

Brown Hill Community Newsletter

Edition 26, August - October 2020

A project of the Brown Hill Progress Association supported by the Brown Hill Community Partnership.

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



Victoria Rushton with her children, Hazel (L) and Fletcher (R). Image supplied.

Lucky beyond words

Over 20 volunteers deliver our newsletter to every letterbox in Brown Hill six times a year. Each volunteer delivers around 100 copies in about an hour. We thought it was time our readers met some of our great team!

Hi there, I'm Victoria Rushton, I have a husband Jimmy, two kids, Fletcher and Hazel, and I have been delivering the wonderful Brown Hill Community Newsletter for a number of years now around our little pocket of Brown Hill. I work as a community engagement coordinator at Integra and have a background in Public Relations and Marketing.

What is your favourite thing or place in Brown Hill?

As a family we love the Yarrowee River Trail. The kids love to ride and explore it and I love to walk it. We always spot lots of birds and kangaroos on the trail and we have been lucky to see a few echidnas and a bunch of snakes over the years. I always tell my kids how lucky we are to have the trail so close.

What brought you to Brown Hill, and how long have you lived here?

We fell in love with Brown Hill when visiting friends in Coorabin Estate. We sold our house and

Diary Dates

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AUGUST

Friday 28: Enrol to vote by this date for the upcoming local government elections (p.4)

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, potentially online, TBC.

Sunday 6: Fathers' Day

Friday 18: Last Day of Term Three

OCTOBER

Monday 5: First day of Term Four

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found a block of land. Then, while we were building, my parents found a house here too. Now we are estate neighbours which is pretty special. We have been here for five years.

What has 2020 taught you so far (about yourself, your community or the world)?

Community means so much to me and 2020 has highlighted that. At times during the last few months, when everything seemed pretty bleak, it was our neighbours and our friends who have given us a boost of positivity! Chalk drawings, fitness challenges, check-ins, lots of deck-chair drinks in the street and so many friendships made between the local kids. Despite all the challenges thrown at us we are lucky beyond words!

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OCTOBER

Monday 5: Voting opens for local government elections (postal) (p.4)

Monday 5: Articles due for Edition 27, Brown Hill Community Newsletter.

Tuesday 6: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting TBC.

Tuesday 20: 7.30 pm, Brown Hill Public Hall Committee AGM, Brown Hill Hall (p.20)

Saturday 24: Counting starts for local government elections (p.4)

For updates, visit: brownhill.vic.au

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people and their ancestors who have been custodians of the Ballarat area for thousands of years performing age old cultural ceremonies, celebrations and traditions.

We would like to acknowledge the Ballarat Aboriginal community, many of whom were forcibly removed from their families during the Stolen Generations decades and brought to Ballarat.

We would also like to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

In this edition

Last Sunday, as I was putting the jigsaw that is this mega-edition together, the story about one of our wonderful volunteers, Victoria, popped into my email. It was written as the first of a series of profiles that our new volunteer social media managers, Kelsie and Ellie, are coordinating. We will introduce some of the amazing people who live in Brown Hill, starting with the dedicated team of volunteers who deliver every edition to your letterbox.

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About our Newsletter

This publication is a community project of the Brown Hill Progress Association.

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Over 20 wonderful local volunteers distribute the newsletter to all businesses and residences in Brown Hill with additional copies usually available at local businesses and community hubs. Electronic copies are available on the Brown Hill Online

Community Hub:

brownhill.vic.au/newsletter/ or you can subscribe online or by emailing us:

newsletter@brownhill.vic.au.

Contributions are welcome from the Brown Hill community.

Articles are due by the first Monday of the month in which the edition is published (except December - due 23 November) to newsletter@brownhill.vic.au or in hard copy to the reception desk at Caledonian Primary School, Thompson Street, Brown Hill during school term and school hours.

Edition 27 articles are due by **Monday 5 October 2020**. Please read the editorial policy regarding contributions before submitting an article: brownhill.vic.au/newsletter.

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Occasionally, some content included in our newsletters may be upsetting for some readers. If you need support, contact numbers are available here: brownhill.vic.au/new-to-brown-hill/need-some-support/

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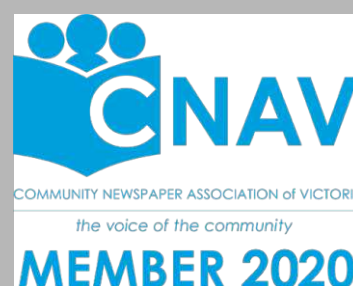
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Brown Hill Progress Association

Meet in the Brown Hill Hall (rear room), first Tuesday every month, 7.00 pm. All welcome.

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When I saw those happy smiles and read the profile, I knew it had to be our cover story. Thanks for sharing Vic, it's just the boost of positivity we all need right now!

I had another win a few weeks ago with my first interaction with the 'Buy Nothing Brown Hill/Ballarat North/Soldier's Hill' Facebook page (see Edition 24). We had some items that were too big for the Op. Shop. Within nine minutes of posting our old playset on the Facebook page, it was snapped up by a young family who was happy to give it a new lease of life. What a great concept.

The new Ballarat Community News Network met for the first time (online) at the end of July. Facilitated by the City of Ballarat, this group connects (mostly volunteer) teams producing local

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community news to share ideas and resources. We were pleased to be joined by the president of the Community Newspapers Association of Victoria (CNAV), Mary Farrow.

Thanks to the City of Ballarat for the 'Keeping Your Distance' signs on the Yarrowee River Trail tunnel under the Western

Freeway. There is not enough room to safely pass in the tunnel and meet social-distancing rules. Please give way and let those in the tunnel exit before you enter. Hopefully, it won't be forever, but for now, please keep your distance.

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Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Volunteer Editor, Brown Hill Community Newsletter and Directory Committee
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Brown Hill Snapshot with Andrew Johnson



Sold Total	88	Average Days on Market	54	For Sale	18
Median Sale Price	\$447,500	Highest Sale Price	\$1,200,000	Lowest Sale Price	\$285,000

*Statistics collated for houses & units (1st Jul, 2019 – 30th Jun, 2020) from Corelogic RP Data

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*Andrew is passionate about his work, clients, family, friends and the community of Brown Hill.
 So reach out today and connect with Andrew and discuss a tailored solution.*

Statistics for houses and units in Brown Hill from 1/7/2020 - 6/8/2020 (source: Corelogic RP Data) show 8 Sold, 18 For Sale, Median Sales Price \$453,500, Highest Sales Price \$695,000 and Lowest Sales Price \$357,700.

Brown Hill is a great place to live and there is strong interest from local, Melbourne and interstate buyers with appraisals, virtual appraisals, video inspections (i.e. Melbourne & Interstate buyers) and inspections by appointment for locals currently in place, call me on 0499 499 987 or send me an email to discuss.

