

Brown Hill Community Newsletter

Edition 8, August 2017

An initiative of the Brown Hill Community Partnership, supported by the Brown Hill Progress Association and the City of Ballarat. We are proud to walk this land with the Wadawurrung people.



Mrs Brea Terris, August 2017

Caledonian's new Principal

By Connor (Grade 5) and Gemma (Grade 6), Caledonian Primary School

Mrs Brea Terris is our new Principal at Caledonian Primary School. She is a brilliant young woman and we are very lucky to have her here. She is the first female principal at our school in eight years.

From 2002 she taught at MacKellar Primary School in Delahey (northwest of Melbourne), then lived in London for two years before returning to Australia. Upon her return she taught at Sunshine Primary School, where she was Assistant Principal for three years. After that, she was Acting Principal at Gisborne Primary School and she has now transferred to Caledonian Primary School.

At the moment Mrs Terris lives in Gisborne, with her husband

Andrew and her four step-daughters who are twelve, ten and the twins who are eight, but you can't forget her dog, Max! As she grew up, she lived in Altona Meadows with her mum, dad and two sisters. During school she went to Williamstown North Primary School and Bayside Secondary College.

Mrs Terris enjoys watching AFL and barracks for the Melbourne Demons, but she mainly loves rugby and supports Melbourne Storm. When Mrs Terris is away from school, she is the president of the netball club in Gisborne.

Mrs Terris' hobbies include travelling and reading. She has travelled mostly through Europe and one of her favourite places she has visited is Italy. Although

Diary Dates

AUGUST

Sunday 20: 2.00pm, 'A History of Ballarat Trams', Brown Hill Uniting Church (p.13)

Wednesday 23: 7.00pm
Boomerang Bags Working Bee,
Ballarat Wholefoods Collective,
Brown Hill Cricket Clubrooms
(p.11)

Thursday 31: 6.30pm-7.45pm, 'A 50's Experience - 50's night' at Woodman's Hill (a campus of Ballarat Secondary College). Tickets available from the front office. 1 Fussell St, Ballarat East

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she loved Europe, there is no place like Australia, where one of her favourite spots is Port Douglas. Her desired book genres are biographies, fiction novels, and education and school. Currently she is reading 'Big Little Lies'.

One of the things she loves about being Principal is being able to walk into the classroom at unexpected times and hear about what the students are learning and some of the funny comments the students sometimes make. Her absolute favourite thing about teaching and being a Principal is watching the students improve in their learning. Mrs Terris is very passionate about being an educational leader, as well as working with an amazing team of

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teachers who want to do their best to help the students.

She is very excited about getting to know the parents and children throughout the school and the wider community!

If you are interested in making an appointment with Mrs Terris and seeing the fantastic learning that happens at Caledonian Primary School, please contact the office on 5332 6955 or by email: caledonian.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

All of the community welcomes Mrs Terris to Caledonian Primary School and Brown Hill!

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SEPTEMBER

Monday 4: Ballarat Wholefoods Collective turns four! (p.11)

Tuesday 5: 7.00pm, Brown Hill Progress Association A.G.M., followed by monthly meeting. Brown Hill Hall, enter via rear steps

Wednesday 6: 6.00pm, Woodman's Hill (a campus of Ballarat Secondary College) Science Fair, 1 Fussell Street, Ballarat East

Sunday 17: Sustainable House Day, see: sustainablehouseday.com

Friday 22: Last day of school term three

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3: 7.00pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, Brown Hill Hall, enter via rear steps

Wednesday 4: Submissions for Brown Hill Community Newsletter Edition 9 due to newsletter@brownhill.vic.au

Monday 9: First day of school term four

Friday 13: Edition 9 delivery begins across Brown Hill by our volunteer team. See: brownhill.vic.au/newsletter/

Saturday 14: Level 2 First Aid and CPR update course organised by the Brown Hill Progress Association (p.5)

Saturday 21: Top Katz Rockers - Rock and Roll Dance

Friday 27: 5.00-7.30pm, 2017 Brown Hill Community Festival, Brown Hill Reserve (p.8)

WEEKLY

See: brownhill.vic.au for contact details

Mondays

Brown Hill Senior Citizen's Club: 1.30-4.00pm, Brown Hill Public Hall (p.13)

Brown Hill Lioness Club: First Monday - business meeting

Tuesdays

Ballarat Highland Dancers: 4.30pm during school term, Federation University Pipe Band Hall

Wednesdays

Ballarat Wholefoods: 9.00-11.00am and 5.00-7.00pm, during school term, Brown Hill Cricket Club (p.11)

Caledonian Playgroup: 9.00-11.00am, during school term, Caledonian Primary School

Ballarat Masters Football Club: 6.00pm (until 27 September), Russell Square

Brown Hill Lions Club: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Second Wednesday - business meeting. Fourth Wednesday - social dinner meeting

Welcome to Edition 8

Welcome to Edition 8!

The Brown Hill Community has yet again provided a great variety of articles for you to read in this edition.

You can read about Caledonian Primary School's new Principal, Mrs Brea Terris (p.1), 11 year old Tiana raising awareness of Huntington's Disease (p.3), Jason Knowles returning to Brown Hill Cricket Club (p.17) and a life well lived by John 'Kelly' Thurling (p.20).

We have many reasons to celebrate in Brown Hill, with \$380,000 being invested in Stage One of the Brown Hill Public Hall refurbishment (p.6), a Local Area Plan underway (p.6), a First Aid course on offer (p.5) and an 'exceedingly good' local kindergarten (p.9).

