

Brown Hill Community Newsletter

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We are proud to walk this land with the Wadawurrung people and all other First Nations people.



Renee Harvey enjoying a walk in nature with her daughter. Image supplied.

Diary Dates

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JUNE

Sunday 21: Winter Solstice.

Friday 26: Term Two finishes.

JULY

Tuesday 7: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, Brown Hill Hall, enter via east-side door.

Monday 13: Term Three starts

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Welcome Renee to Brown Hill Kindergarten!

We asked Brown Hill Kindergarten's new educational leader, Renee Harvey, to introduce herself to our community. Welcome Renee!

Hello! My name is Renee Harvey and I am so thrilled to announce that I am the newly appointed four-year-old kindergarten teacher, nominated supervisor and educational leader at Brown Hill Kindergarten. I will be employed full-time at the service and teaching two four-year-old groups alongside my team.

I am thrilled to begin my new venture at this highly regarded kindergarten in June and work alongside a passionate, skilled and knowledgeable team. What a privilege also to be employed by ECKA (Eureka Community Kindergarten Association), an

early years' management organisation, whose practices I admire and have followed closely in my time.

Family and child-centred practice is integral to my teaching style and I am very much looking forward to getting to know and working with the families and children that make up Brown Hill Kindergarten and the broader local community. I will become a partner to each family in their child's early education journey, learning from them and planning and evaluating together to provide the best possible education experience for their child, whilst weaving each of their cultures, experiences, knowledge, languages and values into the programs.

I have ten years of broad experiences in the early education field, recently as a family day-care educator and prior to this as a kindergarten teacher, nominated supervisor and educational leader in stand-alone kindergartens similar to Brown Hill.

I bring with me to this position my unbridled passion for high quality early childhood education, my excitement in leading a team towards continuous improvement and exceptional practice and my thirst for a new challenge!

I consider myself very fortunate to be in this role and thank everyone for their warm welcome.

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AUGUST

Monday 3: Articles for Edition 26 due, see details in box below.

Tuesday 4: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, Brown Hill Hall, enter via east-side door.

Wednesday 12: Edition 26 available online,
brownhill.vic.au/newsletter/

Friday 14: Edition 26 delivered across Brown Hill.

Friday 21: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm, Brown Hill Cricket Club Information Session, Reid Court (p.18)

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In this edition

Our kids went back to school this week. It was a freezing cold morning (literally) in Brown Hill. They raced to get ready to sneak some time crunching the frozen grass in their gumboots.

They were pretty nervous walking up to the school gates. It felt like the first day of school again. What would be different? Would some things be the same?

I feel a bit nervous at the moment too. I feel as though I have been away from Brown Hill as we know it, whilst being at home. I feel as though I am rediscovering parts of Brown Hill as our community

slowly emerges, everyone at their own pace, from these weeks of staying apart.

Some things are new and a bit different. Eight fancy new light poles popped up, towering over the northern oval at Russell Square, giving the skyline along Humffray Street North a different look (p.19). A new childcare centre is being built next to the Shell Service Station between Water Street and Humffray Street North (p.5). There is no Brown Hill Market for now (p.4) and there is a new business, where dogs can be treated with hydrotherapy (p.8).

Many things have stayed the same. Humffray Street North has gone back to being super busy in

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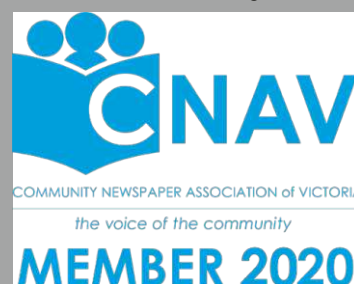
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the mornings. The Yarrowee River Trail is still a beautiful place to walk. Schools and many local businesses are open again, allowing people to start reconnecting. Brown Hill is still a really great place to live.

Connecting with and helping out our neighbours has been particularly important recently. I've been checking in with mine, sending a text, giving a wave and having a chat as we wheel our bins out. Read about how the Brown Hill Lions Club helped out Marie from Brown Hill's Dazzlin Doggie on p. 7.

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I am passionate about my work, customers, family, friends, community plus where I live. My family moved to Brown Hill from Mount Beauty in 1979. Enjoying a long association with Ballarat and the surrounding region, I look forward to having a chat so connect with me today to discuss and provide a tailored solution.

our local community. We decided to reprint the Business Directory. Lucky for us a new volunteer, Andrew Johnson, came on board as a Gold Sponsor and also enthusiastically contacted all 136 of our local businesses to update their details. It has been a pleasure working with Andrew to prepare the printed Business Directory and this edition of our much-loved newsletter. Thanks Andrew - welcome to the team!

Both of our kids had a whale of a time back at school. Some things were new. Many things were the same. They took it in their stride.

Emerge at your own pace Brown Hill. Support our local businesses if you can and reach out to a

friend or neighbour to reconnect. Enjoy our beautiful suburb.

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We would also like to thank Juliana Addison for her ongoing support.