2020 Local Council Elections

The 2020 Local Council elections will be held on **Saturday 24 October 2020** via a postal vote.

We asked candidates to send us a headshot and 50 words to tell the Brown Hill community why they should get our vote. For their more detailed answers, visit: brownhill.vic.au/news/2020-local-council-elections/

We will add further candidates as we become aware that they are standing for this year's election.

All Victorians will vote by post in local council elections this October. Postal voting finishes at 6.00 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.

Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more.

Central Ward



Mark Harris - Independent

Brown Hill has a unique character that is known well to its residents. Council needs to consult about change before offering outcomes. It just needs to trust communities. Brown Hill needs its say locally and on the core services and institutions of our city. Vote for

Central Ward

ordinary ratepayers not politicians.

0418 388 496

mlharris@netconnect.com.au



Belinda Coates - Greens

If re-elected I will continue to advocate to improve liveability, equity, inclusion and environmental sustainability. I'll step up urgent climate action, active transport and infrastructure. Pandemic response and recovery needs a long-term vision. I will build even stronger community connections and advocate for better planning, economic recovery and sustainability.

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John Dooley - Liberal

I am a 56-year-old homeowner from Soldiers Hill. My wife and I

Central Ward

settled in Ballarat in 2017. Liberal values are important to me and I am a Liberal Party member. I will pursue sustainability in the planning phase and renewables for cost savings. Support for Small to Medium Enterprises are my focus for strong communities. Anything I can do to assist please contact me without hesitation.

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Geoff Howard - Labor

The Brown Hill community has done a great job over many years to improve your community facilities.

I pledge that, if elected, I will make myself available to all residents, using my government experience to work with you to ensure Brown Hill can continue to progress well into the future.

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You must vote if you are a State-enrolled voter as at 4.00 pm Friday 28 August 2020. Following recent law changes, it is no longer optional for people over 70 to vote. If you do not vote, you may receive a fine. If you care for a person who is incapable of understanding the nature and significance of voting, you may be able to remove them from the roll. See vec.vic.gov.au for more.

Central Ward



Kumuda Simpson - Labor

Hi I'm Kumuda, I believe if we want positive change it's up to us to make it happen. As a Councillor for Central Ward I will advocate for: good governance, safe, dignified jobs and essential services. I am ready to do my bit to keep Ballarat a great place to live.

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North Ward



Grant Tillet - Independent

I was elected to Council in 2016 and we still have an enormous amount of unfinished business. I purchased our house 63 years ago in Mount Rowan and have seen Ballarat and all surrounding

North Ward

suburbs, including Brown Hill, come on in leaps and bounds. I am an independent candidate to fight for your community.

0417 350 364

gtillett@nortell.com.au



Ellen Burns - Greens

I'm a Brown Hill resident and local business owner. I understand the issues and priorities for our suburb and helped draft the Brown Hill Local Area Plan. As your Councillor, I will advocate for protecting and expanding our green spaces, services and amenities and for community-focused growth and development.

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Daniel Moloney - Labor

I'm keen to represent North Ward again as I believe I have the right

North Ward

attitude, ideas and experience to help Ballarat recover from challenging times. I'm a small business operator with transport and communication experience and want to keep delivering a positive vision for our city.

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Jay Morrison - Labor

We need Councillors who listen to the community and will work towards getting a better deal for Brown Hill - not just focus on issues in the inner city. Brown Hill deserves better roads, footpaths, and playgrounds, alongside more support for local community groups and services. Vote 1 Jay Morrison.

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The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) roll closes for the 2020 local council elections at **4.00 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**. See vec.vic.gov.au for more.

Brown Hill Progress Association

Brown Hill Community Pool update

Brown Hill Progress Association announces a change in pool management

After 14 years and much discussion at the end of the 2020 summer, the Brown Hill Progress Association (BHPA) has decided to hand back the management of the Brown Hill Community Pool to the City of Ballarat (COB).

Over these 14 years, with the assistance of a squadron of volunteers and staff of the COB, we have seen the pool not only

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remain open but thrive. We have seen many improvements in the structures and pool plant in addition to an ongoing maintenance program that has kept the facility compliant and safe for the fantastic families of Brown Hill and surrounds.

As well as the facility itself, it has been the terrific volunteer programs such as 'Learn to Swim' and 'Aquatic Zumba', plus the one-day events over each summer, that have made Brown Hill Community Pool one of the best patronised in the region.

The BHPA wishes to thank all of its volunteers for their thousands of hours given in assistance, the many groups and businesses (of special note the Brown Hill Uniting Church) for their financial and in-kind support, the City of

Ballarat for all of its support, both financial and advisory over this period and our terrific crew of lifeguards who have come through the gate over the years. Last, but not least, thanks to the patrons for visiting the pool and for their support over this time. It has been hard work but very rewarding to watch families literally grow up in front of our eyes each season.

The pool is not closing and the BHPA will still be very actively involved with the running of community events in partnership with the COB throughout the coming summer. It will be run under the management umbrella that covers all of the COB's outdoor pools. There will be some minor changes but the BHPA will still be working hard to maintain the welcoming family feel with events that promote both water

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Much has happened since I was elected to council 3 ½ years ago. I hope you can agree my time has been wisely spent.

I believe there have been many changes for the good but there are significant issues remaining to be resolved.

Councillors are prevented from being involved in Operational Matters and it is difficult to make quick headway as a result.

A new Acting CEO, staff movements and changes in the internal workings of Council currently underway will lead to a welcome change.

Should I be re-elected the prime issues I would be supporting are;

- * Increased Councillor service to the needs of the North Ward.
- * Improvement in understanding the significance and need for the protection our World Class Heritage icons City Wide.
- * Management of the City - Value for money for every dollar spent - Quality of service to the community including accountability and transparency.

*** IMPORTANTLY ensuring Council is up to speed in assisting our Community to recover from COVID.**

If you have issues please do not hesitate to call me on 0417 350 364 – Email at gtillet@nortell.com.au or through Facebook @granttillettnorthwardballarat



Authorised by: Grant Tillett, 134 Gillies Road, Mount Rowan 3352

education and safety, as well as fun.

Unfortunately, we are all at the mercy of COVID-19 and can only remain positive that this crisis will have diminished by Christmas.

On behalf of the BHPA Committee of Pool Management a big thank you to everyone and keep safe and well.

Roads, Footpaths and Traffic in Brown Hill

The Brown Hill Progress Association (BHPA) recently spoke with Charles Cahill, the Traffic Project Manager for the City of Ballarat (COB). In the past year, while the Brown Hill Local Area Plan remains on hold, the BHPA wrote to the COB outlining several issues with local footpaths, roads and traffic. Support was also given to a similar letter from Caledonian Primary School.

