

Brown Hill Community Newsletter

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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.



Romar Motors at 340 Humffray Street North, Brown Hill. Image supplied.

Diary Dates

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OCTOBER

Monday 19 - Sunday 25: Get Online Week (p.14)

Tuesday 20: 7.30 pm, Brown Hill Public Hall Committee AGM, Brown Hill Hall (p.5)

Friday 23: Public Holiday - Friday before the AFL Grand Final

Saturday 24: Counting starts for local government elections (p.10)

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The Littlehales' Brown Hill Family History

With the new Perridak Burrton Early Learning Centre being built near the corner of Water Street and Humffray Street North in Brown Hill, we asked the previous residents of the land, Roy and Marlene Littlehales, to share their story with us.

In 1923 four bus companies were licensed to run buses in Brown Hill. Buses ran every 15 minutes from the corner of Bridge Street and Peel Street in the City to Brown Hill Store and Post Office via Victoria Street and returned to the City via Humffray Street North, Scott Parade and Peel Street. The Lucas girls, Morley workers and many others relied on their frequency and punctuality for transport to work. The four operators, H. Williams, A. E. Smith, A. T. Smith and J. McKenna operated the service cooperatively from 7.30 am until 7.30 pm, with the operators

functioning alternating weeks for the first 12 months. At that time, Mr Williams transferred his licence to another location. The other three stayed on but changed the timetable to a 20-minute schedule. The system worked well for many years. In 1936, C. E. Tucker purchased all three licences and buses and operated as Tucker Bus Lines. Tucker had built a large shed and depot at 340 Humffray Street North.

J. H. Littlehales (my grandfather) had operated a bus service between Colac and Ballarat, which had incorporated a mail service for many years, until he sold this business and relocated to Hepburn Springs from which he operated buses between Daylesford and Ballarat. In 1946 he purchased Tuckers' business and property which included the house.

My parents, Royal Morgan Littlehales and Ethel Joyce Littlehales, along with the kids, John and Roy, took residence and ran the business then known as the Brown Hill Bus Service. They replaced the old worn-out buses with new units, both modern and efficient, provided a service not only local, but catered for picnic groups, Church outings, cricket and football clubs. They provided transport capacity for tour groups which was previously unavailable.

At this time, the White Swan reservoir was under construction and transport for labourers was required. The buses for this job had particular requirements in that they had an open panel along the sides at floor level to enable the interior to be hosed out of mud and mullock from the workers' boots. The seating inside

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OCTOBER

Monday 26: Grand opening of the new Start Cafe, Bakery Hill (p.9)

Thursday 29: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association AGM, Brown Hill Hall or via Zoom. All welcome.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting. All welcome.

Tuesday 3: Melbourne Cup Day

Sunday 15: Brown Hill FireAware mobile phone coverage survey closes (p.6)

For more, 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

We are very excited to announce that the Brown Hill Progress Association is amongst 20 finalists from across Victoria in the 'Keep Victoria Beautiful Sustainable Cities' 2020 Awards.

The 'Brown Hill Community Newsletter, Directory and Online Hub' project has been selected as a finalist in the Community category.

Congratulations to two other Ballarat groups which are also finalists:

1. Ballarat parkrun and Wallaby

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

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About our Newsletter

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

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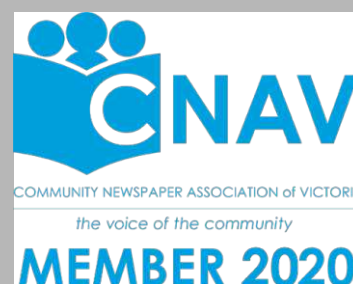
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Contributions are welcome from the Brown Hill community. Articles are due by the first Monday of the month in which the edition is published (except the December issue, see below) to newsletter@brownhill.vic.au or in hard copy to the reception desk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

Edition 28 articles are due by **Monday 23 November 2020**. Please read the editorial policy regarding contributions before submitting an article/advertising: brownhill.vic.au/newsletter.

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Track parkrun.

2. Mount Pleasant History Group (MPHG) and Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre/Ballarat East Neighbourhood House for their 'Discover Historic Mount Pleasant' project.

To see the full list of all the entries shortlisted for this year's awards, visit the Keep Victoria Beautiful website: kvb.org.au.

Winners will be announced during a virtual Awards Ceremony on Thursday 12 November 2020 at 8:00 pm.

It is great to have our awesome community project recognised at a state level. Well done to every local volunteer who has worked hard over the past four years to build up this project and make it part of life in Brown Hill. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter, directory and online hub, to provide relevant, interesting and inspiring content to our community. Most of all, thank you to the Brown Hill community for loving this newsletter and helping to make it your own.

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Dazzlin' Doggie Country Village, Jigsaw Puzzles Australia, Neil Pollard Plumbing, RCC Commercial Cleaning and The AFL Store - Ballarat. We would also like to thank Juliana Addison for her ongoing support.

Meet our team

We asked one of our fabulous delivery volunteers, Susie Stroud to introduce herself to the Brown Hill community.

Tell us a bit about yourself

My husband and I came to live in Brown Hill ten and half years ago. We bought land in Ada Rose Heights and built our home with a magnificent view across the valley towards the tree-covered hills beyond the freeway. We love the area.

I've retired and have volunteered in many capacities including youth advocacy and delivering our community newspaper. I have two grown children who have their own families and have two grandsons and another grandie awaiting his or her appearance at the end of this month.

What is your favourite thing or place in Brown Hill?

My favorite place to walk is the Wallaby track and I really enjoy our monthly market. I hope it returns to our neighbourhood one day in the future.



Susie Stroud delivering the Brown Hill Community Newsletter. Image supplied.

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

Our great block of land and its view brought us here. We were living close to town before and before that out at Mt Helen.


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


Huge year for myself, my family and friends, but one thing I've seen is the boundless support of kindness and friendship throughout our community, and I say, "thank you."


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Hi there,
Hello neighbour.
Let's chat!

Meet a neighbour

You will notice there is a postcard delivered with the newsletter this edition. This has been created for you to share with a neighbour or fellow 'Brown Hillian' to encourage some more connection around our beautiful local streets. We've been spending so much time at home and so little time connecting that this postcard will hopefully help establish a new friendship around our streets.