The 2016 Census data has been released and Brown Hill statistics have been summarised by Molly from Woodman's Hill (p.4). A few additional facts about Brown Hill in 2016:

*There were 3,582 people. Of these 49% were male and 51% were female. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.5% of the population.

*There were 1,543 dwellings. Of all households, 69% were family households, 27% were single person households and 4% were group households. Of occupied private dwellings, 29% were owned outright, 42% were owned with a mortgage and 26% were rented.

*20% of households had a weekly

household income of less than \$650 and 11% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000.

Please note, percentages have been rounded for ease of reading.

You can read more about these statistics on the 'New to Brown Hill' page on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: brownhill.vic.au/new-to-brown-hill/.

Find out about the 2017 Brown Hill Community Festival on Friday 27 October (p.8). It is also time to capture what Brown Hill means to you by taking photos or encouraging your pre- and primary school aged children to draw a picture for the 'My Brown Hill' image competition (p.8).

Thanks again to the local businesses that advertised in this edition. Their support helps this important community project to be financially self-sufficient into the future.

Tell us what is happening in your Brown Hill. Please let us know what you think!

Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Volunteer Editor, Brown Hill Community Newsletter Committee

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Tiana raises awareness

Hi. My name is Tiana Collins. I am 11 years old. I did a presentation at school to raise awareness of Huntington's Disease in May.

Huntington's Disease (HD) affects



Tiana Collins, raising awareness of Huntington's Disease with her Pa and his brother, May 2017. Image supplied by Tiana's family.

me personally. My Pa and his brother have both recently been diagnosed with it. It's a genetic disease. There is currently no cure for HD, but there are some treatments that can help to ease certain symptoms, which is why I wanted people to understand and donate if they could to Huntington's Victoria. It isn't a well known disease.

There are three groups of symptoms: physical, cognitive and personality (emotions). My family have it all, which is really sad and hard to watch. From the beginning of the symptoms, doctors predict people with HD can live for about 15 more years.

Both of my family members are getting worse and sometimes really struggle with normal life. As

it is genetic, my dad might have HD. If he does, my brother, sister and I might too. It's a 50% chance one way or the other.

Life is challenging with Huntington's Disease, it takes your life as you know it and becomes a fight every day.

If you would like to know more or donate please contact Huntington's Victoria. See: huntingtonsvic.org.au.

Tiana Collins, a Brown Hill resident and Little Bendigo Primary School student

Tiana was interviewed by WIN News as part of her awareness raising. The Courier also wrote an article about Tiana: thecourier.com.au/story/4697088/speaking-out-for-family/



Tiana Collins, raising awareness of Huntington's Disease, May 2017. Image supplied by Tiana's family.

Brown Hill Snapshot

The recent Census undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has provided a wide variety of statistics and information about just who and what makes up our Brown Hill community.

We can all see that Brown Hill is growing and changing. However, what do these changes mean for the make-up of our suburb?

In many ways, Brown Hill mirrors the average Australian community. However, there are some important statistics that show how we are changing.

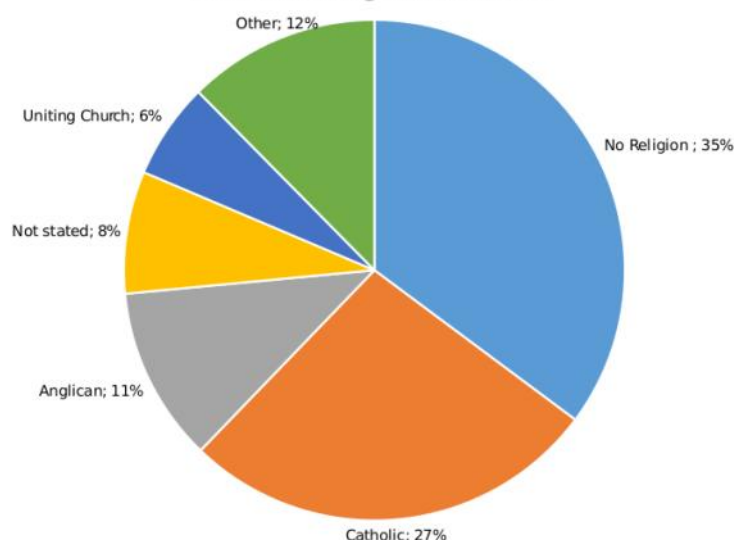
Our population age demographics show that the Brown Hill population is above the Australian average in the 25-29 and 30-34 age brackets. We also have a higher than average amount of young children (0-9 years). This could reflect that more and more young families are finding Brown Hill an attractive location in which to raise their families.

One reason why our suburb could be more attractive to young families is the affordability of both rental and mortgaged properties. In both instances, properties in

Brown Hill are significantly more affordable than national and, indeed, state averages. The median weekly rent in Brown Hill is \$250, compared to averages of \$325 in Victoria and \$335 nationally. With regards to homes for purchase, the average monthly mortgage in Brown Hill is \$1482; a big saving when compared to amounts of \$1728 in Victoria and \$1755 nationally.

The majority of residents in Brown Hill are Australian-born (88%), with European countries making up the majority of other countries of birth. England and Scotland were second and third highest on the list, respectively.

Brown Hill religious affiliation



The residents of Brown Hill don't identify as a very religious community, with 35% of residents identifying as having no religious affiliations, which is higher than the national average. However, of those who are religious, Brown Hill has a higher percentage of people identifying as Catholic, compared to the national average.