In response to these letters, Charles contacted the BHPA to let us know that the COB is working on options to resolve the traffic congestion around Caledonian Primary School at drop-off and pick-up times each school day.

The COB has recently completed several projects to improve safety:

- * Additional 40 km/hr school zone sign on Brophy Street when entering from Water Street



- * Footpath from Canterbury Street to the Caledonian Primary School crossing over Thompson Street

- * Replacing the bluestone gutter on the Thompson Street school crossing with a concrete slope/ramp for safer access for bikes, scooters, prams and wheelchairs etc.

We are grateful to the COB for these improvements.

Charles explained some options that have been discussed with VicRoads in relation to the Water Street approach to Victoria Street under the heritage-listed Caledonian bluestone railway bridge.

Ideas include:

- * Adding a lane, so there would be three lanes under the bridge, helping to clear traffic faster. This would not allow room for a footpath.

- * A pedestrian tunnel under the railway line to replace the lost footpath.

- * Perhaps relocating the supervised school crossings at the roundabout to take the pressure off traffic flow.

- * Work with Caledonian Primary School to direct parents to the bigger drop-off zone in Water Street, rather than the front (Thompson Street) and back (Brophy Street) gates.

The BHPA also asked the COB to investigate options for a safe pedestrian crossing of Humffray Street North between Water Street (Brown Hill shops) and Stawell Street North (Russell Square). This is particularly relevant to families wanting to access Brown Hill Kindergarten, Caledonian Primary School and Woodmans Hill Secondary College.

The next step would involve further data collection of traffic volume and the number of families who cross Humffray Street North each day. We would support a general pedestrian crossing around Thompson Street, with a refuge island in the middle to give elderly people and kids a break before proceeding.

We also discussed traffic and pedestrian issues around the Water Street/Daylesford Road and Humffray Street North intersection.

The BHPA will continue working with the City of Ballarat on these projects.

*Brendan Stevens, Secretary, Brown Hill Progress Association
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for Ballarat Council
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for Ballarat Council
Central Ward

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Brown Hill Community Festival

The Brown Hill Community Festival was scheduled to take place on Friday 30 October 2020.

The Brown Hill Progress Association made the decision that the Festival would be unable to take place in 2020.

At a time when our community faces extraordinary challenges, public health and wellbeing must take priority. We understand that this news will be disappointing for many, particularly at a time when we all need something positive to look forward to.

We hope to be able to bring the community a wonderful event in 2021.

Staying apart keeps us together.

Megan Hekkema
Brown Hill Community Festival
Coordinator, Brown Hill Progress
Association
festival@brownhill.vic.au

Local Area Plan

The City of Ballarat's John Dyke gives us an update on the Brown Hill Local Area Plan project.

We've just launched the **Draft Neighbourhood Character**

Assessment for consultation and the **Heritage Gaps Review** has been online for a few weeks now: mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au.

Community consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Character Assessment is open until 30 September 2020. There is a 'have your say' survey on the mySay website and an on-line drop-in session has been organised. For information visit:

mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/ballarat-neighborhood-character-study

Similarly, with the Heritage Gaps Review, there is an opportunity for the community to help identify places that may be individually significant by engaging with an interactive map. Here you can upload a photograph and share knowledge about a place in a comment box. The map will remain open until the end of October. Visit: mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/heritage-gaps-study

We will keep the Brown Hill community updated through the City of Ballarat website, mysay pages and social media and through the Brown Hill Progress Association.

John Dyke, Heritage Advisor -
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Water Pipe Renewal

Central Highlands Water (CHW) manages 2,510 km of water mains, the oldest of which are over a century old.

In order to maintain our commitment to providing safe drinking water that meets regulatory water quality requirements, as well as reducing water wastage through leaks and bursts, CHW has an ongoing program of water mains renewals. Through this water pipe renewal project we are planning for the next 100 years.

The 75 mm cast iron water main in Canterbury, Haines and Lane Streets was originally installed circa 1948, making these assets over 70 years old. When Central Highlands Water assesses water mains for renewal, a number of criteria is used in order to prioritise works. These include the age of the asset, the number of pipe bursts that have occurred and the criticality of supply.

Due to the age, number of bursts and the fact that the main in Lane Street supplies a school, CHW's contractor is currently replacing these existing water mains with a new 100 mm OPVC pipe which has an estimated lifespan of 100 years.

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&
Kumuda Simpson**

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Pipes ready for installation along Canterbury Street, Brown Hill. Image supplied

This new, larger diameter pipe has 70% greater capacity than the pipe it replaces resulting in better flow and water pressure to the relevant properties. Once the new pipe is laid it has to be pressure tested and then the water quality needs to be checked before the new main is connected to these properties.

Central Highlands Water and its contractors endeavour to minimise interruptions to our customers, but it is at the point when the new pipe is ready to be connected to a property, that it is sometimes necessary to temporarily shut off the supply whilst the connection is moved over to the new main.

Should this be necessary the customer will be given at least two days' notice of a temporary interruption to their water supply.

If residents have any questions regarding the project they can contact us.

Central Highlands Water
1800 061 514

Call for more Bus Shelters

Bus shelters were not installed at many new bus stops when Public Transport Victoria (PTV) introduced the new Ballarat Bus Network several years ago, as funding was not included.

In early 2020 I reached out to the City of Ballarat during the roadworks by Pipecon in Gracefield Road, Brown Hill, for a shelter for the new bus stop (ID50851). I was advised that funding was committed for 2019/20 and my request would be added to a list to be considered for inclusion in future, relative to

other bus stops throughout the City of Ballarat area.

I believe there is a real need for all Brown Hill bus route #15 shelters to be clearly identified in the 'Bus Shelter Program' as part of the City of Ballarat Capital Works plan. There are at least 22 bus shelters I have identified, 13 on the way into the train station and 9 on the way out.

Bus shelters are an essential part of protecting the vulnerable, elderly, families and children in our community as they wait for a bus.

Bus shelter requests can be lodged with the City of Ballarat online: forms.ballarat.vic.gov.au/ReportIssue or by calling their Customer Service team on 5320 5500.

Let's everyone in our community identify bus shelters that are a priority to you and your loved ones, as I have done for my family, and we can have a clear timeline for implementation.

Andrew Johnson, Brown Hill Resident

Fruit Trees

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the City of Ballarat can't do their annual pruning demonstrations on the community fruit trees at Brown Hill Reserve. They will organise their team of arborists to prune the trees this year.

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Mark Harris

**Independent
for Central
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Written and Authorised Mark Harris
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Our local Neighbourhood Houses

Neighbourhood Houses bring people together to connect, learn and contribute in their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities, using a unique community development approach.

