

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.



Ballarat North United Soccer Club's Under 8 Team at Russell Square.

Photographer: Louise Jones

Soccer Rules

It's been wonderful to see developments at Russell Square, and none so pertinent as the lights installed over the Ballarat North United Soccer Club pitches. The Club can now train under lights and play night matches in the Junior and Senior competitive age groups.

Season 2022 kicked off in April and the Club has welcomed dozens of excited boys and girls to the Mini Roos competition with teams in the Under 7, 8, 9 and 11 age groups. The Junior age groups this season are Under 12, 13 & 15. Mini Roos and Juniors train on Thursday afternoons and play home and away matches on Sunday mornings, the same as older age groups but with modified rules.

Mini Roos play shorter halves on smaller pitches, have fewer players on the field and play a non-competitive game where no

scores are kept, although there are plenty of celebrations and encouragement for goal kicking, goal saving and great teamwork. Juniors play competitive games where scores are recorded and finals are played at the end of the home and away season.

Some of last season's Mini Roos have moved up to the Junior teams, enjoying their first competitive matches with official referees and some players signing up for referee training to become paid officials.

The Senior teams have enjoyed a great start to the season with the men's and women's teams having some big wins and playing some Friday night fixtures under lights. The Club has four Senior teams – Division 1 women's team, Division 1 men's team and two Division 2 men's teams.

With the canteen open on selected home game days, it's a great opportunity for the Brown Hill Community to pop down to

Diary Dates

JUNE

Monday 20: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting. Brown Hill Hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 21: Winter solstice

Friday 24: Last day of School Term Two.

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Russell Square and enjoy the atmosphere, grab some hot food and drinks and cheer on the local teams. Home game match times start from 9.00 am on a Sunday and are scheduled throughout the day, with the Senior Divisions playing at 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm and some matches scheduled on Friday evenings.

Everyone is welcome at the Club, especially if you are interested in playing or volunteering. There are opportunities to volunteer as a coach, team assistant or manager, committee member, canteen, groundskeeping, sponsorship and more. With a shortage of referees across the entire Ballarat and District Soccer Association, there are opportunities available for referee training with them.

For any enquiries or to follow your local Club and cheer them on, head to:

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Louise Jones, Lead Writer

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Saturday 25: Start of Ballarat Winter Festival. See: visitballarat.com.au/ballarat-winter-festival/

JULY

Monday 11: School Term 3 begins

Sunday 17: End of Ballarat Winter Festival.

Monday 18: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting. Brown Hill Hall. All welcome.

AUGUST

Monday 15: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting.

Brown Hill Hall. All welcome.

SEPTEMBER

Friday 16: School Term 3 ends.

Monday 19: 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting and AGM. Brown Hill Hall. All welcome.

OCTOBER

Saturday 1: 9.00 am - 2.00 pm, Ballarat Horticultural Society Plant Sale, corner of Corbett and Humffray streets (p.17).

Monday 3: School Term 4 begins.

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 should 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 should also like to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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In this edition

There are some really thoughtful and inspirational articles in this edition and I would like to thank the many people who take the time to contribute.

There is a great representation from our local schools, including Caledonian, Little Bendigo, Glen Park and Woodman's Hill and from many community groups including the Progress Association, Lions Club, Community Garden, Wholefoods Collective and Senior Citizens amongst others. Local sport and activity groups including the Cricket Club, Auskick and parkrun have also contributed, in addition to an update from the Ballarat Society of Artists and the two local Neighbourhood Houses.

How fortunate we are to live in Brown Hill, such a vibrant, connected community. There is so much on offer and many dedicated people willing to reach out and support each other.

We hope you enjoy this edition (perhaps with a warm cuppa).

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Brown Hill's Hideaway Café Caravan in Autumn. Photographer, Dave M.

Brown Hill through the seasons

We enjoyed the beautiful photos of Brown Hill in Autumn which were submitted in our recent Photo Competition.

Congratulations to Dave for winning a \$50 cash prize for his great photo capturing Autumn in Brown Hill.

We are grateful to the Brown Hill Social Club for sponsoring this activity.

The Brown Hill Progress Association (BHPA) is now running a competition for the best Winter photo of Brown Hill. The

winner will receive a \$50 cash prize.

To enter, please either:

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Under New Management

If you have been into the Brown Hill Fish & Chip Shop recently, you may have noticed some changes - in particular, some new faces.

New owners Cristie and Robert have taken over the shop after operating their Hibachi Bar food truck and wanting to expand their passion for cooking and serving great food. They have some fresh ideas up their sleeves and hope to bring some of their Japanese street food influence to the menu in the future.

With their youngest of three children attending Brown Hill Kindergarten, the opportunity to operate a store in the beautiful surrounds of Brown Hill and the community vibe among customers was too good to pass up. Cristie and Rob are grateful for the kind assistance from the previous owner, Dianne, to help them settle in. We know Dianne will be dearly missed by many and on behalf of the Brown Hill community, we thank her for her support and generosity over the years with all kinds of events and community initiatives.

Customers have been welcoming

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Cristie, Rob and their children outside the Brown Hill Fish and Chip Shop. Image supplied.

and friendly. Cristie and Rob are looking forward to getting to know everyone and cooking for their local community. Please show your support for this local business. Drop in for a bite to eat.

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From the Secretary's Desk

Brown Hill Reserve Redevelopment

The proposed restructure and improvements to the Brown Hill Reserve area are currently at the planning stage and is with a Master Planner, Mr Adrian Fernon, who has been assigned the job by the City of Ballarat. Mr Fernon has spoken to major stakeholders, users and City of Ballarat Sport and Recreation people and is currently putting together a plan for the upgrades. This will shortly be available for public review and consultation. We look forward to seeing it.

The City of Ballarat is inviting the Brown Hill community to drop in to the Brown Hill Cricket Club Rooms from **4.00 pm to 7.00 pm on Tuesday 28 June** to view the draft plans. This is an opportunity to view the master plan for the proposed redevelopment of the oval and surroundings.