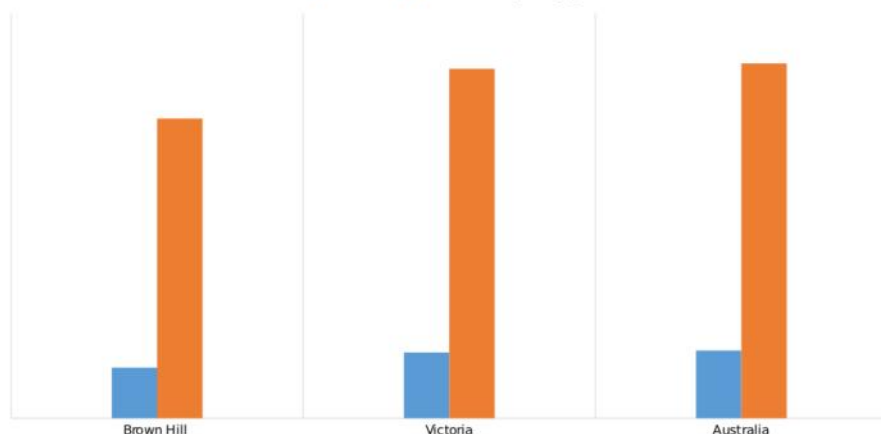
To demonstrate the giving nature of our residents, we show a higher than average percentage of people who give their time to undertake voluntary work through a group or organisation (22% compared to 19% nationally), as well as people who provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability (13% compared to 11% nationally).

Molly Binks, Year 12. A school captain of Woodman's Hill, a campus of Ballarat Secondary College

For additional interesting information, see the 'New To Brown Hill' page on the Brown Hill Online Community Hub: brownhill.vic.au/new-to-brown-hill/. This links to the ABS website. Please note, percentages have been rounded for ease of reading.

Rent and mortgage costs

■ Median rent ■ Median monthly mortgage



Chain of Survival



The defibrillator at Brown Hill Hall

With the recent temporary relocation of a defibrillator from the Brown Hill Pool into the Brown Hill Hall (until the Pool Season starts), there has been much discussion about teaching people in our community how to use a defibrillator.

After reading the defibrillator article in Edition 7 of the newsletter, Scott Angove, the Community Educator Grampians & Loddon Mallee for Ambulance Victoria got in touch with the Brown Hill Progress Association. He wrote:

"Ambulance Victoria has recently released statistics showing that more bystanders than ever are stepping in to help save lives if they see someone collapse in cardiac arrest. The latest Victorian Ambulance Cardiac Arrest Registry (VACAR) Annual Report, found a record 64 per cent of onlookers attempted CPR if they witnessed someone collapse in cardiac arrest, up from only 35 per cent in 2005-06.

It also found bystanders used Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on patients in a shockable rhythm 70 times in 2014-15, a sixfold increase on the 10 times AEDs were used in 2005-06.

If you receive CPR from someone in the community, you are nearly twice as likely to survive as if a paramedic delivered CPR first. Same with a defibrillator. If you are fortunate to have early defibrillation, you are twice as likely to survive if defibrillation was done by a paramedic.

Based on these fantastic results, it is essential we continue to educate community members so they have the knowledge and capacity to support their local community in responding to a medical emergency."

Ambulance Victoria run free-of-charge 'Chain of Survival' sessions to educate community members about recognising a medical emergency, calling Triple Zero (000) and CPR and defibrillator awareness. The Brown Hill

Progress Association is working with Ambulance Victoria to make these sessions available in Brown Hill. Information will be made available in future editions of the newsletter, on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: brownhill.vic.au and on the 'Making Brown Hill' Facebook page.

In the meantime, the Brown Hill Progress Association extends an invitation to the Brown Hill Community to join their **October Level 2 First Aid and C.P.R. Update course**.

Where: Brown Hill Public Hall, Humffray Street North

Provider: First Aid Group

When: Saturday 14 October 2017

Times: C.P.R. - 9.00am to 11.30am
(Cost \$50)

Level 2 First Aid - 9.00am to 5.00pm
(Cost \$130)

To book and pay for a place, phone First Aid Group on: 1300 705 002 during office hours or see: firstaidtraininggroup.com.

Bookings close 7 October (unless booked out earlier).

This is an initiative of the Brown Hill Progress Association and all are welcome to improve their skills.

This is an accredited course and certificates will be issued on completion.

Brendan Stevens, Secretary, Brown Hill Progress Association

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brownhill.vic.au/directory/brown-hill-progress-association-and-swimming-pool/



Brown Hill Partnership

Hall Refurbishment

Significant funding for the refurbishment of the Brown Hill Public Hall has been granted. The Brown Hill Partnership has allocated \$100,000 and the Brown Hill Hall Committee has committed \$10,000. The City of Ballarat will invest \$270,000. Precise planning will begin shortly, coordinated by the City of Ballarat, with hopes of beginning Stage 1 early in 2018. Draft plans are available to download from the Brown Hill Online Community Hub: brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-partnership/ (November 2016 section).

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 November

R.S.V.P. to Sandra Kennedy on 5320 5746. All welcome!

Facebook: Making Brown Hill

Brown Hill Local Area Plan

Following on from the great work achieved through the community-led Engaging Communities Program, Council has committed to continuing to partner with local residents to develop a Local Area Plan for Brown Hill. The Plan will provide an integrated framework for the provision of infrastructure, open spaces and other key community assets to help better protect valued community and environmental features and manage the rapid growth occurring in the area.