Ballarat has four Neighbourhood Houses: Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre in Sebastopol, Wendouree Neighbourhood House, Ballarat North Neighbourhood House in Soldier's Hill and the most recently established, Ballarat East Neighbourhood House.



Community Development Positions

The Central Highlands Association of Neighbourhood Houses (CHANH), on behalf of local Neighbourhood Houses, has recently received Working for Victoria funding for several Community Development positions. The positions are for six

months, with full and part time positions available.

To be eligible for consideration you must register your interest with both:

Working for Victoria
vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria and

Sidekicker
sidekicker.com/au

Note: It is important that you register with both organisations. The recruitment process will only be conducted using the above registration process, with eligible applications extracted from these databases.

If you or anyone you know is currently looking for work, we suggest registering on these platforms as there are hundreds of jobs about to become available across our region.

If you have any questions about the community development positions contact CHANH Manager, Jane Grimwood, on 0428 325 926 or email networker@chanh.org.au

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Executive Officer
Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre
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ballaratnc.org.au



Ballarat East Neighbourhood House

The new Ballarat East Neighbourhood House has been up and running since mid-2019 with a fantastic response from community members.

All being well, we hope to open our activities again to the public in Term 4. 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 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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Secondary College and Eureka Hall on
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Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre

For over 40 years the Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre has been bringing people together. We offer an inclusive and supportive environment that values those with diverse backgrounds and varying abilities focused on empowering individuals and our community.

Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre is a place where people can come to:

- *Develop new skills
- *Transition to work/further study
- *Volunteer
- *Become involved in community events
- *Find out about other services or activities in the area
- *Join a class or support group
- *Take up an activity for fun and enjoyment
- *Find out about other services and supports available in the community.

Although the office is currently closed, we are taking enquiries via phone, emails and Facebook.

Manya Ferwerda

Manager

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12-14 Violet Grove, Wendouree

*Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 3.30 pm
(hours can vary during school holidays)*



Ballarat North Neighbourhood House

Ballarat North Neighbourhood House is located in Soldiers Hill. We have been operating for 35 years and offer a wide range of activities and programs in response to the needs of the community.

We are currently closed. However, we are still available on Facebook, via email or give us a call. All our classes and activities will remain online or are suspended until further notice.

Each week we have new, short-burst sessions for one hour, using Zoom. They are advertised on Facebook or via email.

Please contact us to arrange an appointment or to enrol. Thank you and stay well.

Alison Demuth

Co-ordinator, Ballarat North

Neighbourhood House

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6 Crompton Street, Soldiers Hill

Tuesday to Friday: 9.00 am–3.00 pm

(hours can vary during school holidays)

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Brown Hill Fish and Chip Shop

Dianne Slater has worked at the Brown Hill Fish and Chip shop for almost 20 years and she still enjoys it. "It is like you're serving friends. It is good to come to work, have a chat and find out what's going on around the area."

In 2001, Dianne moved to Brown Hill. Around the same time, Marty Hancock bought the shop. She says, "He came and knocked on my door and asked if I wanted a job. I had worked at restaurants, bars and cafes, but never at a fish shop. I thought it would be easy."

It wasn't. Dianne says, "Everything was different. The way orders were done, the processes and structure. It was nothing like other places I had worked."

Marty went on to sell the shop to Monica, her husband Michael and their son David, who were from Daylesford. It seems Dianne was part of the deal. She says, "I guess by then I was like one of the shop fittings. There had been Marty and six staff. I was the only one they kept."

Monica and David ran the shop as a small family business and Dianne worked Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. At the time, she also worked at the caravan park on Scott Parade (now a retirement village).

Up the road, Greg and Penny Fletcher owned the Brown Hill Pub. They sold it to buy the Fish and Chip shop from Monica and David. After 5 or 6 years, in 2013, it was time for another new owner. This time it was Dianne.



The Brown Hill Fish and Chip shop, August 2020. Photographer: Steph Blyth

Now Dianne has a team of seven staff working at the Brown Hill Fish and Chip shop. Two of them, Stephanie and Harry, live in Brown Hill and she also employs her brother's grandson, Lachie. It's been busy during the lockdowns, so Dianne has employed staff whose normal jobs have been affected. They include CJ, Zach and Jordan. Dianne also employs Jorja, who is both an apprentice at the hairdresser's next door and daughter of Jo, who runs the Brown Hill Laundromat.

As several other local fish and chip shops are currently closed, Dianne says that the nearest shops are at Northway or Steve's in Sturt Street. That means that, for now, wait times can be up to an hour.

Dianne says that during this busy time, she prefers if you place your order over the phone, then wait outside to collect it.

She wants people with young

families who can't wait for an hour to consider calling during the day to place their order for that night and pre-book a collection time (call between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm or from 4.30 pm).

Dianne says she's worried about the potential effect of the shutdowns on the availability of seafood and meat deliveries, but she will just take it a day at a time.

If you need a hard copy of this newsletter, Dianne usually has a supply. She's one of our best distributors.

Please support Dianne and other local businesses in Brown Hill. They are such an important part of our community. Thanks for the delicious dinners Dianne!

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**405c Humffray Street North,
Brown Hill**

*Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Editor,
Brown Hill Community Newsletter*

Perridak Burron Early Learning Centre



Construction of the Perridak Burron Early Learning Centre is well underway. Image supplied.

Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative (BADAC) will soon be providing Early Childhood Education and Care services for the Brown Hill community.

The early learning service: **Perridak Burron Early Learning Centre (ELC)** (meaning 'Platypus Children') will provide a culturally-safe and rich learning environment where families and the community are collaborators in each child's learning journey from birth through to school engagement.

Perridak Burron will combat and support the barriers and factors that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families' participation in early years' education and share this journey with non-Aboriginal children.

Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative are committed to the ongoing journey of closing the gap on educational disparities between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children twice as likely, in comparison to non-Aboriginal children, to be developmentally vulnerable when they start school. Evidence shows that equal access to high quality early childhood education and care services provides opportunity for increased educational

outcomes and successful transition into formal schooling.

Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative is facilitating a project providing these early childhood education and care services in response to the needs of our community. There is increased importance of early education and insufficient culturally-safe early learning services, causing high demand for such facilities. This project will commence with the opening of an Aboriginal-designed, managed and delivered early years' service, which includes a 100-place long-daycare, government-funded kindergarten and playgroup in Brown Hill, with a proposed opening date in early 2021.

