Brown Hill Community Newsletter

Edition 3, September 2016

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Pierre and Danielle with the article's authors Connor, Giaan and Madison-Lee

A Taste of France in Brown Hill

Pierre and Danielle, originally from France, now live in Ballarat and love to share their cooking with locals. Pierre is originally from Monte Carlo and Danielle is from Fontainebleau in France. Their first dining table was an ironing board! If Pierre was to choose a different career he would have chosen acting.

Pierre and Danielle have been together for fifty-one years. The couple have owned two restaurants, a lifestyle centre and a health food shop. Pierre originally worked in a five star restaurant that served customers including Shirley Bassey, Reg Ansett, Michael Edgely and Raylene Gould. Danielle has loved cooking since she was a child.

Their favourite main meal to cook

is a French quiche. Their favourite dessert meal to cook is carob mousse. They thought that animal products were not pleasant so they tried being vegan for one week. Pierre says: "animals that eat meat are mostly angry and animals that are herbivores are generally calm." They then made the choice to become full-time vegan. Pierre and Danielle have lived a total health vegan lifestyle for thirty-eight years. Being vegan must be good for you because Pierre and Danielle look very healthy!

The food they cook is simple, tasty, colourful and delicious. Pierre likes pasta. Together they manage Healthy Homes Australia, their at-home business. Their motto is "Health is Wealth". Commencing in October, Pierre and Danielle will be delighted to offer total vegetarian delicious meals on Sundays from 11.30am to 2.00pm. Bookings are essential ... *Continued on page 9*

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 18: Yarrowee River Bus Tour. Contact Jane: 0426 873 202.

<u>OCTOBER</u>

Tuesday 4, 7pm: Brown Hill Progress Association Meeting, Brown Hill Hall. (p.3).

Wednesday 5, 7pm: Wholefoods Ballarat AGM, Brown Hill Cricket Club. Members and new members. (p.10).

Monday 10, 1:30-4:00pm: Brown Hill Seniors Open Day. (p.8).

Monday 17 - Sunday 23, Aussie Backyard Bird Count. (p.5).

Tuesday 18, 7pm: Brown Hill Partnership meeting, Brown Hill Cricket Clubrooms, Reid Street. (p.3).

Sunday 23, 9am-12 noon: Working Bee at Brown Hill Kindergarten. (p.5).

Friday 28, 5-8pm: Inaugural Brown Hill Community Festival, Brown Hill Reserve. (p.2).

Monday 31: Newsletter Edition 4 submissions due to *brownhillnewsletter@gmail.com*

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1, 7pm: Brown Hill Progress Association Meeting. Brown Hill Hall. (p.3).

Wednesday 16, 6pm: Ballarat Wholefoods Cheese Making Workshop. (p.10).

Welcome to Edition 3

This is our biggest issue so far, with 12 pages of stories and information to inspire you to connect with the Brown Hill community.

As we have a listing of sporting and activity groups on the back page, we have included a few stories about local sports stars who live or play in Brown Hill.

You will find stories about activities in our local environment, including *Backyard Bird Week* and an update on the *FireAware* program, with community infomation sessions starting in September.

We are glad you enjoyed reading about 'Quick-witted Walter' and hope the stories in this edition, about other Brown Hill residents, are just as entertaining.

In local news, you may have noticed that the 'Brown Hill' sign on Humffray Street North has been moved closer to Stawell Street North, to better represent the western boundary of Brown Hill.

What's in a name?

The Brown Hill Community Newsletter may have a new name for Edition 4. The Committee's favourite suggestions received to date include:

* Brown Hill Bulletin

* Brown Hill Community Connector

* *Brownbill's Banter* (William Brownbill was the prospector who claimed the Brown Hill area during the Ballarat gold rush. Read more in Edition 4). Let us know your favourite before **Friday 21 October** (and any more suggestions) via email or vote on the new '*Brown Hill Community Newsletter*' Facebook page.

To give your feedback and ideas for stories, email us at *brownhillnewsletter@gmail.com* or drop off a note to the office at Caledonian Primary School, Thompson Street, Brown Hill (during school term).

Brown Hill Community Newsletter Committee

Partnership Update

Thanks to the City of Ballarat for the insert about the fantastic work achieved in the first year of the Brown Hill Partnership and the recent upgrade works in the Brown Hill Reserve.