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Brown Hill Progress Association



The Brown Hill Progress Association recently wrote to the City of Ballarat for an update on the Brown Hill Local Area Plan (LAP). This is the latest from Lisa Kendal, Manager Strategic Planning, City of Ballarat:

"The Brown Hill LAP is still essentially on hold while we complete some other important work that will feed into the draft plan. This work includes the *Neighbourhood Character Assessment* and *Living Corridors Action Plan*. Both of these will be released for community consultation over the coming months.

The *Living Corridors Action Plan* addresses the environmental and vegetation controls in Brown Hill in some detail and the relationship with bushfire management, which we know is of keen interest to the residents of Brown Hill.

Our intention is to finalise the draft Brown Hill LAP later in the year and release this for community comment."

The Brown Hill Progress Association will continue to work with Lisa, John and their team to keep these important projects moving.

Brendan Stevens, Secretary, Brown Hill Progress Association
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Supporting Brown Hill Businesses

The Brown Hill Community Online Hub currently lists 135 Brown Hill businesses which are either based in Brown Hill or owned by a Brown Hill resident. See:

brownhill.vic.au/directory/business/

If you own or know of a business which could be added to this great, free-of-charge community directory, please let us know by emailing directory@brownhill.vic.au.

There are several other great local websites with lists of businesses across Ballarat which are already open or have recently re-opened as the COVID-19 restrictions lift. They include:

Ballarat with Love
visitballarat.com.au/stories/ballarat-with-love

We're open for business - 3BA
3ba.com.au/community/were-open-for-business

We Love Ballarat Regional Produce
You can join this group on Facebook.

Please help us to support our sponsors (advertisements listed throughout) and to continue this important project by letting businesses know that you saw them listed in this newsletter, in the recently printed Brown Hill Directory - Part 1: Businesses and on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: **brownhill.vic.au**.

Brown Hill Market

Thanks to everyone for your patience! Although there have been no announcements, be assured that there's plenty of work going on behind the scenes and it is finally paying off!

The City of Ballarat Executive Leadership Team (Acting CEO and five senior managers) have made the in-principle decision that the Brown Hill Market and Ballarat Farmers' Market (Lake Wendouree) can resume. Before that happens, we need to confirm exactly what arrangements need to be made to ensure social distancing and the safety of both stallholders and customers at both markets. Those conversations are underway with City of Ballarat Environmental Health staff, liaising with the Department of Health and Human Services and other government departments. We want to make sure that the systems we set in place are robust and look after everyone.

We ask for your continued patience and understanding as the market will probably look a little different - no raffle, no entertainment, stalls spaced apart, no samples, no handling of product until point of purchase, etc.

Please check the market Facebook page or website for updates. We look forward to welcoming you back to the market soon.

Steve Burns, on behalf of the Brown Hill Market management and stallholders
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Little Square Garage

We took over ownership of Little Square Garage at the beginning of July 2019. We are a six-way family venture that have rolled the dice with limited hospitality and retail experience, a 'can do' attitude and a passion to have a go. We all work in our own professions outside of the shop but check in regularly to ensure staff and customers are content. Our team are experienced, loyal, caring and kind people – perfect for our business. We have undertaken some renovations since taking over that really complement the building, opening up a larger and updated kitchen area, inside and outside dining, kids' play area and retail space. We have a fantastic range of retail, homewares and gifts available that support local makers and artists such as Kat Clegg, Ivy&Coco, Arabella and Autumn, G made Soaps, Wild Belle and Purple Fox Designs, just to name a few. We also stock larger



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Little Square Garage is at 81A Humffray Street North. Image supplied.

brands such as Mustard Made, Sage x Clare, Bambury and more. We have sourced organic, delicately roasted Bun Coffee from Byron Bay, soul-hugging toasties and irresistible sweet treats which deliver superior quality and bang for your buck, sure to bring you back through our big yellow doors. Our vision is simple – create a space that's welcoming to absolutely anyone.

Colin, Little Square Garage

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81A Humffray Street North (next to The Eastern Hotel)

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Childcare Centre coming to Brown Hill

You may have noticed the building works happening between Humffray Street North and Water Street, next to the Shell Service Station.

The site is being developed by Des Rix Homes. It will be leased as a Childcare Centre.

We will have an update in our August edition.

BROWN HILL MARKET

Market suspended until further notice. See article p.4.

Follow us on Facebook.

Many stallholders offering home delivery.

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or the 'We Love Ballarat Regional Produce' Facebook group.

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Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs



Kath Button and Glenis Davis donating blankets to the 3BA Winter Relief Appeal. Image supplied.

Life has certainly been different the past couple of months with COVID-19 lock downs. While unable to have meetings, both Clubs have still been active in our local Community. The Lioness Club recently donated \$500 of blankets to the 3BA Winter Relief Appeal. These blankets are distributed to local Ballarat Charities to be given to the less fortunate in our community.

'Recycle For Sight' is a Lions project many of you may not know about.

