

# Brown Hill Community Newsletter

Edition 19, June 2019

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*E. & J. Bawden Service Grocers at 341 Humffray Street North, Brown Hill. Joy and Ed Bawden are standing out the front. Image supplied.*

## Diary Dates

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### JUNE

**Friday 21:** 1.30pm, Stress Strategies Workshop, Brown Hill Uniting Church (p.12)

**Saturday 22:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Market, Brown Hill Hall (p.5)

**Friday 28:** Last day of Term Two

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## Brown Hill's General Store - 'back in the day'

*Well-known Brown Hill locals, Ed and Joy Bawden, share some memories of their time running the Brown Hill General Store with local, Rhonda Lyons.*

The Brown Hill General Store was located at 341 Humffray Street North opposite the Brown Hill Barber. The store was originally owned by Ed's great grandparents, the Lane family. Maryann Lane (Ed's grandmother) was born at the shop in 1869. Hence Lane Street, which meets Humffray Street North opposite the shop, is named after them.

When it opened the shop was named 'Wm. Lane, Temperance Store'. The term 'temperance' meant there was no alcohol sold at the shop.

From 1932 the general store, supplying household goods, was

run by Ed's parents. Most of the supplied goods came in large tins. Grains and meal came in hessian bags. The shop sold fruit and vegetables, groceries, chook food, wheat, bran, pollard, newspapers, briquettes and some crockery. The shop had rows and rows of tins stacked in shelves, mostly tins of biscuits of all different varieties.

During the 1940s there was a petrol bowser with two hoses at the front of the shop.

The shop sold locally made biscuits. The huge 'Sunshine' biscuit factory was located between Victoria and Mair streets, where the Bakery Hill Shopping Centre is now. The biscuit factories were big employers of people from the community.

Soft drinks, mainly lemonade, came in glass bottles. 'Goodfellows' and 'Rowlands' were

local producers.

The business became known as 'W and E Bawden Service Grocers', run by Ed and his father William. School children from nearby Brown Hill Primary School would spend threepence on their way home. Threepence would buy a small bag of lollies.

During the mid-60s Ed and Joy took over the running of the shop and renamed it 'E. & J. Bawden Service Grocers'. They lived in the house behind the shop with their four children.

Each week the shop was open for five-and-a-half days, closing at lunchtime on Saturdays. Ed and Joy say, "They were long days in the store, with our mornings beginning at 5.30 am to collect the newspapers and roll them, then do the home delivery, some thrown

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**Saturday 29 June to 21 July:** Ballarat Winter Festival. See: [ballaratwinterfestival.com.au](http://ballaratwinterfestival.com.au)

## JULY

**Tuesday 2:** 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, rear room, Brown Hill Hall, all welcome

**Monday 15:** Start of Term Three

**Saturday 27:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Market, Brown Hill Hall (p.5)

**Sunday 28:** National Tree Day. See: [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org)

## AUGUST

**Sunday 4:** Brown Hill Kindergarten fundraiser - Bunnings BBQ (p.6)

**Tuesday 6:** 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, rear room, Brown Hill Hall, all welcome

**Saturday 10:** Men's Breakfast, Brown Hill Uniting Church (p.12)

**Monday 12:** Due date for articles and advertising for the Brown Hill Community Newsletter (Edition 20). Please note the change of date.

**Friday 23:** Delivery of Edition 20 begins across Brown Hill

**Saturday 24:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Market, Brown Hill Hall (p.5)

## SEPTEMBER

**Tuesday 3:** 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting and AGM, rear room, Brown Hill Hall, all welcome.

**Friday 20:** End of Term Three

**Saturday 21:** 7.00 pm - 2.00 am, White Night Ballarat. See: [whitenight.com.au/ballarat](http://whitenight.com.au/ballarat)

## OCTOBER

**Monday 7:** Start of Term Four

**Friday 25:** 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm, 2019 Brown Hill Community Festival, Brown Hill Recreation Reserve and Cricket Oval (p.4)

## NOVEMBER

**Friday 15:** Caledonian Primary School Trivia Night (p.6)

**Sunday 17:** Eucalypts of Slaty Creek Walk and BBQ. See: [brownhill.vic.au/directory/wattle-flat-pootilla-landcare-group/](http://brownhill.vic.au/directory/wattle-flat-pootilla-landcare-group/)

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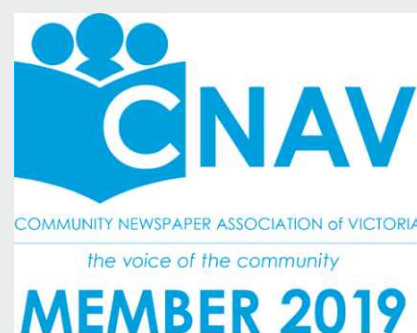
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## In this edition

I am so pleased to have the wonderful Ed and Joy Bawden on our front cover. I met Joy at Brown Hill Playgroup at Caledonian Primary School. Joy loved giving tired mums a break by holding our babies so we could have a cuppa and chat. The kids and parents all enjoyed seeing Joy each week - a very popular Playgroup Grandma!