Thanks also to community members who participated in the August Tree Planting Day. Participants enjoyed a magnificent cake stall organised by the Brown Hill Kindergarten and a sausage sizzle cooked by the Brown Hill Progress Association.

Projects recently funded by the Partnership include an upgrade to the Brown Hill Cricket Clubrooms and Connecting to Nearby Nature: community events and information sessions.

All community members are welcome to the next Partnership meeting on **Tuesday 16 October** at the Brown Hill Cricket Club. To RSVP or to find out how to develop a pitch to seek funding for a community project, contact Sandra Kennedy, City of Ballarat, on 5320 5746 or *sandrakennedy@ballarat.vic.gov.au.*

Brown Hill Community Festival

Save the date: <u>5:00-8:00pm</u> Friday 28 October, 2016.

Join us at Brown Hill Recreation Reserve / Progress Park (between the Brown Hill Hall and the Brown Hill Hotel, Humffray Street North).

A free-of-charge, family-friendly event. All welcome!

What are we celebrating?

1. Brown Hill is an awesome place to live, with a welcoming community!

2. The Brown Hill Partnership has made significant achievements in its first year.

3. The City of Ballarat has recently made fantastic improvements to the Brown Hill Reserve.

3. The Brown Hill Community Newsletter will be officially launched.

Entertainment and activites

* Performances by children from Brown Hill Kindergarten and Caledonian Primary School.

* Children's activities.

* Connecting to Nearby Nature environmental sessions run by the Yarowee-Leigh Catchment Group.

* Live music.

Food and drink

* Sausage sizzle (Brown Hill Progress Association).

* Coffee cart and food vans.

To stay updated, like the 'Making Brown Hill' and 'Brown Hill Community Newsletter' Facebook pages, and keep your eye out for posters coming soon.

Summer is Approaching and so is the Bushfire Season

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

If you live close to reserves and bushland, you are living on the urban-rural fringe and are at risk of a bushfire attack. Even if you live several streets back from these interface areas, you are not necessarily safe from bushfire.

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

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

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

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

1. Do you live within a couple of streets of bushland?

2. Does your local area have a history of bushfires?

3. Do you have many trees and shrubs around your home?

4. If you need to leave your home, do you need to travel through

bushland?

5. Is your Bush Fire Survival Plan more than one year old?

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



2003 Canberra fires affected the urban area near bushland

To help residents learn more about the fire risk to themselves and our community, and what to do about it, the Brown Hill Community FireAware Network is forming a number of neighbourhood clusters. Residents are invited to a series of information sessions to discuss fire behaviour, risk assessment and how best to prepare households and property prior to the fire season.

This year there will be four clusters covering the following neighbourhoods:

1. Coorabin Estate;

2. Janson Road and Stringybark Drive;

3. Finlay Street South and Bradbury Street;

4. Russell Square (Stawell Street North) to Lane Street (between Yarrowee Creek and the railway line). First meeting: 6:30pm-8:30pm, Thursday 15 September.

If you live in one of these neighbourhoods, keep an eye out for your invitation and please come along with your questions. If you live outside these neighbourhoods, you can still access a range of information on bushfire risk and how to plan for the fire season from this website:

pleanetwork.com.au/brown-hillcommunity-fireaware- network/

or join the Network's Facebook page (search Brown Hill Community FireAware Network).

If you would like to know more about the Network, contact Hazen on 0408 690 493.

Hazen Cleary, FireAware Network Coordinator



FireAware mascot, Penny Platypus



The Brown Hill Progress Association supports the Brown Hill Community Newsletter. Become a member for \$2. Contact Brendan Stevens on 5334 8014 (evenings). Meeting dates on p.1.

Wattle Flat Pootilla Landcare Group

Your local environmental action group

Have you walked the Yarrowee Trail north of the freeway in recent years? You'll have noticed an enormous amount of woody weed removal and planting of native shrubs and groundcovers in the Ditchfield Reserve area.

This is one of several projects that have been driven by your local Landcare group.

The Wattle Flat Pootilla Landcare Group (WFPLG) is a group of volunteer families and individuals who have worked energetically since forming in 2001 to enhance the natural landscape in the area around Brown Hill and north towards Dean and Creswick. We hold regular events such as plantings, working bees and social events aimed at improving and protecting our natural environment and having fun.