The Plan is currently in the very early stages of scoping. Further

information about the Plan and opportunities for the community to get involved will be provided over the coming months.

If you have any queries regarding the Brown Hill Plan or the local area planning process, please feel free to get in touch with the Strategic Planning Team at the City of Ballarat at strategicplanning@ballarat.vic.gov.au or 5320 7420.

Find out more:
brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-partnership

2017 Community Safety Awards

Council is calling for nominations for the 2017 Community Safety Awards.

The awards aim to acknowledge individuals, groups and organisations that are contributing to making Ballarat a safer community.

Please consider nominating or identifying a group or project for consideration. The nomination form provides more details about the three categories and selection criteria.

All nominations are in the running for the \$1000 Community Safety Prize (except for State Government and Council funded projects). Nominations close **Friday 1 September 2017**.

For more information or to discuss a potential nomination please contact Paula Roozenburg, Community Projects Officer, City of Ballarat: 03 5320 5183 or paularoozenburg@ballarat.vic.gov.au.

Grants for Community Groups

The City of Ballarat's Community Impact Grant Program is open for applications.

Local not-for-profit organisations, associations and community groups planning a project or activity in the municipality of Ballarat are encouraged to apply to Council's Community Impact Grant Program for funding to assist with the delivery of these.

Up to \$10,000 is available for projects that:

- *develop partnerships with the community

- *provide sustainable opportunities for participants

- *projects where the grant money assists in either the implementation of projects or activities; or

- *funding for non-fixed capital items and equipment

The grant program encourages applicants to be innovative, creative and address need within their community. This Community Impact Grant Program is open in four rounds, with programs to be placed on hold when funds are fully allocated.

Round One opened on 1 August and **closes on 31 August**.

*Please note: there have been major changes to the grant program. Applicants are urged to ensure their applications meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the grant guidelines.

See: ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/grants



New distance markers at Russell Square

Russell Square Markers

Distance markers have been installed along the walking track around Russell Square.

The markers are located 200 metres apart, totalling one kilometre.



Scott Parade Improvement Project

Phase One of the Scott Parade Improvement Project has been completed with the uplifting of trees and tidying up of garden beds.

Phase Two of the project will include rejuvenation of existing garden beds, with the planting of

tube stock and spreading of mulch. Four new garden beds will be constructed along Scott Parade (from Water Street to Stawell Street). These beds will be planted out with native grasses. This work is scheduled to be commenced in September 2017.

Keep an eye on the 'Making Brown Hill' Facebook page and the Brown Hill Online Community Hub (brownhill.vic.au) for updates.



Uplifting of trees along Scott Parade

Online Hub

Our Online Hub is full of great local information. See: brownhill.vic.au

The front page has a list of diary dates and key stories from each edition of the newsletter. One of our volunteer website editors, Hazen, has created a 'New to Brown Hill' page, with information for new residents, including important links, a summary of the 2016 Census data and information about fire risk in Brown Hill. Soon there will also be a map showing places of interest and local services.

See: brownhill.vic.au/new-to-brown-hill/

The Brown Hill Partnership page (brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-partnership/) has recently been updated with important information about the new 'Brown Hill Local Area Plan' project (p.6).

To stay up to date with new information on the Online Hub, you can 'follow' the 'Making Brown Hill' Facebook page.

Feedback about the Online Hub and suggestions are welcome to Brendan Stevens, Brown Hill Progress Association Secretary: bhpasec@gmail.com.au.

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2017 Brown Hill Community Festival

Planning is full steam ahead for the 2017 Brown Hill Community Festival on Friday 27 October, 5.00-7.30pm at the Brown Hill Recreation Reserve, Humffray Street North.

Local community groups will come together to offer a sausage sizzle, pancakes and cold drinks, each for a gold coin donation. Entertainment will include performances from students at Brown Hill Kindergarten, Caledonian Primary School and Woodman's Hill, a campus of Ballarat Secondary College. Family friendly activities such as face-painting and jumping castles will put smiles on lots of faces.

In addition to information stands with information from many Brown Hill Community Groups, the City of Ballarat will have a display about the new 'Brown Hill Local Area Plan' project (p.6). This will be one of many opportunities to have your say.

So save the date to make sure you can join our community for this award-winning event, celebrating all that we love about Brown Hill.

festival@brownhill.vic.au

brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival

Facebook: [brownhillfestival](https://www.facebook.com/brownhillfestival)

'My Brown Hill' image competition

After the success of the inaugural 'My Brown Hill' Community Festival Photo Competition in 2017, it's happening again! However, there is one key change for younger entrants.

This year, children entering the Pre-School, Junior Primary School (Prep to Grade Two) and Senior Primary School (Grade Three to Grade Six) categories will need to submit an A4 sized drawing.

Secondary students and adults are asked to submit a photo.

Entrants are asked to capture or draw an image of something or

someone that best shows what Brown Hill means to them. A short description explaining the image needs to be included.

Entries can be lodged at Brown Hill Kindergarten (1 Reid Court) or Caledonian Primary School (Thompson Street) during office hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm weekdays during school term. All entries are due by 12.00 noon on Friday 20 October 2017.

A panel of judges will select the winning photo. Entries will be on display at the Festival in October - when winners will be announced and prizes distributed.

For details and entry forms, see: brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival.