I met Ed at the Brown Hill Progress Association meetings. What a character! An active member of the Brown Hill Lions Club and unofficially known as the 'Mayor of Brown Hill', Ed has dedicated much time to helping to make our Brown Hill community what it is today. Read more about Ed in Edition 4 (November 2016, p.5) in an article about starting the Brown Hill Community Hall.

Thanks again to our sponsors:  
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*Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Volunteer Editor, Brown Hill Community Newsletter and Directory Committee*

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*Sunset over the rooftops at Hemsley Park Retirement Village. Photographer: Gordon Williamson.*

## Reader Feedback

*We received this delightful email from Gordon and Annette Williamson who live in nearby Hemsley Park Retirement Village. We are sharing it with their permission.*

Good Afternoon Sarah,

On behalf of my wife Annette and myself, I wish to congratulate you and the Editorial Advisory Committee on Edition 17 of the Brown Hill Community newsletter - a bumper edition which we have much enjoyed reading.

We are residents of Hemsley Park, having relocated here almost eight years ago from the other end of town (Alfredton) where we had

lived for over thirty years. Our two married daughters both live in Dubai. Our home was too large, as was the garden, hence our decision to move to Hemsley Park - a very prudent decision we feel.

However, my main reason for writing to you, apart from the congratulations, is to thank you for publishing the Vale to Ian Westerland and Jack's Tribute to Pop. Ian and I shared the same birthday six years apart and the Monthly Birthday Morning Tea at Hemsley Park was the last time I spoke with Ian. My wife and I travelled to Dubai the next week to spend Christmas & New Year with our family. Ian was a true gentleman and very proper in his contribution to any Hemsley Park

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Residents meeting, adhering strictly to meeting procedure. He offered helpful advice to me during my term as Secretary of the Residents' Committee. He shared silverbeet seedlings, which he had grown, with us. His dear wife Jean also gave me a number of her highly prized hippeastrum bulbs which, with their annual spectacular blooms, have given us much pleasure.

Annette and I both found the uplifting article on Rod Soar most interesting, as both of us worked with Rod and his wife at St John of God Hospital. Annette was Nurse Unit Manager for twenty-eight years and used to give Rod quite a bit of stick about the cleanliness of his work shoes! During his training days I lectured his group on pharmacology. His was a fun group I well remember and I had to have my wits about me!!

Another connection in the Newsletter was that with Caledonian Primary School which our two grandchildren, Grace and Sam, attended. For three years they spent many happy days there whilst here on holiday from Dubai during their long, hot, summer school holidays. They have made lasting friendships from those days and Annette and I are most appreciative of the welcome the children were given by the Principals at the time. We also met Geoff Dickson during this time and have helped out a few times at the Breakfast Programme which he oversees.

Apart from the enjoyment in reading the newsletter it has provided us with some interesting facts that we may never have known. A big thank you to

everyone associated with the newsletter and contributing groups e.g. the Brown Hill Progress Association, the local Area Plan synopsis and many more items. Keep up the good work - you do a mighty job and we look forward to reading Edition 18 and many more thereafter.

Yours most sincerely,  
Annette and Gordon Williamson  
Hemsley Park



## Our Festival

The Brown Hill Progress Association welcomes local, Megan Hekkema, to our committee to organise our fourth Brown Hill Community Festival. Megan will be working with representatives from Brown Hill Kindergarten, Caledonian Primary School and the Brown Hill Lions and Lionesses clubs to coordinate this much-loved community celebration.

Planning is well underway with the oval and hall booked and the permit application in progress.

If you are part of a local community group and would like to run an activity or hold a stall,

please get in touch with Megan.

We are also looking to add one additional food van so if you have any suggestions please let Megan know: [festival@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:festival@brownhill.vic.au).

The 2019 Brown Hill Community Festival will be held on **Friday 25 October from 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm** at the Brown Hill Reserve.

[brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival/](http://brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival/)

## Brown Hill Flood Planning

Formal consultation for Ballarat's 'Better Flood Planning' project concluded at the end of April. Feedback provided from the drop-in sessions is being reviewed and drafting of amendment documentation has commenced.

Following the completion of this work, the Strategic Planning team will seek a resolution from Council to request authorisation to proceed with the Planning Scheme Amendment from the Minister for Planning. To stay informed about the project, visit: [mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/better-flood-planning](http://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/better-flood-planning)

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# Brown Hill Kindergarten

Brown Hill Kindergarten has been busy connecting with local schools this term. Each of the preschool groups has made connections with a different school. Blue Group visited St Brendan's Primary School in Dunnstown, Red Group visited St Mary's Primary School at Clarke's Hill (on the way to Daylesford) and Yellow Group has had visitors from and visited Caledonian Primary School.

Blue Group's excursion to St Brendan's Primary School was in May. Before the visit, the school children sent us letters and cards to tell us about their school. That helped to build the excitement of the visit! Before we left our kindergarten, we talked about travelling by bus and how to be safe passengers. At the school, we met the children and teachers then we had a tour. After that we participated in some activities together.

Red group were very excited to be invited to visit St Mary's Primary School in Clarke's Hill and to receive letters from the school students before the excursion. They were even more excited when they discovered we would be travelling by bus. Before we left we talked about bus safety and how a good bus passenger travels. We also made a map. Christine talked about the way we would be



*Children from Brown Hill Kindergarten's Red Group using potatoes to make prints during their visit to St Mary's Primary School in Clarke's Hill. Image supplied.*

travelling and the children added local landmarks such as the Brown Hill Pool. They were very observant travellers and when we got back from the visit they had lots more detail to add to the map. We talked about the potato farms nearby and the children were excited to see them from the bus. At the school the children were divided into groups with school children as buddies (there were more kindergarten children than all the school children at the school) and took part in a range of activities, including checking the vegetable garden to find potatoes and then using them to make potato prints. The kindergarten children were interested to see what was at the school – a playground, classrooms, a library, toilets etc. It was a fun visit and the children enjoyed the opportunity to travel on the bus,

meet new people and learn new things.

Yellow group had visits from two groups of Caledonian Primary School students. The first group came with one of the Prep teachers, Mrs Tunbridge, and spent some time reading their favourite stories to the kindergarten children. The children enjoyed the company of the older children, some of whom had gone to the kindergarten themselves and, of course, enjoyed the stories.



*Reading together. Image supplied.*

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Children from Brown Hill Kindergarten's Blue Group visited St Brendan's Primary School in Dunnstown. Image supplied.

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Programming 'bee-bots' with the Caledonian Primary School students.

The second visitors came with Ms G and brought 'bee-bots' and robots and talked about and demonstrated how they worked. They broke up into small groups and with the help of the school children, the kindergarten children were able to have a turn at programming and operating the 'bee-bots' and robots.

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Most of the school children had attended Brown Hill Kindergarten, so it was very special to have them come and visit. The kindergarten children wrote letters to thank the school children and we plan to take them to the school. While we are delivering them, we plan to visit Mrs Q in the art room.

### One Mother to Another



Bridget from Eureka Mums wrote: "Thank you to everyone who supported Eureka Mums' 'One Mother to Another' campaign in May by

making a donation at Brown Hill Kindergarten.

We had some wonderful donations, including the really sought after products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sanitary items and full bottles of shampoo and conditioner."

### Bunnings BBQ

On Sunday 4 August, we will be running the BBQ at Bunnings Ballarat as a fundraiser. Come and support our kindergarten.

Christine Sullivan, Educational Leader and Jacinta Johnson, Teacher, Brown Hill Kindergarten (a Eureka Community Kindergarten Association [ECKA] Kindergarten), 5332 7973 [brown.hill.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:brown.hill.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

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# Caledonian Primary School

## From the Principal's desk

Term Two has been so busy at Caledonian Primary School. The students have been concentrating on their learning and we have had many activities to raise money for school facilities, including books for the library and classrooms.

With such a strong community partnership, we have been able to run many activities to support our students. One example was the free pumpkin soup lunch day, where every student was offered a bread roll and a mug of soup made by a small group of students.

I would like to thank the Brown Hill Progress Association and Baker's Delight Bakery Hill for their donations to support the pumpkin soup day. Thank you to all of the members of the community who have supported us with these activities.