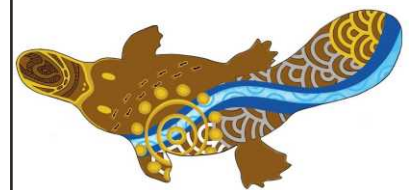
The new Perridak Burron ELC will be at 340 - 348 Humffray Street North, Brown Hill, adjacent to the Shell Service Station, near the corner of Water Street/Daylesford Road. It will provide an increased capacity for BADAC to deliver Early Childhood Education.

This new and exciting endeavour will provide many employment opportunities and will be open for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children. It will become a gathering place for all of our children to grow and learn together, creating their own educational community.

BADAC Playgroup will be conducted at this new centre, along with other programs.

All artwork for the Perridak Burron ELC, including the logo, has been commissioned by local Community Member, Shu Brown.

Casey Brown
Manager Early Childhood Learning and Development, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative
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The ELC's logo is in the shape of the Platypus (Perridak in Waddawurrung language), the culturally-inspired logo has connection to water that flows across the region. The hills are drawn in various colours, representing the different hills across the region: bald gold-rich and ochre-rich hills.

The meeting place symbol being the ELC and in general the Ballarat Region as a meeting place and a diverse community for many Aboriginal People across the state and country. Footsteps representing the learning journey of the young children.

All this on the back of a platypus, the animal that is made up from lots of different animals, much like the Ballarat Aboriginal community.

Brown Hill Kindergarten

From the ECKA CEO

The Brown Hill Kindergarten remains open and is continuing to provide programs for all children during the new stage 3 restrictions and all children are welcome to attend. The staff are taking many extra precautions with hygiene and cleaning practices, as well as social distancing procedures for arrival and pick up times. All children who are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu are required to remain at home until they are recovered.

The kindergarten children are enjoying the rich educational play-based program which is supporting them to develop positive relationships. As the children play they are learning to get along with one another, using words to communicate their needs, cooperating and resolving conflicts. Emotional competence and empathy are being developed as the children learn about the feelings, emotions and motivations of others. Play is also encouraging the development of language skills, as each child's



Children playing at Brown Hill Kindergarten. Image supplied.

vocabulary grows and develops as they play together with peers and interact with adults. The kindergarten staff are supporting language development by asking questions, encouraging conversation and introducing unfamiliar words. The program is also designed to foster creativity and imagination, enabling the children to find solutions to a variety of problems they encounter. Fostering imagination at an early age is fundamental to developing curiosity and raising a generation of creative problem-solvers.

Planning for 2021 is currently underway with the Ballarat City Council commencing their process

of sending out the first round of offers for a place in 2021. Parents who have registered their child for a place in 2021 will receive a letter from Council during August and September and we encourage parents to respond to the letter as soon as possible. Once again there is high demand for places at the kindergarten and we will work closely with Council throughout this process. Our normal orientation and information sessions may look different this year due to the coronavirus and we will provide information to all new families by the beginning of term 4.

Joanne Geurts, CEO
Eureka Community Kindergarten
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An advertisement for Jigsaw Puzzles Australia. It features a dark background with a jigsaw puzzle pattern. The text "Jigsaw Puzzles Australia" is in a stylized font, with "Australia" in a yellow box. Below it, "Peter & Susan Begbie" and "Fully Personalised Puzzles" are written. The phone number "0408 571 101" and website "jigsawpuzzlesaustralia.com.au" are listed. There is a Facebook logo and an email address "contact.jigsawpuzzlesaus@gmail.com". A small logo at the bottom right says "AUSTRALIAN MADE AND OWNED".

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An advertisement for piano lessons. It has a blue border. The title "Piano Lessons!" is in large blue letters. Below it, text says "Are you interested in learning piano? Learn ONLINE or face to face with a qualified and experienced teacher for children and adults. Call, text or email if you are interested!". To the right is an illustration of a grand piano. At the bottom, contact information for "Jess Schaefer Piano Teaching (BMus)" is provided: "Phone: 0401 086 471", "Email: jess.shafinator@gmail.com", and "8 Hillview Road, Brown Hill". A piano keyboard graphic is at the very bottom.

Caledonian Primary School

From the Principal's Desk

As we pivot back to remote learning there are many challenges ahead for all of us. Children are once again required to be at home and teachers are providing learning in an unfamiliar way. Together we will work to ensure learning can occur.

In term 3 we are better prepared. That is, we have provided remote learning before and we are able to do it again. We have reflected on what was achieved in term 2, the things that worked for us and our students, and are well positioned to get moving again.

What can be done will be done.

We remain particularly concerned about the wellbeing of our students and families. The next six weeks are going to be very challenging and the amount of time kids spend on screens, the amount of time we spend isolated from friends and families and the lovely Ballarat weather keeping us indoors will make many of us feel both lonely and a little sad.

After my experience as a Dad during 'Lockdown 1.0' I know

children can withdraw and become depressed. My top tips for remote learning 2 are:

** Keep kids in a shared space as much as possible.*

** Don't allow kids to spend all day isolated in their bedroom.*

** Schedule family movie night and make popcorn.*

** Exercise often, bike rides, scooter rides, walks, runs. Fresh air is the best.*

** Keep an eye on their online use, messages and 'social medias' (if they are old enough to be on the 'social medias').*

For more pleasant news, our school is about to work through some significant upgrades. Our school council has worked for many months on a number of projects and some have been completed: the renovation of the toilets, the update of the foyer, the addition of concrete pathways to keep feet dry and the purchase of new student furnishings. We have also installed three flagpoles at the entry to the school flying the Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian flags.

By the end of 2020 we will also have some significant landscaping completed, providing a new play space for our students and our netball and basketball courts are to be resurfaced with new

smooth-pave surface. We are just deciding on colours now! We are also resurfacing our indoor gym space and have plans for some additional classroom upgrades. Although 2020 is not going to be the year we remember fondly, we will at least get to the end of the year with our school facilities upgraded and looking fantastic!

This year has been very challenging for anyone who is at kindergarten and trying to work out where to send their children for prep. We are once again unable to provide any tours. However, we are able to take phone calls!

We wish you all the best in the coming weeks. Look after yourself, look after your families and smear yourself with sanitiser as often as you can!

Ben Moody

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Interviewing, writing and editing help needed

We need several volunteers to help interview, write and/or edit articles for the Brown Hill Community Newsletter. There are so many great stories, we can't keep up! Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering: newsletter@brownhill.vic.au

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Supporting Brown Hill Groups

The Brown Hill Community Online Hub currently lists 56 Brown Hill community groups and 25 sporting or activity groups. See:

brownhill.vic.au/directory/community/

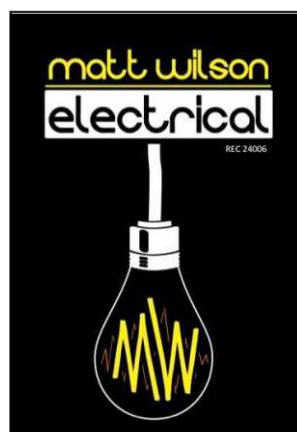
brownhill.vic.au/directory/sport/

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

Our volunteers have recently contacted every group to make sure that the details in this online directory are up-to-date. We have also printed the basic details of every group to be delivered to every household in Brown Hill as a handy reference.