It is also great to see the new Y Ballarat structure in Water Street emerging from the slab with some framework and roofing now



Local State MP, Michaela Settle, joined the Brown Hill Progress Association at our April meeting. Photographer: Sarah Greenwood-Smith

visible. It will be a terrific asset when completed. (See p.24)

Ballarat East Avenue of Honour, Brown Hill

The Brown Hill Progress Association has been approached by the City of Ballarat regarding restoration work and tree planting of the little-known Ballarat East Avenue of Honour along Old Melbourne Road, Brown Hill. This will be a terrific revitalisation of the former boulevard.

Volunteers will help to plant 72 trees, along what is believed to be the original alignment of the trees prior to the freeway works being conducted in the 1970s. It will also include the introduction of signage to better inform visitors.

The Ballarat East Avenue of Honour includes English Oak trees and was established between 1917 and 1920 to commemorate World War One.

The planting day is proposed to be on **Thursday 25 August**.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Brown Hill Progress Association Secretary, Brendan Stevens (details at the end of the article).

Brown Hill Post Office

We all have our fingers crossed for the planning permit to go through for the proposed new site for the Brown Hill Post Office, next door to the fabulous Hideaway Café on Water Street. Good luck to those who have put in a huge amount of work to pull the plan together. A big thank you to those who spent time submitting letters of support to the City of Ballarat for the plan.

Water Street Upgrades

We also thank VicRoads for a new shiny smooth surface along Water Street. The traffic issues will not go away but we are glad that the

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bumps and potholes have.

Walking Maps

During 2019, the Brown Hill Progress Association and members of the local community worked with the City of Ballarat to develop a series of Walking Maps for Brown Hill.

A limited number of hard copies is available from both Carthy's Garage and Hideaway Café, both on Water Street.

The booklet will also be available shortly on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: brownhill.vic.au

The Brown Hill Progress Association Committee continues to try to be the focus for betterment of our suburb and a big thank you goes to all the volunteers and committee members who put their hand up whenever assistance is needed.

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Incoming President Lion Geoff Hughes is looking forward to his year as President, continuing the work of Lions Clubs International both locally and nationally, supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.

This year Lions Club International will celebrate 75 years of Lions Clubs service in Australia. Lismore New South Wales was the first Lions Club established in Australia on the first of July 1947.

Brown Hill Lions Club will celebrate 38 years of service to our Community. We continue to donate to many worthwhile causes and recently made donations to the following organisations: the Soup Bus, a new Men's Mental Health Program and also to support flood victims in Creswick.

The Brown Hill Lions Club supports many local community groups in Brown Hill including the Uniting Church, Progress

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Barry Davis, Brown Hill Lions Club Secretary, presenting a cheque to Lorraine Gittings coordinator of the Soup Bus. Image supplied.

Association, Cricket Club and Caledonian Primary School.

Do you know of someone in need of support in our community? Or would you like to be part of the local Brown Hill Lions Club where you can support the local community by volunteering. If so please contact us.

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are unpleasant to work with and contribute to micro-plastics in the environment).

If you have your own crochet hook bring a size 4, 4.5, or 5. A yarn needle with a big eye will also be helpful. Spare hooks and needles will be available if you are unsure about the equipment.

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Brown Hill Playgroup

9.00 am - 11.00 am on Wednesdays during school term at Caledonian Primary School, Brown Hill.

All families and carers with babies and pre-school aged children welcome. Gold coin donation.

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Brown Hill Kindergarten

At Brown Hill Kindergarten we are loving our Bush Kindergarten. Children have enjoyed listening to frogs near the creek, finding mushrooms and having time in nature to explore. They have been working

hard to care for their surroundings, learning to only 'take what we need'. Bush Kindergarten provides a great opportunity to provide age-appropriate risks, such as climbing trees.

Our parents and friends' group have supported the kindergarten in fundraising, helping to raise funds for outdoor equipment for our service. We will be doing 'Picture Plates' next term, to continue raising funds for our kindergarten.

In May, Red and Blue group were excited to attend an excursion to Clarke's Hill and St. Mary's school. This was a great time to talk about travelling by bus and how to be safe passengers. At the school, we met the children and teachers, had a tour and participated in experiences together. The kindergarten children were interested to see what was at the school – playground, classrooms, library, toilet etc. It was a fun visit and the children enjoyed the opportunity to travel on the bus and meet new people and learn new things. Afterwards, to show our thanks, we sent thank-you pictures to the schools.

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We are both small country schools close to Brown Hill and we aim to provide learning to suit your child's individual needs. Enrolments across all year levels are now open. Please contact the school to book a personalised tour at a time that suits you.

Caledonian Primary School

From the Principal's Desk

Everything is wet and soggy and after two years of lockdowns in Winter, it has come as quite a shock to be this cold! I have been reliably informed that it will be a “bumper” ski season and with that has come the great cold and flu season of the century.

Fortunately, the additional COVID-19 measures in schools, including air filters, have relieved some of the spread of viruses that is inevitable amongst primary school-aged children. Less fortunate are teachers who, after several years of reduced exposure, have been catching everything.

However, this has not reduced the enthusiasm and excitement at Caledonian Primary School as we have been able to re-engage with excursions and events!

This term we have been able to participate in activities including cross country, golf lessons, touch football, the Western Bulldogs footy clinic, a BMX bike trick show and visiting the Werribee Zoo, Melbourne Museum, Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and

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CALEDONIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Caledonian Primary School students participating in Bike Education as part of the Active Transport project.

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Sovereign Hill.

The fun won't stop there as we plan skateboarding lessons for next term, as well as camps for students in Grades Three to Six and visits to Melbourne including the Art Galleries.

In recent weeks we have also celebrated some significant achievements in our Prep, Grade One and Two classes. Our staff have made incredible progress in the implementation of structured synthetic phonics instruction linked in with explicit teaching approaches in reading and writing. Student levels of achievement in Prep writing in particular are astonishing, with many well above the expected level.