The Brown Hill Community celebrating at the 2016 Brown Hill Community Festival. Image: Ian Wilson

Our exceedingly good kindergarten!



Brown Hill Kindergarten Staff: Amanda, Jacinta, Debbie, Olivia and Christine

Brown Hill Kindergarten recently underwent the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority's (ACECQA) regular 'Assessment and Rating' process.

We were proud to receive an overall rating of 'Exceeding National Quality Standard'.

Education and care services operating under the 'National Quality Framework' (preschools (kindergartens), long-day-care, outside-school-hours-care and family-day-care-services), are regularly assessed and rated against the 'National Quality Standard' and the requirements of the 'Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010' (National Law) and the 'Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011' (National Regulations).

The National Regulations and the National Quality Standard are organised around seven quality areas. These areas are informed by best practice and the way in which

high-quality education and care is delivered. They are:

1. Educational program and practice
2. Children's health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management

The ratings that can be achieved by education and care services are:

- * Excellent
- * Exceeding National Quality Standard
- * Meeting National Quality Standard
- * Working Towards National Quality Standard
- * Significant Improvement Required

Brown Hill Kindergarten staff would like to congratulate and thank both our kindergarten community and the wider Brown Hill community for their support of the kindergarten and involvement in its programs. The high rating achieved reflects the commitment of the staff, parents and the local community to providing a high quality early-childhood education service. Brown Hill Kindergarten is managed by the Eureka Community Kindergarten Association and we acknowledge their positive governance and support in helping us to achieve this result.

Christine Sullivan, Education Leader

Brown Hill Kindergarten, a Eureka Kindergarten Community Association (ECKA) Kindergarten

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brownhill.vic.au/directory/brown-hill-kindergarten

ecka.org.au/early-childhood-centres/kindergartenspreschools/brown-hill-kindergarten



Part of the outside play space at Brown Hill Kindergarten

Science Week at Caledonian Primary School

From Monday 17 until Friday 21 July, Caledonian Primary School held a Science Week.

All of the students were split up into groups. We had many different activities including making slime, cottage cheese, volcanic eruptions, floating sultanas and lots of other things. Overall, everyone really enjoyed it!

On Tuesday, the Grade Three and Four students got to see one of the 'Nao' (pronounced "now") robots. It danced and showed them what engineers and scientists do and what they want robots to do in the future. They got to see what a real robot looks like and how it could help humans one day!

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Grade Three to Six students walked to Woodmans Hill, a campus of Ballarat Secondary College, to conduct more experiments! They got to do chemistry. In chemistry, they made lava lamps, sparklers and fluffy slime, then they got to have lots of delicious food that Woodmans Hill provided. After the delicious food they went straight back to the activities. Physics was another activity at Woodmans Hill. In physics they made catapults that sling-shot ping-pong balls.

On Thursday and Friday, the Grade Prep to Two, Five and Six students had the Royal Flying

Doctors' simulator come and visit our school. They talked about what they do and also the \$20 note that has John Flynn on it and how he started the Royal Flying Doctors Service. The students also got to go in the simulator to see what it's like when they fly in the aeroplane as a flying doctor. They also got to look at the equipment they use at the Royal Flying Doctors.

We would like to say thank-you to Woodmans Hill Campus, Nao and The Royal Flying Doctors for letting Caledonian students participate in the events to celebrate science.

Written by Molly and Jonah, Grade 5, Caledonian Primary School



The Royal Flying Doctors' Service Aeroplane Simulator. Image supplied by Tom Ryan, RFDS Victoria

Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

Birthday celebration

The Ballarat Wholefoods Collective will be turning four on Monday 4 September. Celebrations will be held over until Friday 27 October, to coincide with the Brown Hill Community Festival. More information will be in Edition 9 and on their website: ballaratwholefoodscollective.org

Seasonal food

New in stock: new season almonds, a range of teas and spices, groats (the hulled kernels of various cereal grains such as oat, wheat, rye, and barley) and hazelnuts.

Boomerang Bags

The Ballarat Wholefoods Collective is proud to have formed the Ballarat Boomerang Bags community, with Hattie and the Wolf (218a Skipton Street, Ballarat Central) and The Healthy Hub (100 Bridge Mall, Ballarat).

Boomerang Bags started in Burleigh Heads, Queensland, in 2013. On their website, they state that Boomerang Bags communities "work to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags – community-made, using recycled materials. Boomerang Bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags. By getting involved, you are participating in a national movement that celebrates a local grassroots initiative, community building and sustainability." See: boomerangbags.org.

The first Sewing Bee will be on **Wednesday 23 August** from 7.00pm at the Brown Hill Cricket Club, 1 Reid Court.

We are asking for donations of materials, clothing, cotton, scissors and spare sewing machines (to loan). Donations can be dropped at the Brown Hill Cricket Club. Please arrange a time with Wendy by calling 0419 898 286.

Volunteers are needed on the night to help with cutting materials, pinning, ironing, stamping and sewing. All ages

welcome and no experience required.

Wendy Aston, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

Seasonal Local Organic Wholefoods

Brown Hill Cricket Club
9.00-11.00am and 5.00-7.00pm
Wednesdays (school term only; closed during school holidays)

For a list of our products and prices and for further details: Ballaratwholefoodscollective.org
brownhill.vic.au/directory/ballarat-wholefoods-collective



HOW TO USE BOOMERANG BAGS

Please remember to bring your own reusable bag when shopping! If you have forgotten, these Boomerang Bags are available to borrow.