Please help us to continue this important project by letting community, sporting and activity groups know that you saw them listed in this newsletter, in the printed *Brown Hill Directory - Part 2: Community, Sporting and Activity Groups* and on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: brownhill.vic.au.

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Ballarat & District Multiple Birth Association



The Ballarat and District Multiple Birth Association (BDMBA) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting families with twins, triplets or more. Established in 1976, BDMBA provides encouragement, support and social opportunities for families of multiples. BDMBA also seeks to raise the profile of multiple birth families within the wider community. At BDMBA we celebrate the joys of parenting more than one child of the same age and understand the challenges. It really is support from those who know.

Multiple birth families often face physical, mental, and financial obstacles. We as a club try to provide practical support to our members. However, this has been challenging due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Our programs run so that we can be "hands on helpers" to our members, through playgroup, under-ones morning tea, special events and gatherings where seasoned members are available to offer advice and assistance for our new parents, we are all missing holding a new baby so the parent can have a hot drink. This is something that we are unable to do at this time so we are

looking at new ways to provide support to our families. BDMBA is running all of our usual offerings online, in a revised fashion.

We can't wait until we can be face to face with our members again.

Jazz

Ballarat and District Multiple Birth Association

0490 192 329 (Club phone, please leave a message/text)

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We meet at the Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall on Monday afternoons.

We enjoy friendship with other girls from all over Ballarat. We learn about being kind, having a go at new skills, playing lots of games and that winning is not as important as participating.

If parents would like to know more about Girl Guides and our Unit please contact me.

Rosemary Garth

Leader, Eureka Butterfly Guides

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Advertise

This newsletter is a well-respected, fantastic community project with six editions delivered across Brown Hill annually. We print 2650 hard copies and every household and business in Brown Hill receives a copy.

For advertising and sponsorship opportunities, please contact us: newsletter@brownhill.vic.au

Parents Without Partners

As President of Parents Without Partners (PWP), I share the disappointment with everyone that our social functions have been postponed due to COVID-19. We have been running dances at the Brown Hill Public Hall for the past 60 years with member travelling from Colac, Hamilton, Bendigo, Geelong and Melbourne.

Once we are allowed to dance, I'm sure we will see our regulars back again, enjoying each other's company and the live bands.

We also usually have dancing at the Victorian Railways Institute (VRI) Hall in Lydiard Street every Thursday night at 7.30 pm.

Our dine-outs have also been put on hold, but we are all looking forward to the end of this terrible virus.

Margaret Potter
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Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs

Like most people in Victoria, the Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs are observing isolation measures during COVID-19. However, we are still continuing with some projects. In the last newsletter we mentioned our 'Recycling of Glasses' project and received several enquires - thank you!

We thought it may be of some interest to everyone to hear about our other recycling projects.



Used stamps from envelopes are collected and the Lions Stamp Club clips and sorts them. They are sold both by auction and through stamp clubs to raise funds. Stamp collectors also trade stamps through their club. All funds raised are donated to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation (ALCMF).

The Foundation's motto is 'Walk with Pride' and it aims to fund mobility devices for children with disabilities, giving these children a chance to walk. A range of walkers are available to cover every level of disability for children up to 18 years old.

Identifying the correct walker requires professionals who work with children to advise which support is ideal for each particular child.

If you have used stamps, or want more information contact Barry Davis or visit the ALCMF website: alcmf.lions.org.au.



Face masks made by the Brown Hill Lioness Club. Image supplied.

The ALCMF forms part of Lions Club International, the world's largest community service group. The Trustees are all volunteers and members of Lions Clubs International in Australia.

While we are not meeting during COVID-19, some Lioness members have been busy making face masks (pictured above) for the Soup Bus and the Shower Bus.

Neither the Lions nor the Lioness clubs have been able to operate in the community as normal during the restrictions. However, if there is someone in the community who needs some assistance, please contact us to see what help may be available.

Barry Davis, Brown Hill Lions Club

Secretary: 0418 580 971

Kath Button, Brown Hill Lioness Club

Secretary: 5331 4718

Brown Hill Senior Citizens

The club is still not meeting due to COVID-19 and will not be resuming before next year.

Dianne Eden, President

Brown Hill Senior Citizen's Club

Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

COVID-19-safe shopping at the Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

The Ballarat Wholefoods Collective has risen to the challenge of providing a safe place to navigate your weekly shop.

Social distancing:

* The Collective has three shopping areas with numbers of shoppers limited in each area to maintain adequate distancing.

Personal Protection:

* Wearing a mask is required to enter the premises – some interesting designs have recently been spotted (lipstick on a mask!?)

* Prior to entering the shopping space, shoppers are requested to wash their hands in the nearby bathroom.

* Hand sanitiser is freely available in the shop.

* All shoppers are required to provide their own pen and paper to record their purchases to minimise communally used pens and clipboards.

The Collective has maintained its friendly, warm atmosphere but has taken these measures to allow people to continue to access wonderful, high quality produce whilst seeking to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Opening hours have been maintained at 9.00 am - 12.00 noon, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We encourage you to continue to shop at the Ballarat Wholefoods

Collective to support our local producers in these confronting and exceptional circumstances.

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Ballarat Community Garden

The Ballarat Community Garden is looking forward to taking part in the Murnong Seed Project being run by Federation University. It is a Citizen Science project looking at the conditions under which the local yam daisy grows. We are excited because it will enhance and augment our Indigenous garden area where once the blackberries grew six-feet tall! The eradication of the blackberries was all done by hand and without the use of herbicides. We have amazing photos of people with chainsaws and four-wheel drive vehicles cutting back and removing the noxious weed. Once the area was cleared, St Alipius

Primary School applied for a Landcare grant to establish an Indigenous garden in the space. Landscaping with rocks and local native plants has created a wonderful space that we hope will be used for storytelling and ceremonies by local indigenous people. The students at St Alipius Primary School care for the garden and have already painted some artwork on the stones.

During our Harvest Festival earlier this year, we commissioned Janet Curtin to install some art works with the support of the children who came to the Festival. Further art works will happen once the COVID-19 situation is a little more forgiving. We are looking forward to being able to share with the Ballarat community and visitors from further afield some of the local history and flora that was, and still is, so important to our whole community.

*Sheilagh Kentish
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Yam Daisies growing in the Ballarat Community Garden. Image supplied.



Ballarat Society of Artists Inc.