It is an International Worldwide Eyeglass Collection Program, headquarters in Queensland and operating throughout Australia. Over 26 years the program has

supplied over seven million pairs of glasses for men, women and children.

Brown Hill Lions collect approximately 3,000 pairs of used glasses every six months from local optometrists. These glasses are packed and sent to Queensland for cleaning and testing. The glasses are then packed and distributed onto medical ships for distribution in third world countries.

Contact Secretary Barry Davis on 0418 580 971 if you would like any more information about this project.

Recently we were able to help a local small business in Brown Hill Dazzlin Doggie who due to COVID-

19 needed some help to rake and clean up yards at their Kennels. Locals helping locals.

With the easing of restrictions we will be back meeting very soon and look forward to revisiting local Projects and planing for next year.

Stay safe and look after each other.

Brown Hill Lions Club Secretary Barry Davis 0418 580 971

Brown Hill Lioness Club Secretary Kath Button 53314718

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Brown Hill Lions Club at Dazzlin Doggie Country Village, Brown Hill

When having a chat with Marie Blowers about the Business Directory, there seemed a real opportunity to assist Brown Hill's Dazzlin Doggie Country Village in these difficult times.

I reached out to Ian and Barry from the Brown Hill Lions Club to see if a working bee was possible and they organised a visit to chat with Marie and view the site to confirm a solution.

Within a week, the team was organised. It was great to see community assistance at work and active in Brown Hill.

It was my first visit to Dazzlin Doggie Country Village and I can



Brown Hill Lions Club's Ian, Barry, Robert, Charlie and Andrew lending a helping hand at Dazzlin Doggie. Image: Marie Blowers, Dazzlin Doggie

see why Marie and her team have such loyal and repeat customers. What a great set up and facilities.

With Ian, Barry, Robert, Charlie and Andrew and over 150 minutes of consistent work, with a few rests, chats and good cheer, we cleared up the yard and moved everything down to the bonfire site.

Charlie was the only one in shorts and short-sleeves, so we were not sure if he was just tougher than the rest of us on a cool morning or was working harder (chuckle, chuckle).

Marie brought her friendly Irish Setters for a run in the large paddock and a quick hello. Such beautiful dogs and we understand more are on the way.

If anyone is interested in joining the Brown Hill Lions Club they would love to hear from you.

Overall, a great morning of work and very satisfying to help.

Andrew Johnson, Brown Hill Progress Association



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Dinner 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm Tuesday to Sunday. Lunch 11.00 am - 2.00 pm Saturdays and Sundays. Alcohol only available with meals. Take-away menu is on our website. Call 5331 3037 to order.

www.brownhillhotel.com.au

Fido Hydro

After servicing countless washing machines and dryers, Enio Zelencich, the owner-operator of Zelco's has now retired, closing the shop's doors. For over 20 years Enio worked in the historic shop at 89 Humffray Street North. Enio is a well-known, much loved, humble person who quietly spent many hours repairing machines, often giving his services freely to many local struggling families, through community support groups such as Berry Street.

The iconic shop, after getting a fresh makeover, re-opened its doors again in January 2020 as FIDO HYDRO, enabling canine hydrotherapy to now be easily accessible for our Ballarat community. It has the full support of our local vets and animal specialists.

Canine hydrotherapy is a vital part of any rehabilitation program plan and is provided through state of the art engineered underwater



Andrea and a patient hard at work at FIDO HYDRO. Image supplied.



FIDO HYDRO is at 89 Humffray Street North. Image supplied.

treadmill equipment, with advanced technology.

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can be gained in as little as one to two sessions per week.

FIDO HYDRO is owned and operated by qualified hydrotherapist Andrea Calistro, a proud Ballarat-born local, whose passion for animals led her to hydrotherapy as a career, working and studying under the guidance of Michelle Monk at the Canine Health and Wellbeing Academy at the Animal Emergency Centre in Moorabbin, Melbourne. Andrea is a registered member of ACRA and OnLinePetHealth which enables FIDO HYDRO to be supported by world Animal Rehabilitation Industry leaders.

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Ballarat East Neighbourhood House

The Ballarat East Neighbourhood House is a new community organisation, having been established in 2019. It was recognised that a new Neighbourhood House was needed in the Ballarat East area, to complement the ongoing work of the three existing Houses in Ballarat: Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre and Ballarat North Neighbourhood House.

The Ballarat East Neighbourhood House aims to enrich our community by providing opportunities for people to connect, participate and learn. In response to our community consultation, prior to current

COVID-19 restrictions, we had been holding regular weekly activities such as Tai Chi, Yoga, Drawing and Mosaics along with Gardening and History interest sessions. We've also held various one-off or short-term activities including outings to community and native gardens, 'Get Online Week' computer classes, arts and crafts, bread making and more. Most of our activities are held at the Eureka Hall in Stawell Street, Eureka, and we are in the process of establishing our office at Woodmans Hill Secondary College.