I had the idea for creating this postcard when I moved to Brown Hill around six months ago and was unable to connect with my neighbours due to social distancing restrictions. I felt

isolated and alone trying to figure out how to still connect with the people around me while keeping them and myself safe. This is where I came up with the idea of leaving postcards in my neighbours' letterboxes.

The design is my own hand-lettering, inspired by the wonderful rainbow of people that make up our community. I wanted to create something cheery and happy that you would hopefully love to see in your newsletter, on your fridge or while popping it into your neighbour's letterbox. I hope we spread lovely rainbows all over Brown Hill.

So many times I've walked past neighbour's houses and wanted to tell them how beautiful their

garden is or that their dog is cute or that I'd love tips on how to get my plants to grow like theirs and now I can do that using this postcard! Use yours to reconnect with a neighbour you haven't spoken to in a while, connect with a new neighbour, pay someone a compliment about their home or garden or share a recipe.

We hope these cards help you find a new friend in Brown Hill. If you receive one or send one out, please email us and let us know what happens.

Kelsie White, Brown Hill Community Newsletter Social Media Manager

Brown Hill Progress Association

As we announced in the last newsletter, the Brown Hill Progress Association will not be managing the local community pool this summer. We are looking forward to working with the City of Ballarat and running several family-orientated events at the pool, if COVID-19 restrictions allow. Let's keep our fingers crossed and masks on and hope the cases get even closer to zero.

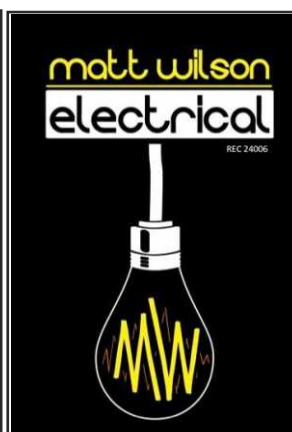
This change in workload and focus has had all the committee

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members thinking about where we can make actual 'progress'. After much discussion at our October meeting, held online, much of it led by our newest volunteer, Andrew Johnson, we have decided to look at how the community facilities that we have can be improved so the community can utilise their full potential and increase their overall usage. We will focus on the pool, hall, reserve, parkland, cricket club, oval and the Yarrowee River Trail to start with. In a post-COVID-19 Brown Hill we are sure people will want to do more activities locally. The broad range of activities could include things such as sport/exercise, learning about history (both Aboriginal and goldrush times), art/music/dance as well as community education and assistance programs. All this should be available to the full spectrum of local residents and include the elderly and disabled, right through to young kids and give access to people at all levels of personal income. To achieve these ambitions, we would hope to improve and make more accessible all of the fantastic facilities that are centred around the Brown Hill Reserve.

We are hoping for assistance with ideas and guidance from



community groups and locals on what they would like to see developed around the site over the next few years. So we are seeking input from our readers and anyone else who has a spark of an idea. Please email me with your suggestions.

The committee will gratefully go through these ideas and involve the parties who put suggestions to us and hopefully we can continue to make the reserve and facilities around it more widely utilised.

Our focus is working on projects that will benefit and improve the lifestyle for all of the Brown Hill community. We will also work on consolidating our partnerships with local groups and service clubs, the schools, churches and local business people with whom we have always had great relationships.

Keep well.

*Brendan Stevens, Secretary, Brown Hill Progress Association
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Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs

Sadly 'Brown Hill Carols in the Park' is cancelled this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We look forward to the 2021 event.

We will be selling our Lions Christmas Cakes at the Central Square Shopping Centre in Ballarat from Monday 16 November until Christmas Eve.

Large Cakes \$17.00

Small Cakes \$13.00

Puddings \$13.00

Contact me if you would like to purchase cakes or puddings.

*Barry Davis,
Secretary, Brown Hill Lions Club
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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 is scheduled for **Tuesday 20 October at 7.30 pm.**

*Dianne Eden
Treasurer, Brown Hill Hall Committee
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The logo for 'The Hair Room' by Elaine. It features a stylized line drawing of a hair salon interior with a mirror and a chair. Below the drawing, the text 'THE HAIR ROOM' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and 'By Elaine' is written in a white, cursive script font.

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Brown Hill

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Brown Hill FireAware

Summer is approaching and so is the bushfire season

Did you know that Brown Hill is a designated Bushfire Prone Area?

For those of us living in Brown Hill, close to open spaces, reserves and bushland, we are classified as living on the urban-rural fringe and are at risk of a bushfire event. Even if you live several streets back from these interface areas you are not necessarily safe from a bushfire. The 2003 Canberra bushfires demonstrated how powerful a bushfire can be and how it can reach well inside suburban streets.

Did you know that embers from a bushfire are the major cause of house ignition?

Embers can attack a building for some time before a fire front arrives, during the passage of the fire front and for several hours after the fire has passed. Embers can also travel several kilometres ahead of a fire.



FireAware Mascot, Penny Platypus

Did you know that research has also shown that people who are aware and prepared play an important role in reducing fire risks to themselves their families and to their community?

Here are some basic questions you can ask yourself to check your level of risk:

1. Do you live within a couple of streets of bushland?
2. Do you have many trees and shrubs around your home?
3. If you need to leave your home, do you need to travel through bushland?
4. Is your Bushfire Survival Plan more than one year old?

If you answered 'Yes' to one or more of these questions, then you and your family may be at risk in the event of a fire. Knowing your level of risk and what to do about

it means you will be able to make the safest decisions for you and your family by preparing and practising a Bushfire Survival Plan. Remember, a plan is not a plan if it isn't written down and practised!

To help residents learn more about the fire risk to themselves and their neighbours and what to do about it the **Brown Hill Community FireAware Network's seven clusters** are in the process of letterboxing their areas with some basic information.

To find out more go the Brown Hill Community Hub website page 'Be Bushfire Ready' - brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-are-you-bushfire-ready/

*Hazen Cleary,
FireAware Network Coordinator
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Do you live on the north side of the Western Freeway, in the Springs Road/Hillview Road area? Do you have poor mobile phone coverage?

If so, the Brown Hill FireAware Network would like to hear from you.

Many Brown Hill residents on the north side of the Western Freeway, especially those who live in the area around Springs Road, have reported poor, intermittent or non-existent mobile phone coverage. As this is an area of high bushfire risk, we believe a strong and consistent mobile phone coverage should be seen as an essential communication tool during emergency events.