Boomerang Bags are handmade by community volunteers using recycled materials. To donate materials or get involved, contact:

Wendy, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective, 0419 898 286

www.boomerangbags.org  

FireAware Funding

The Brown Hill Community FireAware Network has been successful in obtaining a Community Impact Grant from the City of Ballarat to fund this year's letterbox stickers to help raise awareness of the bushfire threat to Brown Hill households for this coming bushfire season.

As a significant proportion of Brown Hill is within a designated Bushfire Prone Area, households displaying the stickers on their letterboxes will assist in promoting awareness of the risk of bushfires to their neighbourhood and the need to prepare. The stickers will be distributed to households within the Neighbourhood Clusters during October.

There are four established



Fire Aware Mascot, Penny Platypus

Network Clusters: Coorabin Estate; Janson Road and Stringybark Drive; Russell Square to Lane Street between Scott Parade and the Yarrowee River, and Finlay Street South and Bradbury Street. We would also like to start up another one or two clusters for this season. If you might be interested in helping out, give Hazen a ring on 0408 690 493 to find out what it might involve

(very little – trust me!). If you already live within one of the cluster areas and wouldn't mind helping out with letterboxing please call Hazen.

The purpose of a cluster is to:

- *provide an annual reminder of the need to prepare for the fire season

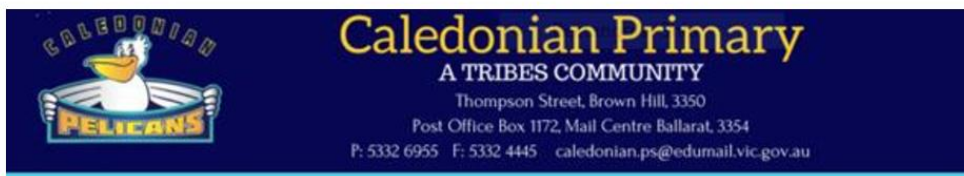
- *provide information that is relevant to a specific neighbourhood

- *highlight that it is everyone's responsibility to be aware and prepared to act in a fire event affecting their community or a community nearby.

Looking for more information on the Network? Just search the web for 'Brown Hill Community FireAware Network'.

Hazen Cleary, Brown Hill Community FireAware Network Coordinator

0408 690 493



2018 Prep Enrolment

Open Morning

Wednesday the 13th
of September

9.30am – 10.30am

Please contact the school
to confirm your
attendance.

You are invited to visit Caledonian Primary School and have a look around our school and meet the new Principal Brea Terris.

Find out more about the excellent opportunities we have to offer and see the children in action. You will have a chance to visit classrooms and meet our dedicated staff.

Brown Hill Uniting Church events



Ballarat Trams

You are invited to attend a screening of 'A History of Ballarat Trams' at the Brown Hill Uniting Church, on Sunday 20 August at 2.00pm. Cuppa to follow.

For further information email: gragwen2@iprimus.com.au

Graeme Ragg, Brown Hill Uniting Church

Men's Breakfasts

On Saturday 22 July, a group of men from across the community gathered at the Brown Hill Uniting Church hall for a hearty breakfast and to hear Mr Doug Jenkins speak about the Ballarat East Community Men's Shed (BECs). While primarily a shed for men,

Doug explained that there are also opportunities for women to meet. The Shed's mission is to engage the elderly, differently-abled, youth, veterans, indigenous and other groups of men to specifically address any issues of isolation, loneliness and depression. It aims to promote social interaction and to share and develop skills, abilities and interests in a non-threatening environment and to offer support in times of personal difficulty. Woodwork, metalwork and art are some of the crafts that men work on independently, or in groups for specific projects to benefit the community.

Doug invited anyone to call in to simply say "hi" or to find out a bit more about the Men's Shed.

You can find the 'Shed' at 730 Eureka Street or look them up at becs.shed.org.au. Their email address is: becs@shed.org.au.

Business hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm and Saturdays



from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

The next Men's Breakfast at the Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall is on Saturday 23 September starting at 8.00am. The guest speaker will be confirmed in the 'Diary Dates' section of the Brown Hill Online Community Hub: brownhill.vic.au. The cost is \$5 for a full cooked breakfast. Please RSVP to Louise via text on 0407 893 468 (for catering purposes).

Louise Wright, Brown Hill Uniting Church

brownhill.vic.au/directory/brown-hill-uniting-church/

Brown Hill Seniors

We have been enjoying the cold with activities for our members.

We celebrated Christmas in July with lunch at Donegan's Farm in Gordon. It's always a lovely meal there.

We've had two visits to the Prospect Café and found these most enjoyable.

New members are most welcome.

Enquiries: Doreen 5331 2157.

Doreen Braebrook, Brown Hill Seniors Coordinator

brownhill.vic.au/directory/brown-hill-senior-citizens-club/

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Brown Hill Businesses

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brownhill.vic.au/directory/business/.

If you, your neighbours or Brown Hill friends own a business, please let us know so that we can promote them. Contact us:
directory@brownhill.vic.au

Here are some additional Brown Hill businesses which are either new or haven't been listed in a previous edition of the newsletter:

VEGAS & ROSE

Vegas and Rose Online Shop

Vegas & Rose was a little café on Humffray Street North for five fun years. In early 2017, it became Start Café and the Vegas and Rose team decided to change direction and open an online shop of speciality gift boxes, fresh native flowers and delicious foodie items for your pantry!