This term, restrictions have meant that we were unable to hold face-to-face classes. In light of this, we have been connecting with our community on Facebook and via email newsletters. We've shared Facebook posts about great at-

home activities including reading, gardening and various fantastic walking spots in Ballarat East. We've also highlighted a variety of different historic places of interest.

All being well, we hope to open our Eureka Hall activities again to the public next term. Everybody will be most welcome to attend.

To find out more join our email newsletter list, or to register your interest in an activity, please get in touch via email (below) and/or like us on Facebook.

We look forward to connecting with Brown Hill residents.

Kate Owen, Manager, Ballarat East Neighbourhood House
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Tai Chi class at the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House. Image supplied.

Brown Hill Playgroup

at Caledonian Primary School

As Ballarat winter sets in, our school-aged children are heading back to school but, unfortunately, our Brown Hill Playgroup weekly meet-ups are still on hold. At this time, to keep students and staff safer, the Department of Education has stipulated that no other people, including parents, are to enter school grounds. This means that currently, Brown Hill Playgroup is unable to meet in its usual location and format.

Until we are able to come together as a group, if you feel comfortable, we would encourage you to reach out to other families and have smaller catch-ups at local playgrounds and in your own homes. If you want to pass your details on to another family to arrange a catch-up, please contact me.

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Brown Hill Kindergarten

From the ECKA CEO

The Kindergarten has continued to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic with many families choosing to keep their children at home. All families have been supported with learning at home activities and now that children are returning to school the numbers of children returning to kindergarten is also increasing. Additional precautions have been put in place for cleaning and social distancing, to ensure the centre is as safe as possible for children and staff. We thank our kindergarten staff who have done a wonderful job continuing to provide the educational program under very challenging conditions.

The recruitment of a new kindergarten teacher has also been undertaken during this time and we are very pleased to announce that in the coming weeks Renee Harvey (see p.1) will join our staff to continue to provide our exciting kindergarten programs. Renee has many years of experience working as a kindergarten teacher and most recently as a Family Day Care Educator. We look forward to

welcoming Renee and assisting her to settle into Brown Hill Kindergarten.

With the easing of restrictions our Bush Kinder Program will commence again in term three to allow us to continue our play experiences in the natural environment. The program also helps children develop an understanding and respect for the natural environment and the interdependence between people, plants, animals and the land. Children work together with educators to show care and appreciation for the natural environment and advocacy for a sustainable future, while promoting children's understanding about their responsibility to care for the environment on a day-to-day and long-term basis.

The City of Ballarat Family Services team have commenced contacting families who have registered for a kindergarten place in 2021, to confirm contact details. The first round of offers of a place for 2021 will take place in the first week of August.

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Caledonian Primary School

From the Principal's Desk

We have returned to on-site learning and I have had the ego-crushing realisation that the prep students don't really know what a principal is. There is none of the fear and respect the principals of old enjoyed! It would appear I am the guy who comes into their classroom and plays with them. On the very first day of return I did not experience the solemn awe of our students, I had to play "shops" on the playground!

Obviously things are a little different at Caledonian PS with a range of protective measures in place. Sanitisers and soaps have become the focal point of every day and the amount of products we go through would probably be enough to fill a small swimming pool. We thought we had pretty good hygiene three months ago; now we know that was not the case and although children continue to scratch and pick all the unpleasant spots, we can guarantee their hands are clean.

New distancing rules have meant we have some challenges with the beginning and end of the day. With 6.5 acres of grounds and multiple entry points to the school it has not been necessary to set staggered drop-off times and, with so much space, playtimes are no issue. However, we have had to introduce a "kiss and drop" approach at our school gates. This is tricky for our littlest people. However, after a week or so, a new routine was established. With winter now in full swing many

parents have said it's actually quite good dropping kids at the gate and not having to walk through rain, mud and bitter wind!

There has also been something wonderful for us as teachers. Our staff have gone through a very difficult time as we jumped into online and remote learning and now back into the classroom and, rather than get down about it, our team has exceeded all expectations. They continue to teach and support kids with a positive and proactive outlook and should be commended for their efforts. I am incredibly proud of the team and the way in which they have collaborated and supported each other in this time and needless to say we are all feeling a lot better with our students back.

We are really happy here with such a fantastic bunch of students who have come back on site without a hint of worry and have dived back into learning. Our structured and sequential phonics approach has started to show some evidence of incredible reading growth in our youngest students and we have received additional funding for music resources including ukuleles, djembes and good old xylophones!