We have compiled a survey to see where are the main areas of poor mobile coverage. The information gathered will be non-identifiable and will be used to lobby appropriate organisations and government authorities, to improve the mobile phone signal in the area. **If the above applies to you, please complete the survey.**

The survey is an online format, which will only take a couple of minutes to complete. It will be open until **15 November 2020**. Visit: surveymonkey.com/r/HLPVK6D. (Survey Monkey – Brown Hill Mobile Phone Survey) **Please encourage your neighbours to also complete the survey.**



The Paella Guy Food Truck set up at Carthy's Garage, Water Street, Brown Hill. Image supplied.

Friday Night Food Trucks

We are excited to introduce you to the teams behind the food trucks taking turns to offer delicious food to the our community on Friday nights at Carthy's Garage on Water Street.

The Paella Guy

Nathan Inglis, "bringing people together one paella at a time."

With this comment Nathan sums up our newsletter - supporting community.

Nathan and staff can be found at Carthy's Garage on Water Street, Brown Hill every second Friday from 5.00 pm until 8.00 pm (unless sold out), so be organised.

What's on the menu?

* Three Paellas: 1/Traditional mixed paella, meats and seafood
2/Meat paella, chicken, Spanish chorizo and 3/ Vegan paella, seasonal vegetables

* Potato Bravas (fantastic)

* Churros (Spanish Donuts)

Nathan is a Ballarat boy. He did his apprenticeship in Apollo Bay, headed to Melbourne (the big smoke), then escaped overseas for ten years, including four years in Madrid, Spain. He came back to Ballarat in 2019 to start 'The Paella

Guy'.

Currently, Nathan alternates Friday nights between Lucas and Brown Hill. His food truck catering is available for special occasions, weddings and corporate events. In the near future he is linking up with a local winery for regular paella nights (which I am looking forward to). He says, "The Paella Guy can pull into a driveway and offer a no fuss, no mess, flexible eating experience." What a great idea!



To find out more about Nathan, follow him on Instagram and Facebook (The Paella Guy) or visit:

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Brian Green, Brown Hill Community Newsletter Committee

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Food van

Hello, my name is Heather Nye. I retired from teaching a couple of years ago. One of my favourite books to read to young children was, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. This, combined with my passion for cooking, eating and a little tippie here and there resulted in no rest for this teacher, but a brand new and super exciting food van venture. We found ourselves a little van and the caterpillar was off and going.

My husband and I were talking to some very good friends and were asked if we'd tried this delicious pitta bread they get in metro Melbourne. We sourced it, sampled it and yay, that was so darned good. Add some seasoning, slow cooked lamb, (in my oven for

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The Very Hungry Caterpillar Food Van. Image supplied.

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Amazing slow cooked lamb wraps from the Very Hungry Caterpillar Food Truck. Image supplied.

over 10 hrs), sweet and sticky chicken, falafel, smoky, slow cooked brisket, fresh lettuce, tomato, cheese, homemade garlic sauce or a variety of other condiments and our van was ready to go. Our food is freshly made for customers on site. I've always been interested in healthy food that is delicious and satisfying. We have added some lemon curd tarts recently, so the whole meal is ready to go.

Talking to local Brown Hill people, there was a realisation that there weren't a lot of food choices in the Brown Hill area, so Carthy's were approached and agreed to give it a go. Our first event was snow Friday, a couple of weeks ago. Our second event there was last Friday and it was fabulous. I'm learning so much about promoting it more through my younger colleague Nathan, the Paella guy.

My granddaughter attends the local primary school, so I feel as though we're helping the Brown Hill community. I also enjoy communicating and have a broad sense of humour! My husband and I are a good team and enjoy

working together and we ensure you'll get friendly service.

We hope to continue at this location alternating between Lucas and Brown Hill with the esteemed Paella guy.

Heather, The Very Hungry Caterpillar Food Truck, 0438 303 957
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Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

We are now into our seventh year of being open and well settled into our third home at the BGT Building in Barkly Square, Ballarat East. It is well signed and has easy access. We are open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon during school term.

We now have a very large range of fresh goodies, including:

* **Basilio Sourdough** breads which are specially baked for us (olive, miso, pumpkin etc.) as well as Heritage loaves, seeded, fruit and high tin. Still warm on arrival.

* **Enbom Honey** so popular that we now have two vats operating ready for you to refill your jars with this liquid gold. The healing properties of honey are amazing.

* **Eggs** we now have two suppliers, Raglan Farm (which uses permaculture principles, using apple cider vinegar and turmeric in their

feeding, as well as many other ways) and Millbrook Freerange, a local family with over 2000 hens.

* **Vegas and Rose** freshly baked muffins (sometimes gluten free) with a chili jam. Brownies are always a surprise from rocky road to raspberry (yum yum). Now we have been getting a new range of cookies as well.

* **Block 454** fresh fruit and veggies that are delivered every Thursday morning from Evansford.

* **Avocados** delivered each week straight from farms up near the Murray so we get different varieties each week.

* **Oranges** from Mildura

* **Mushrooms** from two local producers: The Ballarat Mushroom Farm and The Mushroom Connection.

Dairy products that we stock are from: **Inglenook Dairy**: milk, butter, yogurt and cream. **Schulz Dairy**: milk, cream, yogurt, quark etc. **Timboon**: cheeses. **Meredith Dairy**: yogurt, cheeses etc. and **Goldfield's**: cheeses. **Marsh's Dairy**: butter, cheeses etc. **Lard Ass**: butters. **Happy Green**: vegan goodies, ice-creams etc.

Country Style Smallgoods has a lovely range of bacon, ham, salami, sausages etc.

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Clothes Peg fundraiser

We are having a stainless steel peg fundraiser up until Christmas:

- * Bag of 10 = \$15.00
- * Bag of 20 = \$28.00
- * Bag of 10 Rainbow = \$18.00
- * Bag of 20 Rainbow = \$35.00

They will be packaged beautifully as a gift. Please message Wendy with your peg order on 0419 898 286

Wendy Aston, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

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Start Cafe Bakery Hill

Raj and Priya from Start Cafe on Humffray Street North are opening Start Cafe Bakery Hill, Shop 3/75 Victoria Street, Ballarat East (between Coles and Baker's Delight). Their grand opening is on Monday 26 October and 100% of takings over the first two days will be donated to Ballarat Health Services.

0450 688 415

Find us on Facebook

Brown Hill Market

The Brown Hill Market has closed after being unable to secure a new venue in the Brown Hill area.