Contact: Penthea
info@vegasandrose.com.au
0414 783 753
vegasandrose.bigcartel.com/
facebook.com/vegasandrose/

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Contact: Ryan Carthy

1 Melbourne Road (corner Water Street), Brown Hill (Mobil Service Station)
5332 6030
0477 250 271



Golden Leash Dog Walking and Pet Services

Golden Leash is a Brown Hill business that provides dog walking, feeding and general assistance for clients with pets when life can sometimes get a little too busy.

Contact: Hayleigh Cattell
0432 538 883
goldenleashdogwalk@gmail.com
facebook.com/Goldenleashdogwalker/

Rick Penhall Smash Repairs

40 Water Street, Brown Hill
5331 4959
rick@penhallsmash.com.au



Baker's Delight Bakery Hill

For all your bread needs, drop in and be delighted by our great customer service and quality products. With over 85 products baked fresh from scratch every day, you're sure to find a delicious bread-based product to suit your requirement. For larger orders, please give us a call to organise. We want to work with Brown Hill community groups, so please get in touch with us and we'll work out how we can help.

Contact: Franchisees, Glenn & Kerryn Drew

glenntdrew@gmail.com
Bakery: 5333 3845
Glenn: 0400 905 048
Shop 6, 73 Victoria St Ballarat
(Bakery Hill Shopping Complex)
bakersdelight.com.au/bakery-locator/bakery-hill/

Open early (the first loaf of bread comes out at 4.00am!) until 7.00pm.

Reader feedback

We were delighted to receive this email from Barbara, a subscriber:

"Congratulations on a great Newsletter. I enjoyed browsing through it and couldn't help noticing the changes in the area since I was raised and grew up there. I always used to tell friends who lived in other areas of Ballarat that although Brown Hill seemed to them to be a long way out of town it only took me no more than ten minutes to get into the centre of Ballarat due mainly to the fact that I had 3 access routes i.e. Victoria Street, Humffray Street or Scott Parade and if I was going to Wendouree Village I used Chisholm Street into Howitt or Norman Street.

I particularly enjoyed reading about the Bush Kindergarten, it must be wonderful for these children to see and experience the wonder of nature in this day and age when everything is centred around technology.

A lovely article about Norma Moulton as well. When we were children we were fortunate to have been included, with that part of the Wilson family, in family picnics to places like Creswick, Learmonth etc. on Boxing Day, Australia Day and other holidays. Unheard of now but we used to go on the back of a truck! What fun we had.

Keep up the good work."

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Files will need to be provided electronically and payment made online by direct debit.

Visit brownhill.vic.au/newsletter to find out more, and book and pay for your space in Edition 9 (distributed late October 2017). We have already sold almost half of the allocated space for Edition 9, so get in touch to secure your space. Artwork is due by Wednesday 27 September and payment by Wednesday 4 October.

Contact:
newsletter@brownhill.vic.au

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It is cricket time again!

The Brown Hill Cricket Club would like to welcome back Jason Knowles to the club after a season in Geelong with the Leopold Cricket Club. Jason has taken on the position of Club Coach for the 2017/18 cricket season.

Senior cricket training has commenced. It is held on Wednesdays starting at 6.00pm at the Major League Indoor Centre, Howitt Street, Ballarat.

The Club would like to welcome and encourage anyone who is interested in partaking in a game of cricket this season. Please contact Phillip Knowles on 0407 399 971.

We are also looking to increase our Junior numbers this year. We would like to hear from any parent whose child, male or female, is interested in playing for the first time or looking for a change of club.

We run a Milo In-2-Cricket program (for children six years and older). We also run Under 12s, Under 14s and Under U16s teams, all of which will start training after mid-September.

For further information please give us a call.

Phillip Knowles, President, Brown Hill Cricket Club

phillip.knowles1960@gmail.com
0407 399 971



2015/2016 BCA First XI Grand Final day 3. Golden Point vs Brown Hill. Jason Knowles (Brown Hill). Photo: Dylan Burns, reproduced with permission from The Courier

Victoria Bowling Club

We have now passed the half-way point of Winter and the bowls season is fast approaching. Memberships are available from the Bowling Club and, if new members wish to look over the Club's facilities, it is open every Friday evening from 5.00pm for 'Happy Hour'.

Practice games are being organised for September and lists are on the notice boards for players to put their names on.

On Sunday 10 September the Bowling Club is holding a "D-Day" (Destruction of the Old Synthetic Green). A BBQ lunch will be supplied. All money raised will go towards the construction of a new synthetic green.

For function bookings please contact Darren Britt on 0419 326 709.

Michael Walsh, Victoria Bowling Club

0457 111 399, 5332 6242

231 Victoria Street, Ballarat East

vbcfunctionroom@outlook.com
victoriabowlsclub.com.au

brownhill.vic.au/directory/victoria-bowling-club

Central Highlands Water

Central Highlands Water is a regional water corporation providing high quality drinking water, sewerage, trade waste and recycled water services to customers in Ballarat and surrounding towns.

Formerly known as the Central Highlands Region Water Authority, it is one of 19 state-owned water businesses operating under the guidance of the Victorian Water Act.

Providing fully integrated catchment-to-tap-to-catchment water services, we collect, store, filter, disinfect and deliver water, and collect and treat wastewater.

Central Highlands Water provides water supply and sewerage services through 62,763 water supply connections and 52,714 wastewater service connections to more than 130,000 people.

chw.net.au

Drinking Fountain for Brown Hill

Central Highlands Water has installed a drinking fountain at Russell Square. 'Be Smart Choose Tap' Aquafil drinking water fountains feature bottle refill dispensers, dog drinking bowls and wheelchair-accessible bubblers.