Caledonian Primary School has been congratulated by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority for demonstrating substantially above-average gain in reading results. 'Student-gain' shows the average change in results for students who have taken consecutive NAPLAN tests at the same school. According to the 'My School' website, 'student-gain' is a way to measure the impact the school has had on student progress. That is, when the background of students is similar across schools, it is more likely that any differences in gain made by schools are related to the teaching and learning capabilities of the school. This is exceptional news for Caledonian Primary School.

The Department of Education has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online.

**Findmyschool.vic.gov.au** launched on 24 April and shows every school zone across the state. The new website highlights the

choice of public schools available to the Victorian community.

If your child is preparing to enter Year Seven and you want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au) today.

If you have a question about the website, contact the Victorian School Building Authority Hotline on 1800 896 950 or email [vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## Do you have a child starting Prep in 2020?

Our enrolments are open, so please pop into our office and collect an enrolment pack to secure your child's enrolment at Caledonian Primary for 2020. Our Prep classes fill fast, so please act now. We will be beginning transition activities during Term Four. School Tours can be organised through the office.

Brea Terris

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Legatee Peta Gillespie, with Caledonian Primary School's 2019 School Captains, Jade, Jamison, Alexis and Angelo.

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## Anzac Day

On 24 April, Caledonian Primary School commemorated Anzac Day with a special assembly. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. We learnt about the Anzacs and their landing on Gallipoli.

A couple of days before, every class made a paper wreath to present at the special assembly.

All the Grade Six students did a presentation about Anzac Day. We talked about the landing on Gallipoli and two students read the poem, 'In Flanders Field'.

At the end of the assembly, every student got an Anzac biscuit. They were donated by the Brown Hill Lionesses Club. They were delicious.

Legatee Peta Gillespie, a volunteer with Ballarat Legacy, came in and told us about the landing on Gallipoli. Peta told us about what Ballarat Legacy do.

Anzac Day is on 25 April and we commemorate the Anzac soldiers who fought on the banks of

Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915 and all Australians who have been to war. The place that they landed is now called Anzac Cove. 60,000 Anzac soldiers fought at Gallipoli and 621 Australian soldiers died that day.

We wear poppies on Anzac Day because of Flanders Field. Nothing grew there, until after the war when poppies grew there.

*By Alexis and Amelia, Grade Six, Caledonian Primary School*

## Crazy Hair Day

On Friday 10 May, Caledonian

Primary School had a 'Crazy Hair Day' to raise money for The Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute. Macarthur Street Primary School invited a group of schools to participate. Our school raised a total of \$263.30 which was great.

Some students dyed their hair different colors, others went with crazy hair styles. We also had a fun, colorful and musical parade to showcase how wild and crazy some of the hair creations were. It was an amazing day and we hope to do another 'Crazy Hair Day' soon.

*Angelo and Bella, Grade Six, Caledonian Primary School*





# Woodmans Hill Secondary College

## *From the Principal's desk*

One of the things that continues to inspire me about Woodmans Hill students is their willingness to challenge themselves in order to develop and grow. There have been so many examples over the course of the last couple of weeks where I have seen – first-hand – the grit and determination shown by our students.

Our Year 10 students have been out on 'Work Experience' and the reports back suggest that they are having an amazing time. It is always difficult to get a straight answer from a teenager when they are asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?", a question that many adults struggle with. We live in an age of multiple career pathways and the decision between dreams and reality can seem daunting. However, we should never believe that our students haven't thought about it; it's more of a case that it's hard to commit to something that seems so far away and out of reach. Perhaps what is more important is the experience of work that they will receive and

expect it will tell them more what they don't want to do than provide the inspiration of what future career they will commit to. The positive feedback from this week indicates that our Year 10 students have made the most out of this opportunity and I hope that this influences the major choices they will need to make as they take greater control over their pathway in the coming months.

Part of our mission is to ensure that each child has the opportunity to experience learning beyond the classroom through excursions and enrichment activities. Again, our teachers are to be congratulated on providing such a varied range of opportunities for students to learn. The Stage Band has been rehearsing hard in order to prepare for performances and competitions this term and we are looking forward to showcasing their considerable talents in Term Three when we have our Performing Arts Centre ready for community use.