Market management had to leave the Brown Hill Hall because the hall and adjacent area weren't large enough for COVID-safe operations. Other options were explored but nothing suitable could be confirmed.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused all markets in Ballarat to close from March until July 2020. Those markets that re-opened had to have a COVID-management plan and there have been significant changes to all market operations. The Ballarat Farmers Market moved from the Moneghetti Track around Lake Wendouree to Zoo Drive in the North Gardens Reserve because the new location offered a very large open space. This allows stalls to be grouped along the paved road (Zoo Drive) which runs through the centre of the reserve. Stalls are set back five metres from the road and two to five metres from each other; making each stall an 'island' to itself. The site has power, proximity to public toilets, abundant green space, parking in both Wendouree Parade and Gillies Road and the potential for

continued increase in stall numbers. In the future, markets will operate at Zoo Drive on both the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

We are sorry to leave Brown Hill but have to work with the realities of our situation, which is that the market now has to operate on a large outdoor site. This is for the safety of both stallholders and the public. We don't know how long the pandemic restrictions will be with us but we have to set up the market in a way that is both safe and viable. Indoor stalls in a hall just aren't viable with the four square metre rule.

Brown Hill Market commenced in July 2018 and was an instant success. Stallholders are extremely grateful to the people of Brown Hill who came out to support them. The Brown Hill Market was soon bigger than the Ballarat Farmers Market in both stall and visitor numbers. Many Brown Hill residents were able to walk to the market - indeed, some stallholders did as well! **Thank you Brown Hill for supporting the market.** We hope you'll come and check out the new site in Zoo Drive and continue to support the stallholders you've loved at Brown Hill.

Steve Burns, Market Manager
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2020 Local Council Elections

The 2020 Local Council elections are being held 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/

Postal voting finishes at **6.00 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.**

Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more.

Central Ward



Samantha McIntosh - Liberal (not endorsed)

My vision: Outstanding schools and hospitals, parks, sporting facilities, arts and cultural assets, events, heritage and opportunities exemplifying Ballarat prospects. Central location and population growth demand best freight, road, rail and air investment whilst protecting our landscape. Ballarat will get better by pursuing excellence in these things through great planning.

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Central Ward



Stephen Jones - Independent

My last time on council I was your representative for the Caledonian Ward. During that time I worked tirelessly with the Brown Hill Community to reopen your pool after Council voted to close it the year before. It was a long and measured campaign for the next twelve months. Look at it now.

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North Ward



David Harris - Independent

My platform is based on my core values of Integrity, Fairness and Community. I am standing for election to improve the integrity and governance of the Council. I'm experienced in engaging with people, listening to them and leading organisational change.

I'm keen to work with you to improve Brown Hill.

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Amy Johnson - Liberal

If re-elected I'll continue to work with Brown Hill residents to maintain the unique character of your neighborhood and to improve and upgrade facilities including the Brown Hill Hall & Pool. I'll also continue to listen to, and work closely with our community, on projects that are important to you.

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Peter Eddy - Independent

I am a long-term Ballarat North resident. As an Independent candidate I want to restore community confidence and trust in our Council and offer my leadership experience to serving the North Ward. I am committed to our whole community. I would value your vote. Feel free to contact me.

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Bryn Hills - Animal Justice Party

Residing in Alfredton with my family, I have taught at Ballarat High School since 1999. I am an Animal Justice Party endorsed candidate for North Ward. Ballarat is a wonderful place, which can be enhanced by bringing kindness and compassion to residents of all species.

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MEET
Andrew

Andrew grew up in Mount Beauty, leaving in 1979 as his family moved to Brown Hill. As a fully licensed estate agent, in 2010 he started a Hong Kong based business selling Australian, International & Luxury property, and has an interest in the Hospitality Industry through procurement & FF&E solutions.

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One of the buses used in Brown Hill by the Brown Hill Bus Service. Image supplied by Roy and Marlene Littlehales.

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was of "troop carrier" style, with seats running full length front to back along each side.

In 1953, the Bus Line was sold on to Barry Wilkins who serviced Brown Hill and Black Hill bus routes. This used most of the buses. The big sheds at 340 Humffray Street North were then used for bulk fuel cartage with tankers.

By 1956, Dad had begun heavy salvage work which had taken him away on weekdays to Melbourne, to dismantle large ocean-going ships and war surplus units such as ex-military trucks, tanks, planes, motors and parts.

After some years, he changed to removal of surplus train lines from places such as Smeaton, Dean, Westernport Bay and the narrow gauge line from Lavers Hill to Colac in the Otways. Imagine the tourist attraction this would be today if it was still there! All the rails were saved and are at Puffing Billy and the last train is in service at Walhalla.

By 1965, the property at Humffray Street North, known as number 340, was very large. The next house was number 348, so we had about four blocks along the street fence.

From about 1958, Mum had worked in dress shops in Ballarat City, Merles in Armstrong Street and then Walter Davis, until she retired around 1980. She was given the respect of all bus drivers, as she had always been picked up and dropped off at her front door. She had never lined up at a normal bus stop. My Dad continued as a scrap dealer until he passed away in a Melbourne re-pat hospital of a heart attack in 1973. It took me 12 months to clear out all the machinery in the yard and sheds.

I met Marlene in 1961 when her family moved into Humffray Street North, further up the street. We were married in 1964, moved to our first home in Canadian and started our family.

My first job was an apprentice mechanic at the BP Servo at the

top of Humffray Street North, where the Western Freeway overpass is now. After one year, I transferred to Wyres Bros GMH Dealers in the City. Two years later, I worked for S F Motors in Armstrong Street and made many life-long friends.

After 10 years I had secured a Service Station Manager's job at Esso in Skipton Street. This was a highly paid position at \$100 per week, big money for the time. I stayed for two years and we paid off our house in Lal Lal Street. We had looked to relocate to Brown Hill, west of the bypass, but settled for a vacant block in Springs Road and built our family home there.