Our junior teaching team continues to work incredibly hard to improve what is already excellent practice, incorporating content knowledge into the writing instruction. Student engagement with writing has improved with an increase in the range of activities about which they can write.

This term in Reconciliation Week we ran lessons that included content around the National Apology as part of Sorry Day.

Every May 26 in Australia, National Sorry Day reminds us of the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the enforced removal of children from their families, known as the “Stolen Generations”. It took many years before an apology was finally



2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Contact us to make an appointment for a personalised tour of our school with our Principal, Ben Moody.

made official to Indigenous Australians on 13 February 2008, by then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. We are working to make sure all of our students understand the significance of this apology. We also ran high engagement activities and investigations in class to ensure that this week was a celebration of the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Our senior student leaders are taking their roles very seriously with soft plastic recycling, renewed enthusiasm for the kitchen garden, caring for sports equipment and hosting assemblies. At times their enthusiasm can be a little excessive and I wonder if they are trying to get out of maths but the level of care and responsibility they demonstrate shows a great love of our school.

We are also working with a group of senior students to develop an Active Transport Plan for our school. We would like to thank Bicycle Network, the City of Ballarat and VicRoads for their support of this project.

We currently have some exciting projects in the pipeline for Caledonian Primary School. After several years of significant improvements of the school grounds, we hope to see our school freshly painted and may even be able to renovate our playgrounds. I hope to be able to make a further announcement on this in the Spring edition.

Finally, I am expressing our gratitude for our Education Support Staff. People in this role in our school work with our vulnerable and often anxious students. These may be students

with a disability and for them to be able to fully engage at school they require some assistance. This assistance can be with their learning but can also be around their wellbeing and a trusted additional staff member to whom they can turn for support when needed. This role is a significant part of our Inclusion Practice at Caledonian and our Education Support Staff are exemplary in the work they do with our students. If you happen to know an Education Support Worker, don't reveal their secret identity but let them know that they are superheroes!

Enrolment tours are continuing regularly. You are welcome to contact the school directly on 5332 6955 to arrange a personal tour with me. I'm reliably informed they are more entertaining than you would expect.

Have a lovely winter, stay well and warm!

Ben Moody,
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Glen Park Primary School

From the Principal's Desk

This is my 25th year as Head Teacher/Principal of Glen Park Primary School. I am proud to be part of the story that began 150 years ago in 1872, when Victoria became one of the first jurisdictions in the world to create a central school system offering free, secular and compulsory education.

I follow in the footsteps of some excellent teachers who have worked here including the first head teacher and local pioneer, Adam Long, who had established a private school in the district (then known as Bungaree Springs) many years before becoming the first Head Teacher here in 1872.

To gain government support for the establishment of a Common School, Adam Long was required to demonstrate that the school had a reliable average enrolment and that it was not within two

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The old school house of Glen Park Primary School as it looked in the 1960s. (Demolished, sadly, in the 1990s). Image supplied.



Pupils photographed at the back of Glen Park Primary school in the 1890s. Image supplied.

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miles of a school already receiving funding from the Board of Education.

A meeting was held on 21 October 1871 to make application for the establishment of a Common School at Bungaree Springs (Glen Park's original name, which was changed in the 1890s).

The reply of the Board of Education to the application for a new school was written on 23 October 1871, granting the sum of forty-eight pounds toward the cost of the purchase of land and

erection of a school. By 17 January 1872, Bungaree Springs was formally designated Common School No. 1135.

The School Committee, by October 1872, had plans for the school approved so that finally, tenders could be called. By the end of October seven tenders had been received. The highest tender received was for £106-12-00 and the lowest was for £83-10-06. The lowest tender from Quarrel and Mackenzie was accepted for the erection of the school building (nothing has changed there).

By 27 November 1872, the building was completed and painted. The

main room was 29 feet 4 inches long by 17 feet 4 inches wide with a 6 feet square porch at the front. At the front of the main room was a gallery 9 feet wide fitted with benches. In 1872 the enrolment was 29 students.

It was not always plain sailing for Mr Long. In 1885 there seems to have been great division in the community over him remaining head teacher. Numerous letters and petitions were forwarded to the Colonial Minister for Education outlining serious concerns over the conduct and teaching ability of Adam Long. The main correspondent seeking the removal of Head Teacher reported that the Head Teacher was quarrelsome and cantankerous! (I can relate to that) Twenty members of the school committee petitioned for the retention of Adam Long citing the work he had done in establishing the school and the fact that he had spent £200 building his own house opposite the school. Adam Long was not removed from the school and continued as Head Teacher until 1888.

Happy birthday to Glen Park and state education in Victoria.

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Little Bendigo Primary School

From the Principal's Desk

This has been an exciting and busy term at Little Bendigo Primary School!

As part of our Science program, our students have visited the EarthEd and EcoLinc Science Centres. At EarthEd students learned about robots, push and pull forces and electricity. This included using Makey Makey components and building a circuit using conductive dough to create a gaming console. As part of the Seeds for Schools Program we have developed a two-year partnership with EcoLinc to support student learning about native flora and fauna. This will see our senior students working with EcoLinc staff to propagate, plant and care for new native vegetation plantings in our school.

This term our Music program was supported by the Victorian Opera's Access All Areas Program. Students watched a live-streamed performance of 'The Selfish Giant' and participated in webinars and activities at school to learn about opera, how to direct a scene, singing and the importance of the



Family Market Night at Little Bendigo Primary School. Image supplied.

orchestra. Our school has also received a grant from Creative Victoria to employ a creative worker for next term. Students will work with Dr Amie Sexton (a local, experienced and talented songwriter and performer) to write and record their own songs to distribute to family and friends.

Recently we ran a Family Market Event. Students sold plants, books and baked goods, cooked toasties, and made hot chocolates for their families and friends. This allowed them valuable hands-on practice in the skills of planning, communicating, cooking, handling money and calculating change. They will now work together to decide how to spend the funds raised to benefit all students at our school.