We have also had artists looking at career opportunities at the Ballarat Gallery, legal studies students experiencing a case unfold, historians experiencing the horrors of war through watching a play, young writers developing their craft and our

psychology students exploring the process of language acquisition and early learning by observing Prep and Grade One students. Our students are also engaging in a range of opportunities offered by the Tech School at Federation University. This year, so far, we have had students involved in; a program incorporating local leaders Mitchell Harris Wines as a case study to explore their business from paddock to bottle across the globe; a STEM program provided a combination of industry tours, guest speakers, skill-based workshops and applied hands-on learning to support girls in exploring their STEM pathways within an industry area; the program 'Bees with backpacks' which is part of a global initiative to put tiny sensors that record honey bee activity as they enter and exit the hive to provide a health check for our world. We have also had our students working with coaches from Melbourne Victory FC to develop soccer skills and encourage engagement in sports. As in all things at Woodmans Hill, it is the taking part and challenge that you present yourself that matters and our students never fall short in this.

All in all, a busy time at Woodmans Hill Secondary College

*Stephan Fields, Principal*

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# Wholesome Wholefoods

*During Ballarat's recent 'Plate Up' food festival, the Ballarat Wholefoods Collective had an exciting Open Day.*

The doors were opened wide on Wednesday 1 May at the Ballarat Wholefoods Collective (BWC) for the 'Plate Up' Open Day. People were enticed in by the wonderful display of food available for tasting just outside the door, including Vegas and Rose fresh brownies, marinated mushrooms, Goldfields Cheese feta, Mt Zero olives, Basilio bread and dried fruit, nuts and seeds.

Over 50 people took the opportunity to check out what the BWC has to offer. Six people signed up to become members, taking advantage of the '14 months for the cost of 12 months' membership fee.

Newcomers were also presented with a ticket to get a coffee from the Ballarat Group Training's (BGT) in-house café and a sample bag full of tasty treats to nibble.

In the evening, local producers spoke with people interested in how and where their food is produced.

Some of the producers who supply the BWC set up exhibit tables for people to experience their wares, including Goldfields Cheese, Basilio Sourdough, Enbom honey and bees wax products, Kucina Garlic, Charisma Coffee and Grounded Pleasures Chai. People enjoyed the opportunity to make the connection between products and the people behind them.

The BWC opening hours are:  
9.00 am - 11.00 am and



*Tasting Enbom Honey at the Open Day. Image: Penthea Marshall-Radcliffe*

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm Wednesdays  
(school term time only, closed during the school holidays).

*Sally McAlpin, Member, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective  
BGT building 25-39 Barkly Street,  
Ballarat East (opposite the Ballarat Fire Station).  
[ballaratwholefoodscollective.org](http://ballaratwholefoodscollective.org)*

## Brown Hill Seniors' Club

Recently, we started to use our two new bowling mats. We purchased them with funding we

received through the City of Ballarat's Community Impact Grant Program. We are very grateful and thank all concerned.

Our bus trips over the winter months are all to indoor venues. In June we are going to 'morning melodies' at Yaireith.

On Mondays, we have a regular program at the Brown Hill Hall. Our meetings run from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm and people over 55 are welcome to join in.

*Doreen Braebrook  
Brown Hill Senior Citizen's Club  
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# Ballarat Canary Club celebrates 50 years

*In May, the Ballarat Canary Club celebrated 50 years at the Brown Hill Community Hall. Newsletter Committee member, Brian Green, spoke to Bill Messer.*

Yes, I was there when the club started and held all the club positions along the way. I was born in Ballarat. My mother was given a canary then eventually bred some. So my journey began.

In 1964, I was invited to join the Board of Management of the Queen Elizabeth Home. At that time, we had 840 residents living in Ascot Street so you can imagine the huge task of providing 2500 meals daily. One of my first duties was to inspect the areas of the complex and I met two chefs, Laurie Duvall and Jack Brennan. As I spent so much time there, I often talked to them and found that, just like me, these two bred canaries.

One day they suggested that we go to a canary show in Flemington and there we met the breeder of the champion bird 'Bill Tape'. We each bought a pair of a variety



*Ballarat Canary Club's Bill Messer, June 2019. Photographer: Brian Green*

called 'Border Fancy'. In all, there are 15 varieties of canaries.

We three met quite often and in 1969 decided to form a Ballarat Canary Club. The membership has never been great but we continue to have many great times together.

The fascinations of the hobby include meeting so many great people around Victoria and from interstate, breeding young birds in September, then watching them grow and mature with various colors appearing in the young. It is quite fascinating.

There are 15 clubs in Victoria and many interstate. Many people from Greece and Malta who have settled in Melbourne are great

people and extremely keen on their birds.

The club first held shows at the Manchester Hall in Grenville Street and the Eureka Stockade Hall. For the last 40 years, the shows have been held at the Brown Hill Community Hall.