My father had died during this time and the large sheds at 340 Humffray Street North were vacant. In 1975 we set up a workshop for our business, Romar Motors, named of course from Roy and Marlene. I was the hands-on mechanic and Marlene was in the office when she wasn't on parts pick-up duty. As time progressed we expanded and at our peak

employed four mechanics and one dismantler in the 'Valiant only' parts section we established in order to supply all and sundry as Chrysler parts started to dry up after 1981. We eventually erected a purpose-built shed to house parts in racks under cover. Parts were in demand and sent to New Zealand and USA at times. In the workshop, as well as services and repairs, we were RWC (Road Worthy Certificate) testers and LMCT (Licensed Motor Car Trader) motor dealers. There were three very talented apprentices who completed their trade with us and are still in the trade.

My mum had retired by now and as she lived in the house next door she naturally became our 'morning tea lady'. Some days it was hard to get a seat at 10.00 am for the legendary scones, cakes and cinnamon toast that were on offer.

Around 1988 the Ballarat bypass (Western Freeway) was started and our local BP Servo located at the top end of Humffray Street North was demolished to make way for the overpass bridge. Marlene and I had felt the need for a local servo for local residents and as we owned the land already, we built the Shell Service Station site on our corner. There had been a site in Water Street nearly opposite but the operator, Bob Davis, had died in 1988 and the site had been removed.

We had the new venture up and running in 1990, just when the Gulf War erupted and fuel prices shot up to \$1.00 a litre. We operated the Servo as a family. Marlene, her sister Dianne and our daughter Mandy did the daily running while I opened and

closed. The women even did driveway service during hot summer days and snow in the winter. In about 2004 we leased the site and the new owners dropped the driveway service.

We stepped in and out of operating the Servo over the next few years as we had leased it out a couple of times, but the long hours were not for everybody. Around 2013 we sold the property and business to a multisite operator from Melbourne who continues to run it today.

By now the workshop only employed me and the main interest was in older vintage and classic vehicles, more of a hobby than anything really.

Marl and I now owned a motorhome and enjoyed the life on the road, visiting our eldest son, Mark, in Maroochydore, Queensland and another son, Danny and family, in Mildura. This provided favourite destinations for us to visit. Our other kids, Mandy, Des and Frank, reside in Ballarat.

Recently we were approached by developer, Des Rix, about the properties at 340 and also 348 Humffray Street North which we had bought at auction some years earlier. Des purchased all the land and after two years demolished it all to make way for the grand structure you see today. This will be the Perridak Burron Early Learning Centre, providing childcare and services for the Brown Hill community.

The Littlehales family is proud to have given community services from this address in Humffray Street North for so many years and it seems certain the new

facilities will continue to provide for the needs of our ever-increasing local community.

Many older residents will remember most of this journey but new families moving to our wonderful Brown Hill might be enlightened by this our story.

Thank you.

Roy and Marlene Littlehales, Brown Hill residents, interviewed by Kevin Holloway, Brown Hill resident

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 Ballarat East Neighbourhood House.



Ballarat North Neighbourhood House

The Ballarat North Neighbourhood House is still physically closed. However, we are very much alive online.

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Get Online Week

(aus.getonlineweek.com) is an international digital inclusion campaign organised by Good Things Foundation. Last year, over 1,000 events were held across Australia during Get Online Week, helping people with limited digital skills get more out of life online.

This year's campaign will take place from 19 - 25 October 2020. The Ballarat North Neighbourhood House is thrilled to be part of the program and will be running "Now's the time to get online...for 1 hour" program on **Wednesday 21 October**. You do not need to register for these classes and they are free of charge. The classes will be delivered via Zoom and will include:

9.30 am - 10.30 am: Watching and Listening Online

In this course, you will learn how to watch TV online and access catch-up services such as ABC iView and SBS OnDemand. The course will also teach you how to access the radio online and use music services to listen to your songs whenever you like.

11.00 am - 12.00 noon: Apple Maps

Maps makes it easier to get where you need to go with any of your Apple devices. With guides to help you find the best places to eat, shop and explore in selected cities, you'll have more to do and experience when you get there.

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm: Exploring Google Earth

Have you ever wanted to see the different places in our backyard and beyond? We show you how to set yourself up using Google Earth, how to use the controls and how to navigate to visit the wonders of the world. Also explore Google Earth's companion website - Google Arts & Culture.

2.30 pm - 3.30 pm: Blogs, Online Journal

Have you ever wanted to write about your hobbies or interests and share them with your friends, family or the community at large? This course takes you step-by-step through setting up your first blog (short for web log or online journal) using free resources on the internet.

To access the Zoom links for these classes please contact Alison, details below.

Looking forward to seeing everyone online.

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Ballarat East Neighbourhood House

Welcome everybody to Term 4, 2020! We hope you are keeping safe and well. Like many Victorian organisations, restrictions have significantly affected our ability to hold our group sessions, activities and events this year. We are working hard to establish other ways of connecting with the community which will also be sustainable in the future. In particular, we are focusing on producing and sharing meaningful digital content as a way of bringing our community together.

We would love for you to join us for the **Walktober Neighbourhood House Challenge** which we are running until October 30. This is a fantastic way to get active and the pleasant spring weather is the perfect opportunity. To register, email: reception@ballarateastnh.org.au.

Various organisations are offering online events such as the 'Daughters of the West Online Health Program' and 'Let's Pivot' which we have signed up to ourselves!

We are also running an online session during 'Get Online Week' to help people learn how to use Zoom to connect with others. We have a printed information guide and can talk you through how to

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use Zoom. Then you can join our Zoom catch up from **10.00 am - 11.00 am on Thursday 22 October**. Contact us to find out more and get involved.

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Ballarat Community Garden

The Ballarat Community Garden is finding all sorts of ways to connect with its members and the public.

On Saturday 3 October, the hard-working planting group held a plant sale to encourage the community to get out into their gardens and enjoy some uplifting activity that will make a wonderful difference to not only their garden but to themselves. In the process of preparing for this event, several garden members came together to plant up. Finding new ways to communicate and to decide how the event should run in a safe and friendly manner took creativity with a nod to COVID-19 restrictions. To their absolute credit, it was well-attended and customers showed respect for the current situation and its restraints. It was so successful that they have decided to do it again on Saturday 28 November. The group will have a wide selection of plants and preserves and some

ideal gifts for Christmas.

The planning process is always important as it brings people together, a vital and energizing thing as we emerge from a long period of isolation. Events like this give us all a chance to work out ways of returning to a 'new normal' with confidence and a renewed compassion for others. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 28 and hope you all remain safe and well and enjoy the glorious Spring weather we will now experience.