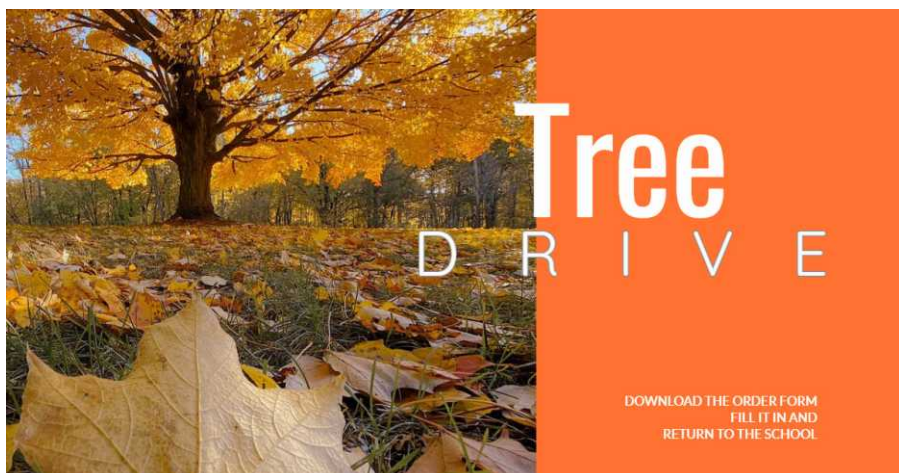
Ongoing upgrades have included an update in our foyer and the renovation of our toilet block, as well as planned upgrades for sports facilities and ground works. Our fruit trees are all getting their winter prune and we will be readying our winter crops in the Kitchen Garden. We have also taken advantage, while students were learning remotely, to get a few things done including a full audit and reorganisation of our mathematics learning resources.

We are continuing to take enrolments as the process for 2020 has been somewhat disrupted. We are once again able to offer interviews and tours although they must be conducted with a certain level of distancing and sanitising. Please don't leave it too long to organise enrolment as time this year is getting away from us!

Stay warm, sanitise often and if you're lucky you may even get invited to play shops by a five-year-old!

Ben Moody
Principal, Caledonian Primary School
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Orders for Caledonian Primary School's annual tree drive are now open, due 19 June. See: caledonianps.vic.edu.au/upcoming-events





Woodmans Hill Secondary College

From the Principal's desk

After such a long time delivering remote and flexible learning, it was an absolute pleasure to recently welcome back our VCE, VCAL and Year 10 accelerated learners to onsite-learning. There has been a real buzz around the place ever since they came back and their return gave us a well-needed lift in what has been an incredibly challenging term.

The resilience of our whole community in such testing times has been completely inspiring. Right from the moment we received the news that we would be transitioning to remote and flexible learning, the focus has

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always been on how we can best support the many different needs of our students. Our staff has found that 'necessity truly is the mother of invention' and I am really fortunate to have teachers who are willing to really stretch themselves as learners in order to develop a range of new skills so that they could translate classroom practice into a virtual environment. Whilst it has been incredibly tough on teachers - who have had to invest so much additional time in the preparation of new ways of teaching - there will be so much innovation that we will be able to take forward into a brave new world of learning. A colleague recently remarked to me that for the last 20 years academics and educators have been trying to get virtual learning off the ground. It took our teachers four days to make it happen.

I am also immensely proud of our students and how well they have coped with such unprecedented challenges. It says a lot for the values and support that they have received from parents and families that so many of them

have been able to engage fully in online learning or found alternative ways to learn. Throughout this, our thoughts were with our

most senior students and the anxieties they will have felt in their final year with so much uncertainty around when they would be able to resume their studies at Woodmans Hill. It is a testament to their drive and commitment that they have come back so positively. For all of our students there will have been obstacles to overcome and there will be challenges ahead but what fills me with hope is that, at Woodmans Hill, we have the leadership, support and structures in place to ensure that our students are not disadvantaged by their absence from school.

Perhaps the greatest positive to have come out of all of this has been the presence of our parents, carers and extended families within the 'virtual' life of our school. With so many parents relying on Compass and updates to help them navigate such tricky times, the increase in parental involvement and contact has been incredible. As a community moving forward, we will need to keep that connection strong in order to ensure the best for all Woodmans Hill students. As principal, I know I am really fortunate to have such a strong and supportive community to help move our school forward.

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Brown Hill Community Hall

Since the last newsletter much has been achieved.

After sorting the dishes, glasses and cutlery to be kept, they are now stored in the new kitchen cupboards and drawers. The microwave and pie-warmer, freshly cleaned, have their new home, as well as the urns. The larger urn has had an expanding tap fitted above it so filling is just a turn of a tap. No more buckets!

Ken Nicholls, is a member of Parents Without Partners, a long time user of the Hall. Ken has for a long time voluntarily maintained the hall. Recently, Ken has worked tirelessly in restoring the Brown Hill Seniors' cupboards, re-hanging their large honour board and championship boards as well as a new clock, white board and photo of the Queen in the meeting/supper room. Hall-hirers will appreciate the many other smaller projects Ken has completed which are essential to the smooth running of the Hall.

In the two meeting rooms, there are now twelve new tables as well as 120 new chairs, unpacked and set up. These look great. Now many old chairs have to find a new home.