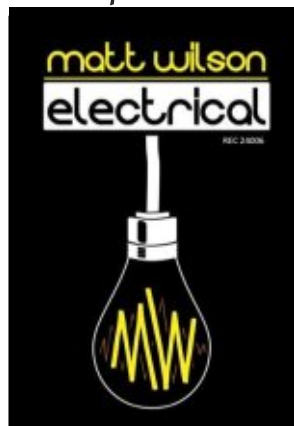
Our students in Grades 3 to 6 are very excited to be attending a free camp to Cave Hill Creek funded through the Positive Start Camps Program. This will be a fun three days of glamping, raft building, canoeing, ropes courses and team building.

We do have a few places available in our Prep and other Grades for 2023. Please phone me on 5332 6317 if you would like to learn more about Little Bendigo Primary School and enrol your child for next year.

Stay warm over winter!

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The City of Ballarat is excited to announce that nominations have opened for the 2022 Youth Awards.

Since 2005, the City of Ballarat Youth Awards have recognised the outstanding contributions young people make in the Ballarat community.

The awards shine a light on the leadership, innovation, kindness, and exemplary commitment to community young people demonstrate.

There are new and exciting categories including the 'Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Award' that aims to recognise a young person who has contributed significantly to a fairer, more accessible community for all.

Many popular award categories are also returning including the 'Positive Leader Award' which recognises a young person who fosters a positive sense of community.

City of Ballarat Deputy Mayor Cr Amy Johnson said the Youth Awards acknowledge the incredible work young people in our community undertake every day to make our city a better place.

"The young people who are giving their time and effort to improve Ballarat today will be leaders of our communities in the years to come and we are so proud to be able to celebrate their achievements through the Youth Awards," she said.

"Every year we have an opportunity to recognise these remarkable young people and the hard work they do working towards a better and fairer future for everyone.

"I encourage everyone who lives and works in Ballarat to think of a young person in their lives who deserves this appreciation for their work and nominate them today."

Each year, the City of Ballarat receives more than 100 nominations to celebrate the achievements of young people (aged 12 - 25) in the Ballarat

community and recognises influential adults who empower our youth and create opportunities for them to thrive.

The 11 nomination categories for 2022 are:

- * Personal Growth Award
- * Group Project Award
- * Leadership in Sport & Recreation Award
- * Creative Arts Award
- * Positive Leader Award
- * Compassion and Care Award
- * Youth Volunteer Award
- * Innovators Award
- * Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Award
- * Influential Adult – Volunteer
- * Influential Adult – Worker

For the full list of categories, criteria and to nominate, please visit: ballarat.vic.gov.au/youth-awards

The City of Ballarat Youth Awards Event Ceremony will be held on Friday 12 August at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts. All nominees will be recognised and invited to attend this special event.

Nominations close at 11.59 pm on Friday 1 July 2022.

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Woodmans Hill Secondary College

From the Principal's desk

Over the course of a lifetime you get to see a great deal of change. The stuff of science fiction from our childhood are now the things our children take for granted. Ideas and perspectives that once seemed ground-breaking and revolutionary now seem to fall short of the standards that we now know we should expect.

Things move on and it is our collective responsibility to make sure that each change is for the better. For my generation, 'tolerance' for other people and other ways of living seemed to be a massive leap forward from what had gone before. The rejection of some outdated values gave us great pride in the belief that we were creating a more tolerant society. In retrospect, what we thought we had achieved was by no means enough.

The dictionary definition of the word tolerant is 'showing willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behaviour that one does not necessarily agree with'. How arrogant that position now seems, reflecting the privilege that comes with being able to make the decision to allow other people to live the lives that they want to live. It reflects an inequality - that one group of people got to choose what was acceptable and what was not.

However, I constantly take encouragement from the fact that the generation of students that now attend Woodmans Hill



Secondary College believe more in creating a community based on acceptance and respect than tolerance. Perhaps tolerance was a stepping-stone away from the ignorance of previous generations. It certainly feels like we are moving more in the right direction now.

June is 'Pride Month' and provides an opportunity to celebrate with the LGBTQIA+ community in our school the strides we have collectively made in the way we see each other. June is the chosen month to recognize the moment in 1969 when New York citizens pushed back and protested the brutality that was continuously inflicted upon the LGBTQIA+ community in that era. Whilst so much has improved in the 53 years since that important night in Stonewall, it can still be tough for young people who experience homophobic slurs whilst walking down the street. At Woodmans Hill, we believe that every student should be celebrated and protected from any form of victimisation.

The students who are part of our Pride Group will be working with staff (under the guidance of Rachael Silverman from our Wellbeing Team and Jess

Rainsford who runs our Student Leadership program) to make improvements so that we are a fully inclusive school. The recent visit to our school by Victoria's LGBTQIA+ Commissioner, Todd Fernando, emphasized our commitment in this area - to keep improving by listening to our students and acting on their advice.

That is why it is important for us as a community in 2022 to stand with our LGBTQIA+ students so that they know Woodmans Hill Secondary College is a safe space for all students. We can do this in so many simple but powerful ways - acknowledging and using the correct pronouns, creating safe spaces for students to socialize and by standing up and challenging the ignorance of persecution. It is well within our control to keep moving forward as a community and to ensure that every student knows that they can be as proud of who they are as we are of them.

At Woodmans Hill, we stand together.

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Interviewing and writing

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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 Ballarat East Neighbourhood House.



Ballarat East Neighbourhood House

It has been fantastic to see so many people getting involved in Neighbourhood House activities this term at Barkly Square, Eureka Hall and Eureka Centre.

Bicycle Maintenance Workshop

With support from VicRoads through a Community Road Safety Grant, we presented a free Basic Bicycle Maintenance Workshop at the Ballarat Community Men's Shed at Barkly Square in partnership with Recranked (a program of Y Ballarat) and the



Participants in the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House's first Basic Bicycle Maintenance Workshop learning new skills from Recranked's Wallace.