The Murnong Planting study being run by Federation University is going well. The Ballarat Community Garden is one of many sites and organisations, as well as local people, who are lucky enough to have been chosen to take part in the project. Our seedlings are growing, some better than others, and we are learning about the types of soil and amounts of water they need. Likewise, the shade cover and amount of full sun are telling us a great deal. It will be very interesting to compare our results

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*Murnong Planting study progress on the larger plants, *Microseris scapigera*. Photographer: Sheilagh Kentish.*

with those of other people. It is exciting to see the growth the larger plants, *Microseris scapigera*, have put on in two weeks. It is the smaller variety, *Microseris walteri*, that have not thrived in their current position. However, they may just be waiting for their time in the sun!

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Brown Hill Kindergarten children catching bugs at Bush Kinder. Image supplied

Brown Hill Kindergarten

The Brown Hill Kindergarten community have been thrilled to commence their 2020 bush kindergarten program in term three. It's wonderful that this type of program has been recognised as such a beneficial part of the early childhood curriculum and a safe program to continue in the current climate. Our three four-year-old groups have accessed the bush kinder program weekly for a period of several hours each. We use a beautiful, secluded bush setting near our kindergarten along the Yarrowee River.

The majority of the bush kinder sessions have taken place in quite cold and often wet weather. We are prepared for all conditions at bush kinder and firmly believe there is no such thing as poor weather, only poor clothing for the weather! The children wear lots of layers and warm coats and gumboots, ready to immerse themselves in the program. We invite them to wear kinder waterproof overalls in the wet weather and they wear a high visibility vest.

The preparations for this type of program are quite immense. The educators put a lot of time, thought and collaboration into

planning to ensure it is safe, successful and beneficial. Educators had discussions with the children about what they thought bush kinder would entail and what they would like to do and see there. We discussed some rules as a group and looked at and discussed some photos from previous years' programs. We supported the children to ask questions and found out answers together as a group. The children also began to create a whole group bush kinder diary, where they planned to record their experiences at bush kinder. Collaborating with the children ensures that this program is meeting their learning needs and empowering them to be active and involved learners who feel supported and valued.

The scenes at bush kinder are truly extraordinary. Bush kinder is a time for the children to be freely outdoors, without structure or traditional kindergarten resources. It is amazing to watch how this program really sets them free. They use their creativity and imagination in unique and meaningful ways, making an ice-cream shop from a tree and natural resources, building fireplaces and making up their own games whilst making use of the open space and the magic and

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Climbing trees at Bush Kinder. Image supplied.

charm that nature provides. The dynamics between the children change, they are naturally more inclusive and receptive to each other's different ideas and their confidence blossoms. Over their time in this program, I have watched children attempt more difficult tasks such as tree climbing after spending some sessions observing these types of activities. I have seen children who naturally follow their peers' ideas and begin to initiate new ideas for play such as shifting big logs together to create new, permanent play spaces. I have seen children engage in spontaneous scientific and

mathematical learning that educators can extend instantaneously and back at kinder. I have seen them problem solve, work together and create in ways I haven't witnessed in the traditional kinder environment.

There is something about bush kinder that sets educators free too. Without the confines of the kindergarten walls and away from the paperwork, educators engage differently also and seem to get more of an opportunity to 'just be' with the children and get swept up in the magic of their imaginations and the great outdoors.

Brown Hill Kindergarten children return to bush kinder next week and spend the next five weeks as part of this program before it concludes for the year.

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Warrenheip Primary School

Grade Six is an important year in a child's life. It is a year students look forward to as the culmination

of seven years of primary schooling and their turn to be the school leaders. 2020 has been a very different year to the one our current year sixes expected.

With an enrolment of 27 students, Warrenheip Primary School has just three year-six students. Aiden, Joel and Zac are great friends, and loyal Geelong supporters, who have been classmates at Warrenheip since they began their prep year.

Aiden, Joel and Zac have shared their thoughts about the pandemic and their experiences of remote learning.

Aiden

When we first started lockdown it was pretty good, the weather was great and the cases were quite low. We also had an extra week of holidays and everything was going well. But as soon as we started remote learning, everything got worse - there was no sport, nothing except our backyard, which was pretty boring.

Because of COVID-19, I was missing out on a lot of things like going to the beach, my cousins' birthdays, my basketball grand final and a lot more things. So I want COVID-19 to go away so that everything will be back to normal.

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Aiden, Joel and Zac on a Zoom call. Image supplied.

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After this, I hope everybody is at home and wear their masks and especially that they are having fun.

Joel

On the first day of remote learning, it was awful because you couldn't see your friends and much more.

This text is being written in remote learning because of so many case numbers. So it's very disappointing to be in isolation again! But the good thing is we know what to expect this time which makes it quite a bit easier for us.

Zac

I felt horrible because it was frustrating to get used to apps instead of sheets of paper. I was sad and frightened because of COVID-19 and overwhelmed. But footy is on all the time which is great and I get to finish school at lunchtime. I don't have to get dressed if I don't want to, especially wearing school uniform. I can watch movies in the afternoon or ride the motorbike. I also miss recess and lunchtime but get to catch up with friends

online. There are things I like about remote learning and some things I don't, but if we stay home, the quicker this pandemic ends and the quicker we go back to normality.

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Caledonian Primary School

Remote Learning Experience - Grade Six

Matilda

Remote learning was very different. When we went into the first lockdown no one knew what was about to happen. It was a new experience for everyone. Once we could go back to school I really could not wait to go back. The whole school stayed at school for about four weeks until we went back into remote learning. Now the whole school knew what was coming next. In the second remote learning all of the teachers did their best to help everyone.

We got to catch up with our friends on Google Meets online and our class too. Grade Fives and Sixes used Google Classroom to help with knowing what we had to do for the day.

Wallace

Remote learning was a unique experience. It came like a sudden sea storm. I was excited to see what would happen at first, but my thoughts changed as time went on. It was definitely different from regular learning at school. I didn't get to see my friends as much and somehow I actually missed the interruptions from other students. That was remote learning part one.

Remote learning part two was a bit better. Some of my friends and I started using a Zoom call to catch up with each other every now and then, we also did class Google Meets online once or twice a week which was nice.

One of the parts that I liked the most was the fact that I was done by 11 or 12 o'clock. I also did get through a good few books which is nice especially when you are reading a good series. Overall, I'm happy to be back I just wish we had more time back, or that we never left.