Dianne Eden, Brown Hill Hall Committee

Social Media help needed

We need a volunteer to help manage the Brown Hill Community Newsletter Facebook page. Please contact us: newsletter@brownhill.vic.au

Wood Heaters and Smoke

It's cold outside and for many Victorians that means a trip to the woodyard and firing up the wood burning heater. Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has some simple steps to minimise how smoke can affect your health.

It's important for people to understand how their heater operates and to use appropriate fuel. This will be specified in the heater's operating manual and by using the correct fuel your heater will run more efficiently.

It's a good idea to have your flue professionally checked and cleaned to ensure it's clean and free from obstructions. This will help prevent flue fires and unnecessary smoke and ensure the heater operates correctly.

Never burn household rubbish, driftwood, treated wood or painted wood. It is sure to pollute the air and it can produce toxic gases.

Whilst the impact of a single wood heater may be small, the cumulative impact on air quality, particularly through autumn and winter, is significant. Many of the air pollution problems associated with wood heating can be prevented or minimised by operating your heater correctly.

For tips on reducing smoke pollution, buying firewood and to read more about how smoke can affect your health, go to epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/wood-smoke-air-quality/wood-smoke-pollution

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Inside the Ballarat Wholefoods Collective space at BGT, Barkly Square.
Photographer: Penthea Marshall-Radcliffe

Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

Ballarat Wholefoods Collective is in its seventh year and boy have we grown! We have been in the **BGT building in Barkly Square** for a year and a half (**25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East**). We have made many changes to make your shopping easier and COVID-19 safe.

We have now decided to change the days and hours that we are open. The reason for this is to know that people are getting goodies which are as fresh as possible. Many of our deliveries arrive on Wednesdays and Thursdays. **We are now open (during school term only) on**

Thursdays and Saturdays from 9.00 am until 12.00 noon.

Anyone (members and non-members) can shop in our shop area for Basilio breads, dairy products, fresh vegetables, eggs, coffee, Vegas & Rose brownies, Grounded Pleasures drinking chocolate and muffins, etc. All items perfect for a gift-basket.

We are still taking members and it's a great time to join as it's the start of our new year. The benefits of being a member include:

- * Buying fresh from farmers.
- * Supporting farmers and lots of local small businesses.
- * Not paying the high prices for products which are organic, spray free and biodynamic etc.
- * Saving on a large amount of packaging waste.

We are all volunteers and seeing

people shop this way is very rewarding. Bring your own bags and containers, have a 1.5 m distant chat, swap a recipe and just enjoy!

The coffee shop will *hopefully* soon be open. Come and say hello, have a look and see what we are about.

Wendy Aston, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

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Member Profile: Penthea Marshall-Radcliffe

Many Brown Hill folk will know Penthea from the Vegas and Rose café she began in Humffray Street North in 2011 - the quirky little café which served home-baked goodies, showcased local produce and was full of an eclectic collection of vintage homewares.

Penthea was one of the early members of the Ballarat Wholefoods Collective but during the hectic café years could not physically participate.

Since Penthea closed the café in 2017, she has blessed the Collective with her amazing energy, home baking and passion for local produce. Most weeks Penthea can be found at the Collective as a volunteer shopkeeper and her savoury



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muffins, with homemade relish, and divine chocolate brownies, sit irresistibly on the counter. The muffins have proved a popular lunch option for the workers located within the Barkly Square complex. The brownies are an anytime treat.

Recently, Penthea has created the 'Pink Door' from her house at 106 Lane Street, Brown Hill, which provides an online take-away and delivery service of her baked goods, grazing boxes and gift boxes. Penthea also opened the Pink Door over summer and sold take-away treats such as ice-cream sandwiches, home-made cookies, donuts, coffees and frappes.

Always looking to challenge her engagement with high-quality produce, Penthea has recently begun wholesaling spicy popcorn, tomato relish and granola online and retailing through Little



Penthea Marshall-Radcliffe, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective member and volunteer. Image supplied

Square Garage café in Humffray Street North, Kittelty's at the Ballarat Art Gallery and the Ballarat Wholefood Collective.

Penthea has always strived to reduce the environmental impact of her products utilising recyclable packaging, encouraging BYO containers and keep-cups and

not using single-use products.

Next time you're shopping at the Ballarat Wholefoods Collective keep an eye out for Penthea and her wonderful products or order through vegasandrose.com.au.

*Sally McAlpin
Ballarat Wholefoods Collective
Member*



Thank You Victoria.

While some restrictions have eased, limiting our movement everyday means everything. It means we slow the spread of the virus. If we keep working from home and we limit the number of us moving around, we can keep kicking a footy in the park.

If we use common sense and keep our distance, we can visit cafes and restaurants. And if we only see those we need to, we'll keep our friends and families safe. We all have a part to play. It's up to all of us to make this work.



For all current restrictions go to vic.gov.au/coronavirus

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Brown Hill Uniting Church

Thought for the month

*"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
his love endures for ever."*

Psalm 118:1

Use of our buildings

Like everyone else, we have had to close our buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that restrictions are easing, we too are trying to work out how we can not only maintain safe distancing, but also conform to the complicated sanitising requirements. Once we have satisfied the Uniting Church Synod and the City of Ballarat Health Inspector that we are COVID-compliant, we will contact our hall users with details.