Since COVID-19 restrictions began we have been unable to meet in the Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall for our monthly Saturday meetings, but we are still being very active and making art!

Members of the Society have been busy planning for different events that are happening later in the year. Over 25 members have been busy creating artwork for an exhibition between 21 September and late October at the Mercure in

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Artwork by Ballarat Society of Artists' members. Image supplied.

Main Road, Ballarat. Artists are also placing art in the Corridor Art Space at Ballarat Trades Hall (Camp Street) with new art each month. Others are involved in having artwork on display and sale at Radmac in the MacSpace Art gallery and we are also looking forward to our Annual Summer Exhibition at Ballarat Trades Hall.

Please keep up-to-date via our website or our Facebook page. For membership information, contact me or collect a membership leaflet

from the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Radmac (Armstrong Street South), Riot Art and Craft (Bridge Mall) or the Ballarat Trades Hall.

Hopefully, it won't be too long until we can all be back celebrating our creativity in the Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall once more.

Susan Clarke
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Brown Hill Uniting Church

Thought for the month

Thought for the month: "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Use of our buildings

Like nearly everyone else, our buildings have been closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been measuring up the different areas and working out how many people each can contain to comply with current regulations. We have also been busy purchasing the required sanitising and cleaning products for each area. Once these are set up, hall users will be advised what each group needs to do to keep everyone safe.

A prayer for people in Melbourne lockdown-areas

O Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. As the week begins, we gather before you holding a lamp to our feet, seeing a light to our path.

In this light we see the people in lockdown areas of Melbourne. People feeling trapped in tall buildings, many others afflicted.

May your light shine in the darkness. Strengthen them during the isolation.

We pray for the Victorian government placing a fence of protection, so the virus will have its boundaries.

O Lord, Maker of all lives, help us to

see the ordinances in your righteousness.

Give our state leaders wisdom and strength. Keep each citizen in safety and hope.

We pray for local committees, as they feel the pain of this virus. For many, the weeks are filled with unwanted news, for some, their days are filled with unwanted thoughts.

Free the people from the mental dip. Help us to reach out to them with words in gestures and kindness.

O Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Written by Rev Dr Ji Zhang

Sunday Morning Worship

Our accredited Lay Preacher, Jim de Jong, continues to offer a weekly on-line worship service and other resources on his website. Search: dejongs.id.au/church for access.

Ballarat Central Uniting Church offers live-streamed services each Sunday at 10.00 am. Search: 'YouTube Ballarat Central Uniting Church' to access them.

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, canned fish, rice and cans of soup would be particularly welcome. They can be dropped into the Uniting Office in Dana Street, between Lydiard Street South and Albert Street. If you are part of a mask-making cottage industry,

face masks for distribution to disadvantaged families would be welcome.

We are supporting the annual Share Winter Appeal with its focus on Youth homelessness. The Ballarat team is led by Catherine Ryan. They are at the forefront of responding to the impact of the current epidemic on vulnerable people in the community. Uniting emergency relief services remain open for those in need of essential food and toiletry items. With the continued help of volunteers and frontline staff community meals programs have kept going, with nutritious meals placed in take-away containers to limit the number of people in one space.

Annual Church Fair and Car boot sale

This has been postponed until March or April next year.

Op. Shop

Our Op. Shop will not be reopening 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
16 Thompson Street, Brown Hill
(corner of Humffray Street North)*

Brown Hill Public Hall

Owing to Stage 3 restrictions the Brown Hill Public Hall is now once again closed to all user groups. The AGM scheduled for Tuesday 18 August has been postponed to Tuesday 20 October at 7.30 pm.

*Dianne Eden
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New Power Transmission Line Project Raises Concerns

Wattle Flat landholders along Bush Inn Road have received letters from AusNet/Mondo expressing interest in their land for construction of a new electricity transmission line known as the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project (westvictnp.com.au). The project consists of a 220kv transmission line extending from Bulgana near Stawell to an undisclosed location in the Dean district, where the line will then become a 500kv transmission line to Sydenham.

The construction of the Stawell - Dean line would see 50-60 metre high towers with a 50-70 metre

easement of cleared land for the length of the line. The line of interest would pass through the Creswick forests where the required land clearing would have a devastating impact on the forest ecosystem.

The project will affect community safety, livelihoods and environments including the high-conservation value areas within Wattle Flat, the Creswick Regional Park and Glen Park State Forest as well as increasing fire risk and challenges to firefighting. This transmission line could have terrible consequences for the forest and residents in Brown Hill, Nerrina, Glen Park, Pootilla, Wattle Flat, Invermay and Creswick.

A community group under the banner of Save Wattle Flat has formed to protect the people, flora and fauna of Wattle Flat and surrounds from damaging corporate infrastructure. To learn more or to get involved, go to savewattleflat.org.

Maureen Ryan, Save Wattle Flat Community Action Group

Victoria Bowling Club

The Victoria Bowling Club enjoyed a successful and enjoyable 2019-

2020 bowls season. From the six Saturday Pennant teams entered in the Ballarat and District Bowls Association, four made their grand final and three won their premiership. We entered three teams in the Monday competition. Two reached their grand final and one team won the premiership.

We have been very quiet since the end of the season due to COVID-19. However, we have held regular working bees each Wednesday morning with spectacular results.

We are seeking new members, both ladies and men, to join our club to play bowls either socially or pennant or to be a social member.

The Club conducts corporate bowls in February each year. If you are interested in entering a side contact Alan on 0437 369 423.

Our Club has a large function room which seats up to 300 people, with a modern kitchen and bar facilities. Birthdays, weddings, engagements, reunions, dances and presentation evenings are just a few of the functions that are regularly held. Contact Darren Britt on 0419 326 709.

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Raj (back row, third from left) with the Brown Hill Blues. Image supplied.

Brown Hill Cricket Club

Brown Hill Cricket Club has three new teams this year. We spoke to players from two of the teams to find out what they like about Brown Hill.

Brown Hill Blues

Raj lives on a 15 acre farm in Sulky near Creswick, with his wife, seven-year-old son and a cricket-mad mate. He works at McDonalds in Delacombe and, earlier this year, decided it was time to create his own cricket team.

Born in India, Raj says, "All we knew from our childhood was cricket. We had nothing else. It is in the blood. Since I have known anything, I know cricket."

Raj used to play cricket in Blackwood (around 45 minutes east of Ballarat, near Trentham), where his team won every home game. "Having locals come and cheer us on made all the difference. We were made to feel at home."

Once he decided to form a team, Raj got together with a few mates from around Ballarat and the idea

and team numbers grew. The team spoke with several local cricket clubs, but were most impressed with the Brown Hill Cricket Club.