I must say that this year made me a melancholy person until I learned that we would get to spend our last term together at school. I'm exuberant now that I get to spend my last term of primary school with my friends in the classroom.

From the Principal's Desk

To the Brown Hill community, Relevance deprivation is a real thing. Over the past term in remote learning, with very few kids on site and no parents to talk to I am sure I have been experiencing relevance deprivation. For many of us in education it's been a challenge, using alternative learning technologies, different teaching approaches and having our work become something we do at the kitchen table.

However, the biggest challenge has been the distance remote learning placed between us and our students. At Caledonian we thrive on the relationships we form with kids. They make every day exciting, surprising, sometimes challenging, but every day worthwhile. Perhaps the analogy could be (as we all may have suspected as kids ourselves) that teachers are vampires that get their energy from kids!

And we do! We work in a thriving and dynamic community where things can change in a moment. Every day brings new ideas, questions and observations as well as achievements and successes. Remote learning took a little bit of that away from us so we were incredibly excited to get all of our students back on site.

What a return! We have hit the ground running (or more accurately sitting politely on the floor with our legs crossed) as our students have reconnected with learning in the most astonishing manner. They have proven themselves far more resilient than we could have hoped and have certainly not wasted the year. Kids



Mr Moody off to surf. Image supplied

have come back with new skills and abilities that they would not have if they had been on site all year and they also appear to have a greater appreciation for the relationships they have with each other.

There was even an additional delight for me as two of our students, Billy and Rhys came in with an amazing sculpture for my office. This fabulous piece absolutely made my year as it demonstrated isolation allowed students to develop different skills and that they know me well enough to add a surfboard (my favourite activity). I know I can't weld, my dad never let me touch his tools as I had a tendency to break them (hence becoming a teacher) so I am incredibly impressed at the skills our students have and yes I do get a bit emotional about it! Being proud of our students is a fantastic feeling.

We also made sure not to waste time last term. Over the isolation period there have been some upgrades. We have a new developed garden and play space, new furniture for all students and we have painted six classrooms

and our library/music space. There are photos online on the school Facebook page. It was clear to us that we wanted to give our students something a bit special when they got back. The classrooms had not been painted for many years (tricky when we are using them every day) and I suspect that tables could have been purchased when Queen Street Primary School merged with the Brown Hill Primary School last century. So definitely time for some new gear!

For the remainder of 2020 we are focussing on wellbeing of all students, academic learning with a particular focus on English and Mathematics and coordinating transitions for our Grade Six and 2021 Prep students. We are still working in some constrained circumstances and hope to have some clarity on Prep transitions soon. It is one of the best times of the year and we are pretty committed to meeting and familiarising our future students with our school before year's end.

Finally, I would encourage everyone to check on a neighbour. It's a little thing to do but there have been a lot of people who have been increasingly isolated during the past months and a little act of kindness can go a long way. And the best thing is you can get your kids to mow an elderly neighbour's nature strip and then take all the credit!

Enjoy the coming warm weather!

Ben

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Woodmans Hill Secondary College

From the Principal's desk

Walking out at recess today (Monday 12 October 2020), it was such a welcoming sight to see all of our Woodmans Hill students back onsite after what seems like an eternity. Whilst we, as adults, have needed to manage the many changes that 2020 has brought our way, it has been an incredibly tough year for all of our students and will have affected them in ways that we will only discover in time. The fact that they have battled through it all indicates the incredible amount of resilience that they have and I continue to be incredibly proud of them. As a parent of three kids, I am very much aware of how challenging online learning has been for families. It has really underlined the view that schools are so much more than the assessments taken and scores awarded: schools are about developing, learning and growing together.

At Woodmans Hill Secondary College, the type of person that our students become matters a great deal to all of us. Whilst we have a real focus on academic growth and excellence, this is not at the expense of other factors that are equally important. At Woodmans Hill it is our aim that our students will become valuable and valued members of their community. In times of isolation, the need to belong is incredibly important and I'm sure that all of us will have relied on someone else to help us get through this year so far. As Principal, I have

relied so much upon our parents and carers, our students and all our staff to keep our community connected. As we move towards the final term of this academic year, we need to continue to build on the relationships that have been strengthened to ensure that we continue to work together to achieve the best outcomes for every student.

And this term is so important to so many students in so many different ways.

For our most senior students, they stand on the threshold of the most important step that they will have taken in their lives so far. We have had amazing school leaders in Sophie, Charlie, Rose, Connor and Conner who have made such a positive impact in such a limited period of time. They are representative of a year group who have faced challenges in their final year of school with which us adults have little in the way of experience to compare. They know that they still have time to make a massive difference in their eventual outcomes and we will be doing everything we possibly can to make the most of the time we have remaining. Our three priorities of student health and wellbeing, academic growth and transition enable us to develop innovative solutions to any issues that we encounter. We have already planned a whole day of English preparation for our VCE students, bringing in external expertise to complement our own teaching team. Consecutively running on that day will be a job camp and preparation for the world of work for our VCAL students and VCE students who have chosen not to sit their final exams. Leaving high school is the

final transition for our students and we want them to stride out into the world confident that they have the right tools to access any opportunity that comes their way.

Also, we will be spending this first part of our return to onsite learning gauging what our students need in terms of academic, social and emotional support. The willingness to be innovative and responsive will be critical as we look to supporting students who might need to catch up, motivating students who have been progressing well to keep pushing themselves and inspiring students who are flying high to continue to soar. I think about our Year Sevens, who have only had one complete term of high school, and I realise that they need more time and experiences to develop that deep connection with our values and our culture. For all other students now is the time to reach out and reconnect. We are so fortunate to have such a committed staff and supportive community who are all willing to work together in the service of our students. Our student numbers continue to grow and this reflects the trust that exists within the extended Woodmans Hill community.

If 2020 has taught us all one thing it is that we are so much stronger together. As Principal of Woodmans Hill Secondary College, I am thankful for this community strength and excited about what we can achieve together in the future.

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Brown Hill Uniting Church

Thought for the month

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." John 14:1

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A prayer for people in Melbourne lockdown-areas

Sometimes we wake up to a difficult day. We are spirited people, Lord. Give us the courage to stay the course in new lockdowns; resilient in the face of difficulties, enfolded in your living presence even as the days unfold.

We feel buffeted by events around a virus that is unstitching the seams of our society. We are being undone as the things we take for granted are no longer holding firm. We are discovering our powerlessness; you cannot argue with a pandemic! So we learn to go with the flow.