Photographer: Sarah Greenwood-Smith

Ballarat Tool Library. Many participants brought their own bikes and enjoyed learning new skills, such as how to adjust their brakes, look after their chain and change a tyre. Thanks to Wallace from Recranked and his volunteer helpers for their enthusiasm and expertise. It was wonderful seeing the connection which was made through this workshop with two groups of people sharing phone numbers so that they could meet up for a social bike ride on their well-maintained bikes!

We are planning to hold some

more Basic Bicycle Maintenance Workshops this year, so please contact us if you would like to find out more.

Term 3 Activities

There are many reasons to get involved with the Ballarat East Neighbourhood House. It may be for social connection, to find others to exercise with, to connect through art and craft or to learn a new skill.

Our team is also here to support you through programs such as Safe Seats, Safe Kids and the Power Saving Bonus.

*****Social Connection*****

Playgroup with the Ballarat Toy Library

Tuesdays, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon,
Barkly Square, Free

Chatty Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10.30 am - 11.30 am,
A Pot of Courage Café, Barkly
Square, Free

**Ballarat East Town Hall Gardens
Revitalisation Group**

Fridays, 10.00 am - 11.00 am,
Barkly Square, Free

*****Movement*****

Tai Chi

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 am
- 11.00 am, Eureka Hall, \$10.00

Gentle Yoga

Tuesdays, 7.45 am - 8.45 am,
Barkly Square, \$10.00

Fridays, 10.00 am - 11.00 am,
Eureka Centre, \$10.00

Walking Group

Wednesdays, 9.30 am - 10.30 am,
Barkly Square to Eureka Hall,
return, around 3.8 km, Free

Alexander Technique

Wednesdays, 9.30 am - 10.30 am,
Eureka Centre, \$10.00

Meditation/Hypnotherapy

Fridays, 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm,
Barkly Square, \$10.00

*****Learning New Skills*****

Be Connected Digital Literacy

Tuesdays, 9.30 am - 10.30 am or
10.30 am - 11.30 am, or other times
as arranged by appointment,
Barkly Square, Free (Individual)

Thursdays, 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Barkly Square, Free (Group)

Improving Literacy Skills

Wednesdays, 9.30 am - 11.30 am,
Barkly Square, \$10.00

Beginner's Auslan

Thursdays, 9.30 am - 11.30 am,
Barkly Square, \$10.00

Intermediate Auslan

Fridays, 9.30 am - 11.30 am,
Barkly Square, \$10.00

*****Art and Craft*****

Drawing Group

Mondays, 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm,
Eureka Hall, \$10.00

Winter Woollies

Wednesdays, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Barkly Square, Free

Watercolour

Fridays, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm,
Barkly Square, \$15.00

*****Support*****

Safe Seats Safe Kids - child car
restraint fittings, Barkly Square,
Fridays: 24 June, 26 August, 28
October, Free

Wednesday Wellbeing Webinars

- online sessions introducing
various local mental health
support services, Wednesdays: 5
July, 3 August, 6 September, Free

Power Saving Bonus - support to
claim the \$250 State Government
energy payment. Please make an
appointment, Free.

No Interest Loans (NILs) -
support to access loans through
Neighbourhood Houses Victoria.
Please make an appointment,
Free.

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9.00 am - 5.00 pm Tuesdays to
Fridays during school term*



**Ballarat North
Neighbourhood House**

The Ballarat North
Neighbourhood House is open
again and running classes onsite.
We have recently farewelled
House Coordinator Alison Demuth
and welcomed Kristen Sheridan
into the role. Over the coming
months Kristen will be reaching
out to the community as she
would like to know what programs
and activities would be of benefit,
particularly in this difficult post-
lockdown pandemic era.

We are also looking for
volunteers! We are interested in
talking to people who would like
to volunteer and we will create
roles to suit your skills and
interests. So, if you would like to
donate some time and support us
in bringing the House out of
hibernation, contact Kristen
(details below).

Our Term Three program is now
available for bookings online. See
website below.

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Barkly Square, Ballarat East was bustling with Op. Shop Stalls on 4 June. Photographer: Sarah Greenwood-Smith

Ballarat Wholefoods Collective: Op. Shop Days

The Ballarat Wholefoods Collective (BWC) has expanded to include clothing to provide an opportunity for unwanted garments to be reused and repurposed at affordable prices for the whole community. Reusing and repurposing clothes aligns with the BWC's ethos of ethical, sustainable living, reducing the amount of unwanted clothes and accessories being dumped into landfill.

There have been two Op. Shop events to date, with the aim being to conduct four per year, one each season. The first event attracted 24 individuals who rented a space in the Barkly Square complex for a

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nominal fee and set up their second-hand clothing stalls with modest prices for items of clothing. Some stalls focussed on children's clothing whilst others had a more vintage vibe.

The second Op. Shop event was larger, with 31 stall holders. It coincided with a Vintage Clothing sale and the A Pot of Courage Café opening hours, which meant hundreds of people attended the event. The atmosphere was buzzing with happy bargain hunters.

Check the Wholefood Collective website/Facebook/Instagram to be informed about these and other events and workshops such as:

- * Learn to Knit
- * Christmas in July Feast
- * Bake a Cake with Sara Kittelty
- * Murray's Spice Day
- * Learn to Crochet (see p.7)
- * Make a Floral Bouquet
- * Make Kasundi with Mick

The Wholefoods Collective is open for shopping from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon on Thursdays and Saturdays during school terms.

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Ballarat Community Garden

Such a lovely way to say 'I care'

Winter is always a quieter time at the Ballarat Community Garden with activity restricted by the weather. However, it is actually a great time to plan for the summer crops that you would like to grow. It is also just a couple of months away from starting off anything you would like to grow from seed. That sounds like a 'catalogue, a cup of tea and a fireside seat' moment to me!

To have the luxury of choice and opportunity makes me a very privileged person, but many people are not so fortunate. They do not have a space where they can grow food for themselves, let alone the confidence to give it a go. The soaring price of fresh food is quite alarming and many families will struggle this winter. There are amazing organisations out there helping to support them but there is something that we in the community can do too, apart from financial donations and volunteering.