However, this does not mean that we have ceased to operate as a church community. We have had to look for new ways to worship and maintain contact. Our Church Council and Elders meetings are being held on Zoom.

Prayers for members of the community

Although we cannot meet for corporate prayer on Sunday mornings, specific members operate a prayer chain. If you would like urgent prayer for yourself or members of your family please leave a note in the mailbox at 16 Thompson Street, Brown Hill, which is checked regularly. We will pass it down the chain. Any personal details are confidential so it is up to you how much information you give us.

Sunday Morning Worship

We are fortunate to have an accredited Lay Preacher, Jim de Jong, who continues to offer a weekly on-line worship service on his website. Search: dejongs.id.au/church to access it.

There are various Christian programs on TV on Sundays often hidden under "Morning Programs". On 7Two there is "Leading the Way" with Michael Youssef at 7.30 am and David Jeremiah at 8.00 am. The ABC has Songs of Praise at 11.30 am. You can also listen to Ballarat Good News radio on 103.9 FM. Search goodnewsradio.org.au/program for their programs. On Sundays they have hymns and a worship message at 11.00 am.

Support of Uniting Ballarat (formerly UnitingCare Ballarat)

In these difficult times we are continuing our support of the daily lunchtime Breezeway meals program and our collection of groceries for their welfare program in support of struggling families. Non-perishable food items such as cereal, pasta and canned fish can be dropped into the Uniting Office in Dana Street, between Lydiard Street South and Albert Street.

Annual Church Fair and Car boot sale

In view of the uncertainty surrounding the current situation, we have decided it would be best to postpone our annual car boot sale until March/April next year.

Op. Shop

Since most of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable age group, with the winter flu season coming up and the complications of compliance, we have decided not to re-open our Op. Shop until September at the earliest.

Our prayer for you all is that you continue to stay safe and well.

Liz Mason, Brown Hill Uniting Church



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Wallaby Track parkrun

Since we launched parkrun on 28 December 2019, we have had an average of 134 participants and 14 volunteers (we call them 'vollabies'). We have also had 746 different people attend. However, like many activities, parkrun is currently on hold. Our last parkrun was on 14 March. It won't resume until it is deemed safe for us to meet again, but that hasn't stopped us connecting as a community.

We have been sharing parkrun profiles on some of our parkrunners. Some of these people are brand new to parkrun and have started their journey at the same time as the Wallaby Track parkrun, while others have started at other parkruns and made Wallaby Track their new home. Have a look at our Facebook page to check out these weekly profiles. You may also discover a weekly joke there!

Before we had to put parkrun on hold, we had the opportunity of celebrating International Women's Day on Saturday 7 March. Everyone was encouraged to dress up in purple and bring along a female in their life, for example, their mum, sister, aunty, niece, friend or neighbour. It was a great celebration with us having 11 female volunteers of varying ages and 143 people completing the course, over 50% of them being female.

Throughout the restrictions it has been great to see many people still utilising the Wallaby Track in Brown Hill and getting out for a bit of exercise by themselves or

with their families. Everyone has been great in practising good social distancing while using the track. We often get told that people seem really friendly out on this track. A great reflection of the wonderful Brown Hill community.

The team at Wallaby Track parkrun are looking forward to the day when we can all meet again on a Saturday morning, but until then, stay safe and stay well.

Aaron and Laurinda Coulter
Wallaby Track parkrun coordinators
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parkrun.com.au/wallabytrack/



Vollaby Profile: Kirsti

When did you first start parkrun?
January 2015

Why did you start?
I felt like it was time to start doing "something"... lets call it a midlife crisis? LOL

How many parkruns have you done?
160-something

What is your favourite volunteer role?
It used to be tailwalker.... now it has to be the last turnaround marshal at Wallaby Track. I love that one!

What do you love about parkrun?
All the things that money (and big fancy events) cannot buy.

The community spirit, the familiar faces, the little online challenges you can tick off, it all costs nothing but fills your cup.

Have you been a parkrun tourist before? If yes, where was your favourite?

Queens Domain in Tasmania. I was taken away on a mystery trip with friends and ticked off Q on my parkrun alphabet list. It was a great course, great memory.

Do you have any parkruns on your bucket list that you would love to visit?

Zillmere in Queensland! Again, alphabet. Oh! Or the original parkrun in the UK.

What makes Wallaby Track parkrun so special to you?

It's gorgeous! Interesting course, lots to see, vollabies are the best and it's not overly busy.

Thanks for volunteering, Kirsti! See you back on the Wallaby Track parkrun when it starts again.

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Brown Hill Cricket Club

The Brown Hill Cricket Club is in planning for the 2020-21 season. They are seeking players for both their juniors and seniors teams.