'Red Canaries' are very popular and have been crossed with 'Sisken Finch' which are fascinating but expensive. Some of our members have become judges, including Steven McArdle and Frank Sawyer. Registered judges come to our show from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Hobart. The demand on their services is huge. Our President, Steven McArdle, has just won the Canary Championship of Tasmania.

I wanted to be a dispensing chemist. Instead, I worked at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Melbourne. After that, I worked for 32 years at Messer and Opie (men's clothing store) on Bridge Street with my brother Brian. I enjoy tennis but, in addition to my canaries, bowls at Central Wendouree is my passion.

*Brian Green, Newsletter Committee member and Brown Hill resident*

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## Brown Hill Uniting Church

### Thought for the month

*"Kind words heal and help; cutting words wound and maim."* Proverbs 15: 4

### Prayers for members of the community

Each Sunday we pray for those members of our congregation who are unwell or facing difficulties. We would like to extend this to members of the Brown Hill community. If you would like a prayer for a member of your family or yourself in a particular situation, please drop a note into the letterbox at 16 Thompson Street before 9.15 am on Sunday. The Uniting Church has a privacy policy; it is up to you how much personal information you give us. It would be helpful to know if there is a timeframe for your request. Examples of requests could be: "Please pray for my mother Jan who is unwell this week. (Signed) Mary." Or, "Please pray for the next three weeks for my sister Ella who is to have a serious operation. (Signed) Tony."

We have a Morning Worship at 10.00 am each Sunday and Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. On the fifth Sunday, we visit other churches.

Midweek Communion is held in the church hall each Wednesday at 1.30 pm. It is followed by

afternoon tea. All welcome.

### Annual Mini Fair and Car Boot Sale

We would like to thank the Brown Hill community for their support of our annual fundraiser for the 'Learn to Swim' program and those who purchased car boot sites. We raised \$2,100 this year.

### Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm in the Church hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Bring

along anything you are working on or just come for a chat.

### Op. Shop.

The Church Op shop is open from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

*Liz Mason, Brown Hill Uniting Church*

### May Men's Breakfast

On Saturday 11 May, about 14 attendees heard about the City of Ballarat's residential 'Waste and Recycling Operations'. Over 4,056,000 bins are collected each year. The importance of



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Followed by afternoon tea.

Brown Hill Church Hall, 16 Thompson St. Brown Hill  
(enter through the door next to the Op Shop at the back of the  
Humffray Street car park).

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separating our waste correctly was emphasised in order to lower the impact on landfill and to create a greater market for our recycling material.

Emma, City of Ballarat's Environmental Educational Administration Officer, explained that soft plastics like bread, fruit and vegetable bags, frozen food and biscuit packets, should not be placed in your Council recycling bin. Instead, take them to the specific bin at the supermarket.

Contamination in Ballarat's green-waste is rated amongst one of the lowest in the State.

Sincere thanks to Colin and Emma for their informative talk.

The next Men's Breakfast is on **Saturday 10 August** and the speaker will be from Lifeline.

*Louise Wright, Brown Hill Uniting Church*

## Proposed local off-leash dog walking and play area

*Ballarat Community Garden's Sheilagh Kentish explains a plan to get an off-leash dog walking and play area close to Brown Hill.*

For the past four years there has been a plan afoot to get a local off-leash dog walking and play area off the ground. John Harrison and I talked about what it might look like and how much it would benefit the local community.

John had the initial idea after he had seen a wonderful dog playground in Albury-Wodonga. He had the foresight to take photos and it looks to be an amazing place. There are tunnels to run through, platforms to run along and things to jump over -

for the dogs of course! The local Council supplied 'poo bags' and bins and the whole area was fenced off to give the dogs greater security. Some public money and some sponsorship funding had gone into creating this much-needed facility.

The idea for one in Ballarat East (near Brown Hill) coincided with the new laws that mean dog owners have to have dogs on a leash whilst walking the streets. How wonderful would it be for dog owners to take their dogs to a specific location where they could run free, socialise with other dogs and be safe from passing traffic?

There is a perfect location (already in use by dog owners) in Dyte Parade on the opposite side of the Queen Street bridge to the Ballarat Community Garden. A dog-park surrounded by a low fence and with a children's viewing station, equipped with



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appropriate facilities to exercise dogs and allow peace of mind for their owners, would be an ideal situation.

However, there is competition to fund this facility from the public purse as there are a few other places across town that are also viable options for the creation of a dog park. To give your support, please contact Rhett English at the City of Ballarat. Rhett has been working very hard to investigate sites in the Ballarat area to accommodate dogs and their owners, whilst complying with the by-laws. Let him know how many of you would love to be able to let your dog run free in safety.

