



*Celebration*  
& **SURVIVAL**

## **MECHANICS' INSTITUTES AUSTRALIA 2018 3RD NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

BALLAARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,  
BALLARAT—VICTORIA—AUSTRALIA  
16-18 NOVEMBER 2018

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The organisers are pleased to invite Papers for the **Mechanics' Institutes Australia 2018** Conference at Ballarat, Victoria, 16-18 November 2018.

The theme is **Celebration and Survival** and we welcome Papers in these ranging areas.

This year **Celebrates**: the 20th Anniversary of the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria; and the centenary of the Armistice of World War I, an event which was celebrated in many Institute Halls, a great number of which hold Honour Rolls. It also celebrates the great International Mechanics' Institute Movement which was largely spawned from the foundation of the Edinburgh School of Arts in 1821 and the resultant legacy of the thousands of Institutes that still exist around the world in their various forms.

And for **Survival**, we would welcome ways and means—past, present and future—of how Institutes have **Survived**, and will continue to **Survive** into the future. (It is noted that the whole of the Saturday afternoon will be made over to a joint session on the Maintenance, Management, Marketing and Survival of Institutes with a range of specialist presenters.)

We would also welcome Papers on events, organisations, people and/or activities that generally took place in Institutes or notable legal cases connected with them. **Talks are to be 20mins long (or about 3000 words), but longer Papers will be accepted for publication in the Conference Proceedings.**

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The Conference will be held at Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, 117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat over three days 16-18 November 2018. Papers will be presented at one of three parallel sessions and will be printed prior to the event. (19 November is a tour of Melbourne Institutes.)

**Proposals for Papers, including title and an abstract of no more than 200 words, with a biographical note and portrait should be emailed to Bron Lowden: mia2018@mivc.org.au who is coordinating the production of the Proceedings.**

**The Closing Date for Abstracts is 31 July 2018** and these will be acknowledged as accepted. **The final Paper must be submitted by 30 September 2018** in electronic format to the above address or MIA 2018 Conference Secretariat, 29 Lisbeth Avenue, Donvale, V 3111, Australia. This will enable presentation of your Paper at **MIA 2018**. A referencing and style guide will be distributed for Papers.

Please direct inquires to: Jim Lowden (mia2018@mivc.org.au)

It is understood that by submitting a paper, it will be compiled in a Conference Proceedings to be produced prior to the conference. Copyright of individual papers will remain with the author(s); copyright of the Conference Proceedings collection will be the Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc.

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