The Club's furniture fundraiser has also returned with some new outdoor products (pictured). All items can be stained on request.

To find out more, contact Phil Knowles on 0407 399 971.



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Russell Square – On the Move

While the COVID-19 pandemic has brought many aspects of our lives to a halt, upgrades at Russell Square are in full swing. Eight light towers have been installed to service the northern field which will be a great asset, particularly for soccer and touch football. The long-awaited upgrade to the hall pavilion has also commenced. The renovation will include a new kitchen and more flexible spaces to enable increased patronage. Additional change rooms are also planned for later in the year. These will be important additions to support female sport, particularly in football and netball.

While the playing fields at Russell Square are at full capacity, it is hoped that greater use of the hall pavilion will eventuate. Over 1300 people already call Russell Square home. However, the Management Committee is open to further groups joining in and primarily making use of the hall pavilion.

If that sounds like your group, please contact me.

Damian Ryan, Russell Square Committee of Management
0437 125 062



Russell Square North Lighting *(pictured above and below left)*

The Russell Square North Lighting project includes the installation of a new eight pole 100 lux LED floodlighting system for the soccer pitches. This project has been funded by the City of Ballarat and the State Government's Female Friendly Facilities Fund. This project is due for completion in June 2020.

Russell Square Community Pavilion Refurbishment

The project includes the refurbishment of the community pavilion including alterations of two changeroom facilities into meeting and storerooms, an additional storeroom off the social area, addition of external decking with roof, remodelling of the kitchen and upgrading of internal

and external toilets to meet BSA and disability code compliance. The project has been funded by the City of Ballarat and the Russell Square user groups and is due for completion in October 2020.

Russell Square Junior Multiuse Change Facility

This project will deliver AFL local level-compliant female friendly change rooms which include football change rooms, AFL umpires' change rooms, netball changerooms, netball umpires' change rooms, storage, landscaping and connections and veranda. This project has been funded by the City of Ballarat and Sport Australia and is currently in detailed design phase. It is due to go to tender in June 2020.

Mitch Jenkins, Sports Infrastructure Project Officer, City of Ballarat

Marjory's Memories of growing up in Brown Hill

Long-term Brown Hill resident, Marjory Foo, shares her memories of growing up on Water Street.

Our father John Ernest (Jack) Birkett was from Pootilla. Our mother Marjory Jean (formerly Sarah) is remembered by her children and grandchildren as Nana Jean Birkett. The Sarah family property on Woodmans Hill has been developed into a small village but the original house still remains and can be seen from Melbourne Road.

My first memory is of me talking to 'Pop Sarah' when he was doing some building changes to the house on the 64 Water Street six-acre property. This was in the early 1940's and I believe a tremendous amount of work was done at the property to make it into a well-run small farm.

I really can understand why Dad was a very thin, but healthy man. First thing in the morning he would help with milking the cows (usually around six head), then saddle up Lucy his horse after a quick breakfast before going to work at the Ballarat Water Commission Case Factory. Dad used to tie Lucy up at the Case Factory and organise a team of horses to a wagon and then travel to the area where logs had been felled. They were then loaded onto the wagon and taken back to the factory. Dad worked at the Water Commission offices in Grenville Street in the last few years of his working life, apart from working at 64 Water Street. Trucks replaced horses and wagons whilst Dad still worked there.

Mum and Dad worked very hard to keep the 64 Water Street property



Geoff, Marjory, Jan and John Birkett, 1944. Image supplied by Marjory Foo.

in good repair and it remained profitable. Mum did most of the work on the flower garden and fernery whilst Dad (on his own) built a small milking shed and a small building to house the milk separator. The cream from the cows was sold to the butter factory in Webster Street.

Dad also grew potatoes and tomatoes and established a very big orchard containing apple, pear and plum trees, which I often spent time sitting in eating the lovely fresh fruit. Our grocery bill was very small in those days because of what Dad grew as far as vegetables and fruit were concerned and also our own meat when pigs and ducks and hens were killed.

As well as all of this, our Dad called into the sawmill which was located at the top of the hill opposite the Springs Road entrance and took home the ends of the timber that had been discarded. He then cut these up on the saw bench for our use and for sale to neighbours and friends.

Mum utilised the services of the Ford property in Fussell Street to kill our pigs when we were running short of other meat.

Like other people who have written in this newsletter, Janice and I have remained in Brown Hill and John has come back. Geoff has recently passed away.

I now live only two blocks away from 64 Water Street and often think about many of the older residents who are no longer with us but have provided a wonderful legacy.

Marjory Foo, Brown Hill

Footnote: Marjory married Melton Foo who ran a service station at 265 Scott Parade, served as a Ballarat City Councilor and also as Mayor of Ballarat. Jan married Bill Plover. Both of them raised families in Brown Hill.

Please note that the properties on Water Street were re-numbered after the sub-division, so the current 64 Water Street is not the same property.

Thanks to John O'Brien for coordinating this article and Julie Hayes for typing it.