Let's get proactive and vocal about this issue and make it happen for our wonderful local community of dog lovers!

*Sheilagh Kentish*

## Brown Hill Codeword

The theme for our Brown Hill-focused Codeword puzzle for this edition is: **local streets** (there are 11 included). There are also a few random words to fill the gaps.

Thanks again to Caledonian Primary School parent, Zara, for creating these puzzles for us.

Each number represents a letter in the alphabet. Three have been provided to get you started.

The first five people to email a photo of the correct solution to us at [newsletter@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:newsletter@brownhill.vic.au) will receive a Baker's Delight Bakery Hill voucher.

Congratulations to the winners of the April Codeword: Casey, Leesa, Virginia, Andrew and Pamela.

## Russell Square Works

Russell Square, the community recreation reserve that has served the east of Ballarat for 160 years, is about to undergo a major upgrade with three major projects due for completion in 2019.

The first project is the provision of lighting to the northern soccer fields. A State Government grant of \$400,000 will support this development.

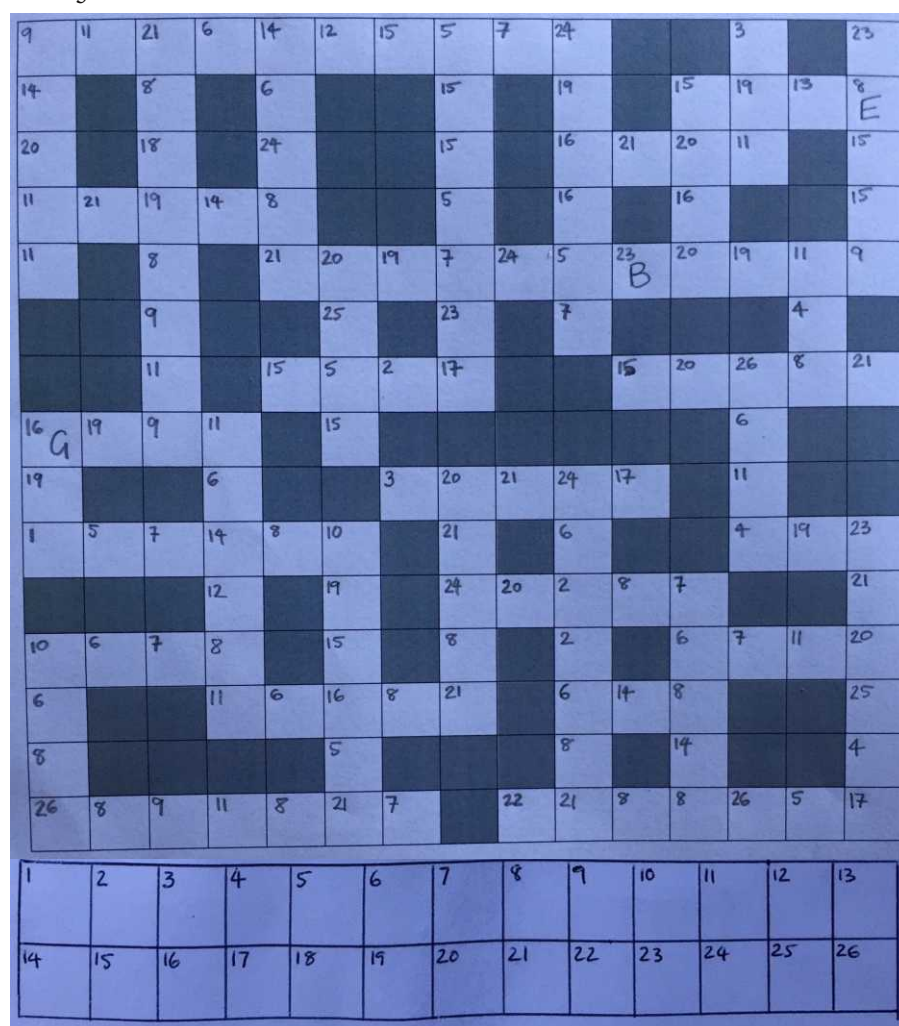
The second project involves the construction of an additional change room and storage facility that will support junior female participation in netball, football, soccer and touch football. A Federal Government grant of \$500,000 will assist with funding these works.