Do you have too much produce growing in your back yard? Would you be happy to share it with others? The 'Food is Free' laneway

space set up by Lou Ridsdale in Ripon Street on the corner with Warrior Place is one place to donate your excess produce. Another is right here in Ballarat East, outside the Ballarat Community Garden near the double gates. There is a table set up for your donations and to help yourself to produce you may need.



Take a closer look along the fence line too, as you might find some rhubarb or herbs and possibly some leafy greens. These vegetables outside the fence are also free for the taking - just ensure you leave the roots, then there will be more for you down the track.

Many individuals are starting to garden in front of their houses. If you are one of these, maybe dedicate an area where passersby can help themselves. I heard a



story of one kind woman who left some excess lemons outside her house for people to take. A few days later, there appeared a jar of lemon butter with a note saying, 'Thank you'.

"A Nation's Greatness Is Measured By How It Treats Its Weakest Members"

These are the words of Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi from a speech given in 1931. Mahatma is the Sanskrit word for 'the great-souled one'. These words are just as relevant today as they were 91 years ago. We can all help in a small way and that small action becomes a massive force for good when added together.

Happy sharing!

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Your Winter Garden with Anna

Brrrr!! It's been a very chilly and wet start to winter this year – with 52mm of rain in our gauge since the beginning of June and maximum temperatures around the ten degrees Celsius mark. Although winter is a good time to be inside in front of a fire looking at plant catalogues and garden books for springtime garden inspiration, there is much you can do in the garden now – you just need to put on that beanie and rug up for the weather.

So what to do?

In the veggie garden now is the perfect time for sowing asparagus seeds – but they will take time before they are ready for picking (2-3 years to allow the crowns to develop) so you'll need to be patient. You can also plant strawberry runners – they like a slightly acid soil (pH 6-6.5). Give them some well-rotted manure and cover with a nice thick layer of pea straw and your strawberry plants should be established and beginning to flower in September, with first fruit about a month or so later. If you are worried about lettuce prices you can still plant seeds and seedlings of your favourite lettuces and also rocket. Remember to plant them in a covered seeding box, greenhouse or polytunnel and keep them there for 4-6 weeks until they are beginning to develop a good strong structure at which time they can be put out during the day to acclimatise for a week or so, before transplanting into your veggie beds or garden. If you sow



Anna. Photographer: Mike O'Loughlin

a small amount every few weeks or so, you'll keep yourself in lettuce all year round – and avoid those \$10 iceberg lettuces I keep reading about. And what am I doing in my veggie patch? I am very excited as I have ordered raspberry canes for the first time. Fingers crossed they'll grow happily as I am planting them in a bed that had tomatoes in them last season, so hopefully they won't fall prey to verticillium wilt – fingers crossed.

Winter is also a fantastic time to order and get your bare rooted trees in whilst the trees are still dormant, or to move any trees or shrubs that are in the wrong spot. Don't be too afraid of digging up

and moving a plant – generally plants are tough and will survive.

I have a *Garrya elliptica* (a silktassel bush) which I planted in the wrong spot and will move it after it finishes its spectacular winter flowering – and no it is not yet as big or beautiful as the one in the photo below.

Finally, winter is the time to be pruning your roses to help keep them healthy and to encourage strong new growth and flowering for the season ahead. But when to prune? This is a debated question, with some (such as my mother – who lives in Melbourne) swearing by pruning on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. But really the time for pruning is guided by your local climate. For those of us in Brown Hill where we can have heavy frosts I recommend holding off until the worst has passed and to prune in late winter, early spring. Pruning roses is nothing to be feared and is simply done using a clean sharp pair of secateurs and making a sloping cut at a 45-degree angle, about half a centimetre above an outward facing bud, as shown in the



Garrya elliptica Source: The University of Melbourne



Good and bad rose pruning cuts. Source: Royal Horticultural Society

diagram above. Although there are specialised techniques for different types of roses, the general aim of all rose pruning is to create an open centred goblet shaped plant to allow air to circulate freely around the plant to reduce disease risk and to remove any stems that are smaller than a pencil in width, are dead or rubbing or crossing from one side of the plant to the other. Roses are very forgiving so don't be frightened, give it a go, you won't kill them. You'll be amazed how your roses will thank you for it – particularly if you give them some fertiliser at the same time. Happy gardening!

Anna Beesley, Brown Hill Local

Ballarat Society of Artists

The Ballarat Society of Artists Inc. has been very active in this, our 40th year. Meetings began again at the Brown Hill Uniting Church on the first Saturday of the month and we have been off and running with many activities. Making up for the time lost over the last two years, members are enjoying workshops in the Church space and the Winter Saturday painting

has begun once more. There are two workshops planned for July and September - Trudy Nicholson on drawing and Jon Lam on basic portraiture.

Around Ballarat, members have been involved in exhibitions and art shows. These have included a very successful '9 x 12 Framed' at the Mercure in March, our annual Easter Exhibition at the Robert Clark Centre and 'Works Done' presented by ten of the 'colourful bunch' retired men at the Art Space in Lydiard Street. Currently, we have a collaboration with the

Golden City Paddle Steamer Society at the Lake Wendouree Museum. Our Art Show, 'Glimpses' - Art inspired by Lake Wendouree and its Surrounds - can be seen every Sunday from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm until 31 October.

We had our AGM in May with an enjoyable lunch at the Brown Hill Hotel afterwards. This year we welcome a new President, Trudy Nicholson, who has taken over the position from John Canham who was in that role for many years.

The Society is going ahead in leaps and bounds with new members and activities. If you are interested in joining please email us. We welcome people with all art abilities and our members range from hobbyists through to professional artists.

Art is for all.

Sue Clarke, Business Secretary,
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Brown Hill Uniting Church

Thought for the month

Paul said, *"I have shown you in all things that by working hard in this way we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." "* Acts 20:35 (Good News Bible)

Kindness is an extension of our hearts to those around us. As believers, we are called to reflect the character of God. The Bible tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:7) and, in defining what love is, we are told that, among other things, "love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4).