Raj says, "I just loved the Brown Hill Cricket Oval, the good facilities and very friendly people. I knew it was the place for us."

With 15 of his mates and their mates, Raj has now formed the Brown Hill Blues which plays in the '3rds' as part of the Ballarat Cricket Association. Raj comments that the all-male team, including Mayur, Vipin, Tausif, Kush, Dipesh (the top five batsmen) and Gaurav and Mukesh who are the main fast bowlers has got "great balance". The team has an average age of 25 and, Raj says, "They come from all over India."

The Brown Hill Blues have been training at the Brown Hill Cricket Oval this year. Raj says, "Brown Hill has such a nice community. People are always helpful. On Sundays when we have been training, the locals have been coming to watch and cheer us on. One time there were a couple of

hundred people there. It was great."

With a technique better suited to two-day matches, Raj considers himself an 'all-rounder' on the field. His team has played seven practice matches against one of the other new teams and Raj took 11 wickets across two matches. Look out Brown Hill!

We asked Raj if the Brown Hill Blues are going to win the next premiership and he said with a laugh, "Obviously, yes!"

Raj wants to thank the Brown Hill Cricket Club and local community for being so welcoming to his team and coming to support them during training. He says, "We would like to form a junior team, so interested players under 18 years old should get in touch."

The Brown Hill Cricket Oval is the home ground for the Brown Hill Blues, so when cricket gets started, make sure you support one of our new local teams.

Until then, Raj has plenty of room at home to practise his cricket skills with his son and cricket-mad mate!

Brown Hill Titans

Last season Reddy's team played for Sebastopol and before that he played for Ballarat Fire Brigades. Recently, Reddy decided to get his own cricket team together and the Brown Hill Titans were born.

Reddy's team has around 18 players who all live in and around Ballarat and most of whom come from the south of India. Reddy says, "In India, we all play cricket. We are all good at cricket."

Working together, Raj and Reddy started up a friendly Sunday competition with ten teams which



Brown Hill Titans

they say was really successful. This season Reddy's team will play for the Ballarat Cricket Association's one-day competition.

The Brown Hill Titans has a strong bowling line-up, according to Reddy. He says they also have "a great fielding unit, a decent batting lineup and excellent all-rounders. This team is very friendly and looking keen to win the premiership, according to Reddy.

Reddy says he likes the Brown Hill Cricket Oval because the facilities are really good, the ground is nice and the people are friendly. He says, "On behalf of our team, I would like to thank the Brown Hill Cricket Club for giving us the opportunity to play for them."

To find out more, contact Phil Knowles, President, Brown Hill Cricket Club, 0407 399 971.

*Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Editor,
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Eureka Athletic Club

Although COVID-19 has hit sport hard, Eureka Athletic Club included, it has not stopped runners and walkers getting in a fast-paced event each week.

Eureka Athletic Club has been conducting 'Virtual Runs' each

week. We give people the option of four distances each week. The timeframe is from Friday to midday on Sunday and they can run wherever they like. The results are then compiled and published on our Facebook page.

Eureka would welcome anyone who would like to have a go. Members taking part range in age from 8 to 80. We even have a couple of members marooned in Ireland, logging their virtual runs.

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*Rod Griffin, Secretary
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Wallaby Track parkrun

If you have ever done a parkrun before, then you'll know that there are times when you feel great, full of energy and bounce and then other times when each step feels hard and you're ready for the finish line to appear any time! If you've been lucky enough to complete the Wallaby Track parkrun, you'll also know these feelings when you run up the hill to the tunnel and then the enjoyment of the downhill strides on the other side. Regardless of whether you've done a parkrun or not, this year has just about ensured we've all had these feelings at some time or another.

Although we don't have any news in terms of getting back to parkrun in Ballarat, it has been great to see the reports of parkrun starting back up again in New Zealand! It gives us something to look forward to when we can once again join each other for our Saturday morning run or walk!

As always though, it is still great

to see so many people out enjoying the Wallaby Track, getting some exercise and fresh air. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful place in our local area.

We have also been very thankful for the City of Ballarat's continuing to keep the area looking fantastic and doing some maintenance on the track, including some work to help with drainage at the tunnel entrance.

For those who are keen to still keep involved in parkrun, there is still a number of ways to keep the parkrun spirit alive and well. You can enter your 5 km run times in the '(not)parkrun' section of your parkrun profile website, you can get involved in the parkrun quizzes or attend the school of parkrun. For details on any of these you can head to the parkrun blog at: blog.parkrun.com/au/ or follow Wallaby Track parkrun on Facebook.

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A Brown Hill Gem

Have you seen this house?

Known by long-time Brown Hill residents as 'The Manse' or 'The Haunted House', it has overseen Brown Hill's rise from a ramshackle mining encampment to the thriving settled community it is now.

The Manse is a modestly-grand old house on the corner of Ryan Street and Old Melbourne Road that was built around the late 1860s or early 1870s as a parsonage for the Reverend Christopher Allanby. It sits above Brown Hill with a wonderful view over east Brown Hill. Reverend Allanby worked in the Brown Hill Parish and also as Archdeacon of the Wimmera and Loddon region for over 52 years, retiring in 1914.

The church, planned to be built on the high ground on the north side of the Manse, was never begun. Instead, a wooden church was built closer into Ballarat as the anticipated growth of the city progressed west, north and south rather than easterly. The Church was called St Mark's and was located in Humffray Street North, opposite the swimming pool. It was constructed and gazetted in 1862 and removed in 1985 and the accompanying hall was demolished. The area is now the residential 'Heritage Court'.

Archdeacon Allanby had a small road named for him, Allanby Street, which is on the bend further down Ryan Street and runs through to Bradbury Street. It is still shown on some maps of the area, but it has since fallen into disuse.



The Manse circa 1960s. Image supplied.

The Manse passed out of church hands in 1940 and was owned by members of the Woodward family until the mid-1990s. It was during the 1960s that the house fell derelict and gained the reputation in the area as 'haunted.'

It was bought in 2000 by Merralyn and Colin Sargent and has been lovingly restored to better than original condition. It has been extended to encompass a modern kitchen and bathroom and is now a comfortable, habitable home due in no small part to the installation of hydronic heating.

Some aspects of the old house have been lost over the years such as the cellar that was filled in when earthworks were

undertaken around the house to remedy a drainage issue prior to Merralyn and Colin's ownership. They have worked hard to restore the house to its original appearance and have painstakingly sourced original fittings and fixtures in keeping with the era of the house.

Unfortunately Merralyn and Colin have had to be creative with the front of the property as despite extensive historical research there has been no photograph of this aspect of the house discovered.

Can you help?

If you have any information or photos of the house, please email newsletter@brownhill.vic.au.

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The Manse in 2020. Image supplied.