The third project is the long-awaited upgrade to the hall building to meet compliance standards and to provide greater flexibility of use. The Russell Square User Groups will provide \$85,000, while a further \$30,000 was provided by the Brown Hill Engaging Communities Program.

Across the three projects, the City of Ballarat will provide \$600,000 to fully fund these works.

Russell Square provides an excellent example of what can be achieved when federal, state and local governments work with a dynamic local community to facilitate active, involved and healthy living - the aim of the City of Ballarat's 'Sport and Recreation' and 'Active Women and Girls' strategies.

*Damian Ryan, Russell Square User Group*







*The Dixie Doozle Ukulele Players lead a sing-a-long at Kelaston Residential Home. Image supplied.*

## Dixie Doozle Entertainers

The Dixie Doozle Cloggers have been busy keeping fit and warm. On Thursday 30 May we presented an entertainment program for the residents at Kelaston Residential Home. The program consisted of 25 minutes of Clogging followed by 25 minutes of a sing-a-long with residents accompanied by the Dixie Doozle Ukulele Players. Our performance was well-received and we enjoyed our time at Kelaston.

### How to get clogging!

Russell Square Hall, car park entry via Stawell Street North.

Friday mornings, 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. Beginners: 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

Cost \$7.00

Val Kerr, Dixie Doozle Cloggers  
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## Brown Hill kids play on Mars

*Local children who take part in the AusKick program at Little Bendigo Primary School in Nerrina, were invited to play some short matches as the half-time entertainment at Mars Stadium in Ballarat on Sunday 11 May. One Brown Hill participant, Harry, wrote about the experience.*



*The AusKick kids had a ball on Mars Stadium. Image: Sarah Greenwood-Smith*

On Saturday 11 May I went to the footy to watch the Bulldogs play Brisbane Lions at Mars Stadium.

My friend Jeremiah and I got to go on at half-time because we do AusKick. My team of six wore red tops and the other team wore black tops.

I got a goal on the siren. Our game was a draw.

Afterwards, I got to watch the Bulldogs beat the Lions and I ate hot chips. It was awesome.

The next time I went to AusKick, I got a certificate!

*Harry, Grade One, Caledonian Primary School*

There are around 20 AusKick centres in Ballarat. The two closest to Brown Hill are 'East Point' AusKick at Russell Square in Brown Hill and Nerrina AusKick at Little Bendigo Primary School. AusKick generally runs during Term Two and children need to be aged between five and twelve years old to participate. To find out more about the AusKick program, visit: [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



*Wm. Lane, Temperance Store, 341 Humffray Street North, Brown Hill. Originally owned by Ed's great grandparents, the Lane family. Image supplied.*

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from the van, some from a bicycle. Customers enjoyed reading the news with their breakfast.

The shop was open all day and then, after closing, the van was packed with boxes of goods and home delivery service began.

Axe handles and broom handles stood in a re-used drum at the door. There was a local man who was a regular at the shop. One day he took an axe handle out of the drum and began waving it at anyone who approached the shop. Ed's father, Bill, came out, put an arm around his shoulders and walked him home, a few doors up the street.

As they became old enough, the Bawden children helped in the shop. They bagged lollies to sell and helped with the newspapers in the mornings. They enjoyed the regular supply of treats, particularly the Chocolate Royals. One time, after they had been indulging in the Chocolate Royals, Ed noticed that they had moved the stack to make it less noticeable that some were missing. Hmmm, that didn't work!

In later years, Ed and Joy provided school lunches for Brown Hill

Primary School (before it merged with Queen Street Primary School and was re-named as Caledonian Primary School). Lunches were delivered to school each day for many years.

Mrs Margaret Wilkins helped in the shop for many years and is fondly remembered by the family.

The Bawdens sold the business and the home in October 1983.

It is quite unusual that so many generations of one family lived in and operated this shop over many decades. Ed and Joy still value their memories of customers and events during their time at the shop. They are grateful for the support and ongoing friendships developed as a result of being a pivotal part of the local community.

*Rhonda Lyons, Brown Hill resident with Ed and Joy Bawden*

*To read the online version with more photos, visit:  
[brownhill.vic.au/history/Brown-Hill-General-Store/](http://brownhill.vic.au/history/Brown-Hill-General-Store/)*



*1982 newspaper article about the shop closing, picturing Ed and Joy Bawden. Image supplied.*



*The interior of the shop with Bill and Mary Bawden at the counter, taken possibly in late 1935. Christmas decorations frame the large timber counter, decoratively adorned with an intricate pressed metal panel on the front, matching the pressed metal ceiling. Image supplied.*