On this hard road, Lord, may we remain spirited in you, finding ways to blossom, to sway, to be alive and resilient in the flow of these moments - travelling with each other - in you - as a spirited community of difficult days. This will be our beauty. Amen.

Written by Rev Kim Cain, St. Leonards Uniting Church, Brighton.

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.

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Ballarat Regional Healthcare Chaplaincy are providing a half hour Chapel Service streamed live from Central Uniting Church at 1.30 pm each Wednesday aimed at those in hospital, Aged Care or isolated at home. Visit: ballaratchaplaincy.com.au.

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.

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

lunchtime meals from Breezeway in Dana Street 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 probably not be opening again this year unless current COVID-19 regulations change.

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)*

Leaves in roadside gutters

Residents can ring the City of Ballarat and ask for street gutters full of leaves and debris to be cleaned by a street sweeper. Call 5320 5500.

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YOUR TEAM YOUR STORE

Brown Hill Cricket Club

Brown Hill Cricket Club has three new teams this year. Meet the Sri Lankan team.

The Sri Lankan cricket team has been invited by the Brown Hill Cricket Club to join their long-standing community club. The Sri Lankan team formed relatively recently, in early 2018, to play casual softball cricket on weekends. Ballarat weather forced the team indoors so they joined the Ballarat Major League and despite no experience of indoor cricket, played in the grand-final in September to be runners up in their first season.

After this impressive performance the team were invited to play for the Napoleon – Sebastopol Cricket Club in the Ballarat Cricket Association One Day A Grade competition for the 2018-2019 season. This was yet another steep learning curve for the team as 80% of the members had not played hard ball cricket but this team appeared to thrive on challenge and adventure. In preparation, one day in October 2018, ten excited team members descended on Rebel Sport to try out new cricket gear which created good humoured mayhem. Their inaugural season in the BCA Competition was a resounding success having qualified for the preliminary finals only to lose to Mount Clear in a closely fought encounter.

After completing another season with Napoleons – Sebastopol Cricket Club the team were introduced to Phil and Ryan Knowles from the Brown Hill Cricket Club which resulted in the



The Sri Lankan team after a big match. Image supplied.

invitation. The invitation was seen by the team as an amazing opportunity to find a permanent home not only for the players but also for their families and kids.

The players in the team are primarily of Sri Lankan origin. Most of the players were born and grew up on the tropical island of Sri Lanka, playing cricket on every street corner or backyard. A lot of the players had migrated to Australia either for higher education or as qualified professionals via the skilled migration programs. A couple of players had moved to Australia with their families when they were young, although they still value and identify with their Sri Lankan heritage.

The team comprises a diverse mix of professions including three doctors, three motor vehicle technicians, a couple of accountants, a professional surveyor, a couple of IT professionals, a couple of chefs, a few students and a couple of entrepreneurs.

To contact the Brown Hill Cricket Club, call Phil Knowles, President, on 0407 399 971

The Team

Captain

Dilshan Ousmand – Bat & Bowl

Batsmen

Jerome Fernando, Kapila Liyanapathirana

All Rounders

Samitha Kariyawasm. Ishan Perera, Dilin Somawardena, Shane Fernandes, Chami Fernando, Gayan Karunadasa, Kent Fernando Nipuna Perera, Buddika Mudugamuwa, Sanjeev Karunanayake

Fast Bowlers

Warnaka Koralage, Badrika Piyumal, Pubudu Lankadeva

Tony and Pandula are a couple of new recruits who haven't yet showcased their talents. The team are looking forward to playing for Brown Hill Cricket Club, to forge lasting bonds with the club and integrate and contribute to the local community.

Dilshan Ousmand – Captain

Woolworth's Cricket Blast at Brown Hill

Starts Tuesday 20 October at 4.30 pm. Register online via [mycricket](http://mycricket.com.au).

New players wanted

U13, U15 and U17. Training Tuesdays 4.30pm.

Vale Joy Bawden - a true Brown Hill treasure



Brown Hill's Joy Bawden is missed by many. Image supplied.

Joy Bawden

2/09/1941- 12/08/2020

Joy began her Brown Hill story when she married Ed Bawden in 1960. Joy lived in Brown Hill her whole married life, just short of 60 years.

Joy and Ed had four children who all attended Brown Hill Primary School, while Joy supported Ed in the family business on Humffray Street North (Edition 19, June 2019).

Joy and Ed were members of the Brown Hill Uniting Church Young Marrieds group and Joy enjoyed the social aspect of competition tennis when she played with the Brown Hill Tennis Club.

Keen for a kindergarten in Brown

Hill, Joy was a member of the fundraising committee organising endless drives, supper dances at the Brown Hill Hall and inspiring others with the vision for an early learning facility in the local area. This effort by the community started in the late 1960's. In 1975 the Brown Hill Kindergarten started in the Brown Hill Hall and 18 months later it moved to its current building on Reid Court.

Joy and Ed were actively involved in an International exchange student program, AFS, hosting many students, some for 12-month exchanges. This experience inspired Joy to extend her interest in overseas students even further. Joy and a small group of friends visited Japan, on their return

working to provide education and support to host Japanese exchange students and their host families in Ballarat.

Following her retirement from work, Joy became a founding member and passionate contributor of the Brown Hill Lioness Club serving the community until her recent resignation from the club.

Joy followed Ed over to the Victoria Bowling Club where she enjoyed many years of playing, what was then called, 'Midweek Bowls'. She was President for a term and assisted with 'Morning Melodies' and social events.

Joy attended the Brown Hill Playgroup at Caledonian Primary School from 2014 until 2017, as Grandma to Jack, Elise and Thomas. Playgroup families remember Joy as a ray of sunshine for the tired parents attending the group with babies and toddlers. She was always smiling and very happy to give babies a cuddle so their parents could relax, have a cuppa and a chat. She was seen by many of the children as their Playgroup grandma and was cherished.

Joy loved her family and friends, her home and her happy spring garden. She brought joy to everyone with her sparkling eyes, bright smile, delightful laugh and warm heart.

In memory of Joy, a beautiful River Red Gum was donated by AFS friends in the USA. It is planted at the end of Bawden Street near the Yarrowee Trail.

Written by Joy's daughters, Louise Wright, Michele Bawden and Simone Bawden