twilight-talks/**

Stella Prize Stella Day Out Ballarat

Saturday 16 November, 11am - 4pm
Minerva Space.

Stella Day Out is a free one-day literary festival that celebrates and promotes the outstanding contributions of women and non-binary writers to Australian literature.

Free | ballaratmi.org.au/library/

Open Garden & Devonshire Tea, BMI Fundraiser at Errard Hall

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 November, 10am - 4pm
Errard Hall, 5 Errard Street North, Ballarat Central.

Errard Hall was built in 1902. Built in the grand Victorian style, it has big features, with a garden to match.

Cost \$25 | ballaratmi.org.au/fundraising-events/

Twilight Talks | Uncovering the Past: How James became King.

Wednesday 20 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Humffray Room | Bar open at 5pm.

Guest speaker - Author of *How James became King: The true story of James 'King' O'Malley*, Brian O'Malley.

**Cost: \$8 BMI member \$12 general admission.
ballaratmi.org.au/twilight-talks/**

Golf Day Fundraiser | Join us at Snake Valley Golf Club

Friday 22 November, 11.30am - 3.30pm
341 Chepstowe Road, Snake Valley
Hit-off at 12.30pm

Take part in this important BMI fundraiser 9 holes of golf (approximately 2.5hrs) preceded by lunch,

a raffle, presentations and then the option to play another 9 holes of golf and enjoy daylight saving on the picturesque golf course.

Cost \$100 | ballaratmi.org.au/fundraising-events/

Get Rhythm: The Johnny Cash & June Carter Show

Friday 22 November, 8pm - 10pm
Minerva Ballarat.

Get Rhythm is one of the most authentic and sincere Johnny Cash and June Carter shows in Australia.

Cost \$55 | ballaratmi.org.au/live-music/

Minerva's Secrets Night Tour

Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm - 8.30pm &
9.30m - 10.30pm.

Looking for a unique way to explore Ballarat's rich history and culture? Look no further than the Ballarat Mechanics Institute's Night Tours!

Cost \$28.69 | ballaratmi.org.au/touts/

Twilight Talks | Uncovering the Past: Johnny Alloo...of Ballarat notoriety.

Wednesday 27 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Humffray Room | Bar open at 5pm.

Guest speaker - Author of *Johnny Alloo... of Ballarat notoriety*, John Smyth.

**Cost: \$8 BMI member \$12 general admission.
ballaratmi.org.au/twilight-talks/**

Summer Book Sale Stockpile for the holidays

Saturday 30 November & Sunday 1 December
10am - 2pm | Lending Library.

The Book Sale will include more recently released books but also some heritage books as well.

We would love to see you there.



**Book your next event in the
magnificent Minerva Space**

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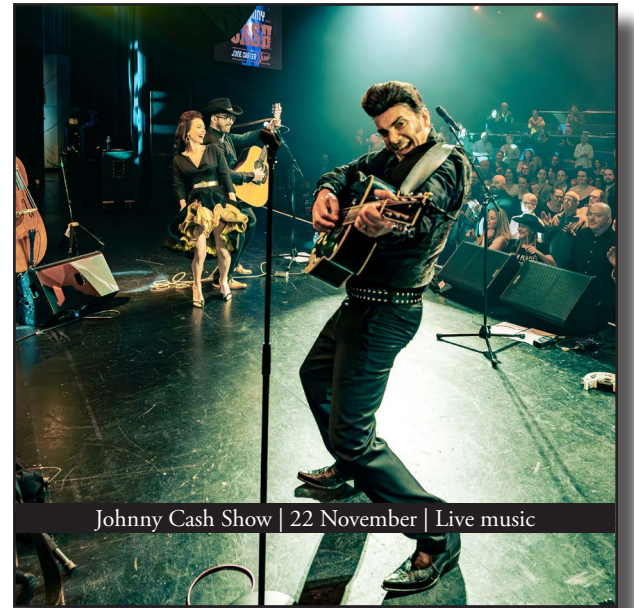


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WHAT'S ON November



Jack Rutter | 11 November | Live music



Johnny Cash Show | 22 November | Live music

OPENING HOURS

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

Holiday closures

Melbourne Cup - Tue 5 Nov
Christmas Day - Wed 25 Dec
Boxing Day - Thu 26 Dec
New Years Day - Wed 1 Jan
Australia Day - Sun 26 Jan
Aust. Day Hol. - Mon 27 Jan

School holidays

21 Dec - 28 Jan 2025
5 Apr - 21 Apr 2025
20 Sep - 5 Oct 2025
20 Dec - 26 Jan 2026

Important Dates

Victorian Seniors Festival 1 - 31 Oct
Twilight Talks Season 4 NOVEMBER
Stella Day Out - 11am-4pm 16 Nov
Garden Party Fundraiser 16 & 17 Nov
Golf Day Fundraiser 22 Nov
BMI Book Sale 30 Nov - 1 Dec



	Tue 29 Oct	Wed 30 Oct	Thu 31 Oct	Fri 1 Nov	Sat 2 Nov	Sun 3 Nov
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Mon 25 Nov	Tue 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thu 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov	Sat 30 Nov	Sun 1 Dec
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Rosemary's

Book of the week

Library Operating hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am - 4pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am - 3pm

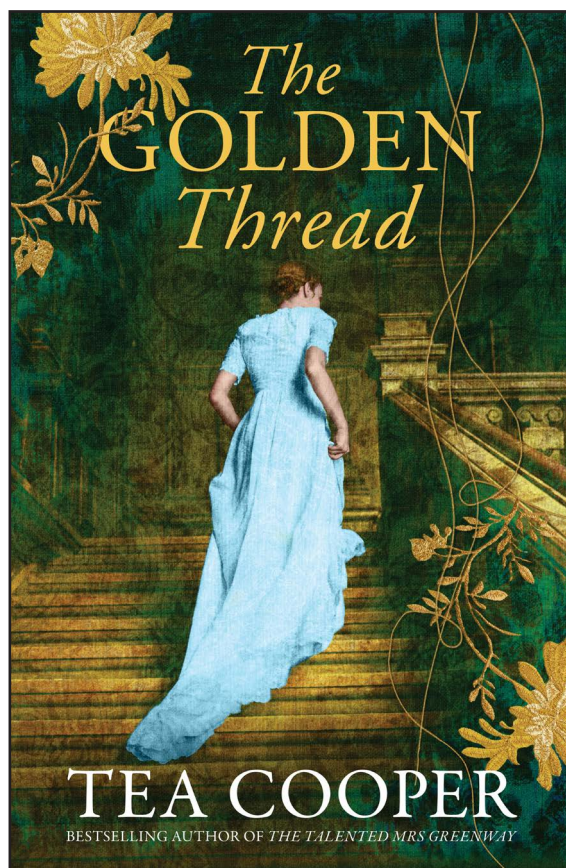
Saturday: 9.30am - 12 noon

Refer to the Events Insert for holiday closures.



Tea Cooper in-conversation
Coming up on 11 November, go to our
Library Webpage for details:

ballaratmi.org.au/event/tea-cooper/



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