We should aspire to get to a place where it brings us joy to extend kindness to others. There are some examples on this page of people reaching out into community to 'help the weak', workers experiencing deep

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humility as they touch others with their kindness and a poem that might challenge you to think about your own day. We, the people of Brown Hill Uniting Church, trust that whatever kind of day you are having, you are able to reach out in kindness and, in turn, be truly blessed.

Know Your Bible (KYB) group

Nine ladies, connected to several churches, meet on Monday mornings in our church hall. We learn together as we share our answers to questions that have been asked in the provided study booklets. Would you like to increase your understanding of the teachings of the Bible as well as enjoy new friendships?

Contact Val on 0418 513 990.

Several other KYB groups also meet in Ballarat at differing times.

Craft group

Meets on the first and third Thursdays each month at 1.30 pm in the church hall, unless otherwise notified. Come along if you're interested in doing any sort of craft or just come for a chat if you're not!

Op. Shop

Open on Thursdays and Fridays 9.30 am - 12.30 pm providing very good quality clothing and bric-a-brac at very affordable prices.

YOU

Is anybody happier because YOU passed their way today?

Does anyone remember that YOU spoke to them today?

Were YOU selfish (pure and simple) as YOU rushed along your way

Or is someone mightily grateful for a deed YOU did today?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast

That YOU helped a single person in the many that YOU passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what YOU did or said?

Does someone whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did YOU waste a day or lose it, was it well or poorly spent?

Did YOU leave a trail of kindness or a tear of discontent?

As YOU close your eyes in slumber do YOU think God would say

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Men listening to Mr Lachlan Dodds, Head of Urology at Ballarat Urology at the Brown Hill Uniting Church's March Men's Breakfast. Photographer: Louise Wright

Men's Breakfasts

On Saturday 19 March, Mr Lachlan Dodds, Head of Urology at Ballarat Urology, was the guest speaker at a Men's Breakfast. He spoke with passion about the importance of men taking care of their mental health as well as their physical health.

Mr Dodds chose Ballarat Men's Mental Health (BMMH) as his nominated recipient of a donation made by the church. Ballarat Men's Mental Health aims to help men dealing with mental health issues or who might be at risk of suicide, by establishing a built-for-purpose men's mental health service. Donations can be made via the BMMH website: ballaratmmh.com.au. BMMH is a registered charity, donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Andrew McPherson at BMMH on 0401 358058 or email andrewm@ballaratmmh.com.au

On Saturday 14 May, Mr Brendan Stevens, Secretary of Brown Hill's

very own Progress Association and friend of members of Rotary in Eltham, shared with the men his experience volunteering in a construction team post-earthquake for a Rotary Working Excursion to Nepal in 2019. Brendan told of the enormous satisfaction and pride he experienced while helping to rebuild homes and a school for the local Nepalese folk in extremely hot and humid conditions.

Brendan nominated Aussie Action Abroad to be the recipient of the donation on this occasion. Aussie Action Abroad actively collaborates with communities in need to provide practical and realistic support leading to sustainable outcomes and enriching the lives of all involved.

For general enquiries and further information go to info@aussieactionabroad.com or follow on social media.

We look forward to another breakfast in August and will advertise on the Brown Hill

Facebook page and the Brown Hill Community Online Hub.

Louise Wright, Brown Hill Uniting Church, 16 Thompson Street, Brown Hill (corner of Humffray Street North)

Brown Hill Senior Citizen's Club

After being welcomed at the Victoria Bowling Club during the Brown Hill Hall renovations, the Brown Hill Seniors are back in their clubrooms.

Activities are indoor bowls, euchre and scrabble with hoi played the first Monday in the month.

Three bus trips are planned from June to November.

The 'Local Bus Trip' on 8 June was enjoyed with no rain to spoil the day. East to West – Brown Hill to Lucas and in-between with the last stop at the historic Trades Hall.

The bus trip on 14 September will take the group to Southbank with the Direct Factory Outlet (DFO) and by ferry to Williamstown. Costs are \$25.00 per person (members) and \$30.00 per person (non-members).

On November 9, we will travel to the 'Star Spanner Sculpture Garden' in Boort with lunch at the Wedderburn Hotel. Costs are \$40.00 per person (members) and \$45.00 per person (non-members).

For further information about the club or bus trips, please contact us.

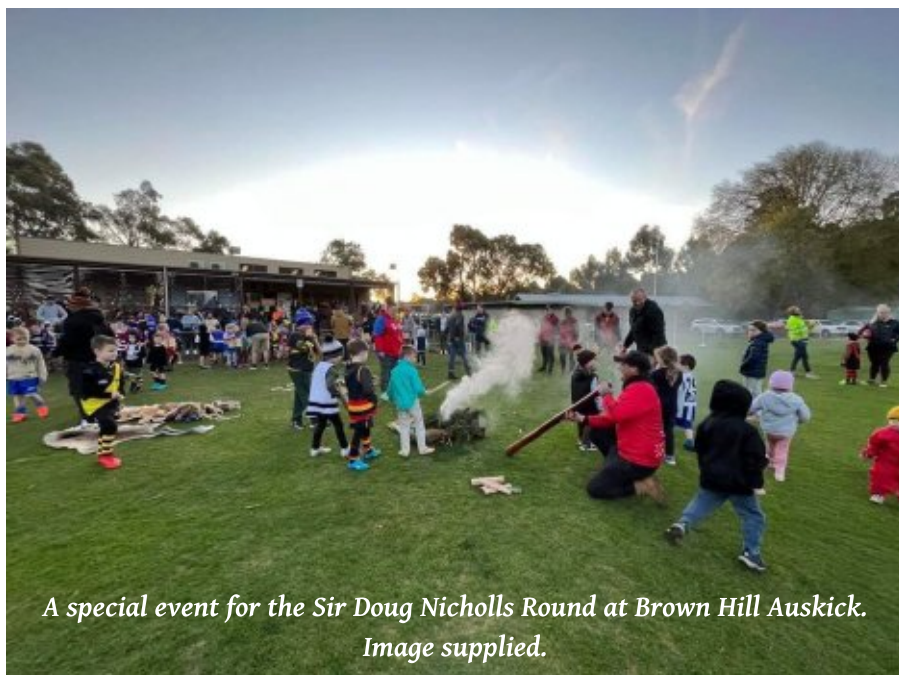
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Brown Hill Auskick

At Brown Hill Auskick on Wadawarrung / Dja Dja Wurrung country (Ballarat) we think it's important to emulate special event rounds to give our kids a richer football experience.