The drinking water fountains project is due to a community partnership between Central Highlands Water and the City of Ballarat.



The new drinking fountain at Russell Square



Edible gardens

Growing your own vegetables might seem overwhelming, but it's much easier than you think. Also, food grown at home always tastes better. Central Highlands Water has a handy planting guide designed to make it easier for you to plan out your garden each season.

Seeds should generally be sown at the beginning/middle of each season so they have time to establish.

Winter

Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Jerusalem Artichoke, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Pea, Rhubarb, Strawberry, Turnip.

Spring

Asparagus, Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrot, Celery, Chilli, Chives, Eggplant, Leek, Lettuce, Parsley, Parsnip, Pea, Potato,

Radish, Silver Beet, Spring Onion, Strawberry, Sunflower, Tomato, Turnip.

For more tips, see:
chw.net.au/grow

Kirk's Reservoir

On 11 January 1861, John Kirk sold his dam to the Government of Victoria, laying the foundation for the future Ballarat water supply system. In June 1862, the Kirks Dam formed the foundation of Ballarat's first permanent water supply. It has a capacity of 400 megalitres.

As one of the regions most exotic gardens, Kirks Reservoir Park is Central Highlands Water's most picturesque asset. Just east of Brown Hill (along Ballarat-Daylesford Road, past Brewery Tap Road), the park has ample parking, free undercover BBQs and toilet facilities.

The rotunda and surrounding gardens are ideal for wedding ceremonies (free, bookings required) and there are excellent learning opportunities for children and school groups to find out about the importance of water



Kirk's Reservoir. Image: Central Highlands Water.



Kirk's Reservoir, just outside Brown Hill. Image: Central Highlands Water.

with the Outdoor Education Centre.

What a wonderful space so close to Brown Hill for us to explore. Take a picnic and enjoy Kirk's Reservoir. It's on our doorstep!

For more information, see: chw.net.au/community/kirks-reservoir-park



The beautiful gardens at Kirk's Reservoir. Image: Central Highlands Water.

Play Outside Day

With so many great places to play outside, in and close to Brown Hill, we thought we would share this information about Play Outside Day.

Play Outside Day is the first Saturday of every month. Coming up: **2 September and 7 October 2017.**

What is National Play Outside Day?

On the first Saturday of the month, everybody plays outside.

This includes kids, parents, adults, families and grandparents.

There are no scheduled events or activities, just go outside and do something fun with your friends and family.

Mark it on the calendar for the rest of the year so you don't forget! Make it a monthly tradition.

Why play outside?

*It's fun

*Develop a lifetime habit of physical activity

*Keep health and exercise a priority

*Discover new things

*Use your imagination

*Enjoy the beauty of nature

*Create lifelong memories with friends and family

Why have people stopped playing outside?

*There is a ton of cool stuff inside (video games, TV, computers, toys.....).

*It's different than when we were kids. Parents had to yell for kids to come in, now some parents have to yell to get kids to go outside.

*We get busy with the other things we need to do and don't make it a priority.

*The news media has scared us about being outside.

*It is up to parents to encourage and plan outdoor activities.

*Playing outside is a choice. It takes a little effort, like putting shoes on. But once you are outside, it's worth it.

See: playoutsideday.org

Vale John "Kelly" Thurling



John "Kelly" Thurling

28.03.1930 - 18.06.2017

On 18 June, at the age of 87, Kelly passed peacefully at Nazareth House, Ballarat, surrounded by his loving family.

Kelly was the loved husband of Heather for 64 years, dearly-loved father of Cheryl, Diane and Vicki, loving Pop of Angela and Matthew, Troy and Sarah, and Dale and Kasey, and special loved Poppy to Zach, Oliver, Ned and Max.

The Thurling family would like to thank everyone who attended the service at Brown Hill Uniting Church on 23 June 2017. It was a great testament to the kind, welcoming man Kelly was.

Many Brown Hill Uniting Church members reminisced that, during his time as a member, Kelly was there to welcome everyone and made each person feel at home from the first day they arrived. He would never forget a name and always remembered the last conversation he had with you, no matter how long it was since you last spoke. He loved everyone in their humanness, in their

fallibility, in their realness.

Kelly was a joiner at his shop 'JB Thurling Joinery' (later known as Mathersons after Kelly sold it) on the corner of Water and Thompson Streets (across Thompson Street from Caledonian Primary School). The building is no longer there. He later moved on to run woodwork classes for children with disabilities at Pennyweight Park in Canadian.

When he finally retired, Kelly moved to Portarlinton with his wife, Heather. Before their move, Kelly was involved with the Brown Hill Uniting Church as a 'greeter', Council member, Kids' Club leader and toy-maker. Many Brown Hill

children of the 1980s went home with a foot stool and wooden toys made with Kelly's help. Even up to Kelly's last days, he was still thinking of new projects to start.

We also remember fondly Kelly's love of cooking; his Sunday roasts, sausage rolls, cream horns and prize-winning scones, which he was always happy to share with everyone, will be sadly missed.

Kelly, you had a smile for everyone, you had a heart of gold, you left behind the memories that everyone will hold.

A dedicated Brown Hill community worker, now at rest.

Thurling Family



Kelly's 'cream horns'. This is a typical photo of him, always a happy greeting, a tea towel over his shoulder and offering up food.