We planned the Sir Doug Nicholls round as our first special event and reached out to Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative (BADAC) to request their support and involvement. They were thrilled to endorse and participate in our Friday night session. BADAC sent along Peter-Shane Rotumah, a Cultural Connections worker within the Cultural Therapeutic Support Team, to talk to the children and he connected us with Zane Harris at Tru Dreaming (you can find them on Facebook and Instagram) who conducted a smoking ceremony and a digeridoo performance.

The weather was amazing on the Friday night and, as the kids rolled in, Zane got the fire going. When it hit 5.00 pm we had approximately 100 children with their families and Peter-Shane addressed the group. He gave a talk about traditional Aboriginal



artifacts, their names and uses. His presentation was interactive and the kids were engaged. Many laughs were had. Next was the smoking ceremony in which the children were invited to walk through the cleansing smoke and place a leaf on top of the fire. Some children were old hands at this, whereas for others, it was their first time. The Auskick activities followed and Zane stayed for our whole session with his artifacts so parents and children could come and have a chat and pick up the items and ask questions. It was an extremely positive experience and one that we hope continues as an annual event. We hugely appreciate the

support of BADAC and Tru Dreaming.

Brown Hill Auskick commenced in 2021. We operate on Friday evenings and parents and families all come along to share a yarn and a sausage or a hot cuppa around the toasty gas heaters whilst watching their little people on the field.

It's more than just footy, it's a community event.

Other AFLM tie-ins have included the Pride Round and having Amy McDonald from Geelong AFLW coming along to talk to the kids. The Western Bulldogs Roadshow also conducted a session in June.

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Brown Hill Cricket Club

Auskick

On behalf of the Brown Hill Cricket Club and the Brown Hill community, a big thank you to Megan Wellman for volunteering her time to organise the Brown Hill Community Auskick on the Brown Hill Cricket Oval for the last two seasons.

Thank you Megan for your efforts in running it, especially this year, with 106 participants!

Megan won't be available to run Auskick after this season, so the Brown Hill Cricket Club is looking for one or two people to take on the role for 2023.

Interested? Please contact Phil Knowles. Details below.

To find out more about Auskick: facebook.com/BrownHillAuskick/

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Wallaby Track parkrun

Despite the rather cold weather we've had recently, it has been fantastic to see so many people coming along to parkrun every Saturday morning. It's sometimes hard to be motivated to get out of a warm bed to go and walk or run but we have never had anyone regret the decision once they've arrived at parkrun!

Over the last couple of months we have celebrated quite a few milestones amongst our runners and it is always so great to join in with people as they enjoy their achievements. Milestones at parkrun are celebrated once participants reach a certain number of runs or 'volunteer weeks'. Once our younger runners (under 18) reach 10 runs they can claim a white parkrun t-shirt, and then at 25, 50, 100, 250 or even 500 everyone is offered a chance to claim a milestone shirt. These can be claimed when they reach the milestone for either runs or 'volunteer weeks'. Although this is not the main reason people attend parkrun, it is good recognition of their efforts.

We have also welcomed many new participants to parkrun recently. We really enjoy seeing people come along and give it a go and



Liam and Zander celebrating 100 parkruns each. Image supplied

hopefully enjoy the experience so much they come back week after week.

There is no better time than the present to come along and experience parkrun, even in our cold winter it is still a fantastic event.

If you would like more information on the Wallaby Track parkrun, please visit:

parkrun.com.au/wallabytrack/
It would be great to see you there!

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New Y Ballarat Facility Offers Unique Service



Artist's impression of the new Y Ballarat facility. Image supplied by Y Ballarat.

Ever since Rick Penhall's Smash Repairs was bulldozed, residents have been curious to know what would go up behind the giant Y Ballarat banners surrounding the empty block. Now our collective curiosity can be satisfied with the release of details for the future facility.

The Y Learn and Swim Centre in Brown Hill will join (1) the well established and highly revered Brown Hill Kindergarten, (2) Ballarat's first Indigenous-owned and operated childcare and kindergarten facility, Perridak Burron, and (3) the proposed child care centre to be built on the corner of Stawell Street North and Morres Street in

providing pre-school care for local families.

Set to open in early 2023, the site on Water Street, Brown Hill, will operate a day care centre, kindergarten and swimming pool. Catering for ages from six weeks to five years old, the day care centre will be open 50 weeks of the year, opening Monday to Friday from 7.00 am - 6.00 pm. The long day care and kindergarten will offer 114 places, with funded three- and four-year-old programs.

The Y Ballarat's learn-to-swim curriculum will be offered to children as part of the Early Learning Programs, in the 17-metre heated swimming pool.

Lessons will also be available to the community, with the pool opening seven days a week.

Craig Mathieson, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Y Ballarat said, "We are really excited to be developing this unique model of early years education. The Y Learn and Swim Centre will offer Kindergarten, Long Day Care and Swimming Lessons, a unique offering in Ballarat and across Victoria."

"Not only will it support busy families that may find their time stretched but it will also offer another swim school and early learning facility in a different area of Ballarat, at a time when the region has seen incredible growth," Mr Mathieson added.

With the continued growth of Brown Hill, facilities such as this bring much needed services to the area. Residents will no longer have to travel to the other side of town for year-round swimming lessons and it will give families more choice for kinder and day care that is very close to home.

Enrolments will open later this year, meanwhile expressions of interest can be registered at: ylearnandswim.org.au.

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Artist's impression of the 17-metre heated swimming pool at the new Y Ballarat facility. Image supplied by Y Ballarat.