Our work aims to increase biodiversity values in this district. We have a strong focus on restoring indigenous trees, shrubs



"Gardening" the Landcare way – planting indigenous grasses along the

Yarrowee Trail and groundcovers into the landscape and have been directly responsible for planting more than 22,000 plants on private and public land in this area over the last 15 years.

The land for which our members care is an important wildlife link between the new Canadian Regional Park to the south of the freeway, the Creswick State Forest to the north and west and the Wombat Forest to the east of our interest area. Our efforts to improve the biodiversity in our landscape have been heavily influenced by our proximity to these major forests.

If you would like to be involved in environmental projects and make great social connections in the neighbourhood, contact Andrew



on 0419 091 601 or Stephanie on 5334 8035. You can also find out more about WFPLG at:

corangamite.l andcarevic.n et.au/wattleflat-pootilla.

BirdLife Ballarat

The Inaugural Meeting of the Bird Observers Club in Ballarat was held on 14 June 1983. Several name changes have taken place since then. In January 2012, after a merger with Birds Australia, BirdLife Australia was formed and our branch became BirdLife Ballarat.

Approximately 284 species of birds have been recorded within a 40km radius of Ballarat. A copy of the list can be downloaded from the website: *birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlifeballarat/bird-lists-bal*

One of the best places to see birds in the Brown Hill area is Ditchfield Nature Reserve and along the walking track to the Gong Reservoir. So far 87 species have been recorded. The most common birds include the Common and Brush Bronzewing, Crimson Rosella, White-throated Treecreeper, White-browed Scrubwren and Eastern Yellow Robin.

In springtime and early summer many migratory birds visit the



Eastern Yellow Robin taken by Jenny Garley.

area and often nest there. Some of these birds are the Satin Flycatcher, Rufous Whistler, Sacred Kingfisher and several species of cuckoo.

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count

is back for its third year, from 17 to 23 October. BirdLife Australia invites members of the public to participate in the count. In 2015 over 14,000 individuals submitted surveys with over 31,000 checklists submitted, and 563 species recorded nationwide. There will be a Bird Week display in the Ballarat Library from 10 to 23 October and entry forms for the bird count will be available there. Download the app or go to the website for more information: www.aussiebirdcount.org.au

The count can take place anywhere. All it takes is 20 minutes in your backyard, favourite outdoor space, local park, beach, forest or paddock.

Contact: ballarat@birdlife.org.au.

Helen O'Donnell and Ian Ashton, BirdLife Ballarat

Brown Hill Kindergarten tree planting

In August, children from Brown Hill Kindergarten worked with staff from Ballarat Council to plant trees in the parkland across the river from the kindergarten. It was a cold morning but the children enjoyed planting the trees and hammering in the stakes. Over the years, children from the kindergarten have planted lots of trees in the same area. The children were excited to see, when they looked at the size of the trees they were planting, how the trees their brothers and sisters planted had grown.

The tree planting activity links in with the kindergarten's bushkinder program, which aims to give the children opportunities to spend long periods of time outdoors and to build connections with the local natural environment.

After their experience tree planting with the kindergarten, the children were excited to join in the community tree planting activity organised by the Brown Hill Partnership.

Christine Sullivan, Education Leader, Brown Hill Kindergarten

Working Bee

On **Sunday 23** October from 9:00am-12:00 noon there will be a Working Bee at Brown Hill Kindergarten, 1 Reid Court. Please contact Christine Sullivan on 5332 7973 if you are able to help out.



Brown Hill Kindergarten children planting trees near the Yarrowee River, Brown Hill.

About Brown Hill Kindergarten

Brown Hill Kindergarten is situated in parkland beside the Yarrowee River. To find the kindergarten, turn off Humffray Street North beside the swimming pool. The kindergarten is opposite the Brown Hill Cricket Club and pipe band rooms.

The kindergarten offers a playbased curriculum, with children encouraged to make independent activity choices, both indoors and outdoors. The kindergarten has recently been renovated and extended and has two large playrooms. The playrooms are airconditioned and the playground, which looks over the river and park, is large, with shaded areas and lots of interesting play spaces. Staff value and plan for both indoor and outdoor play experiences.

The kindergarten offers both preschool and prekinder (3 yr old) groups.

The prekinder program provides opportunities for the children to confidently separate from parents and interact with peers in a safe, nurturing, play-based learning environment. The program is flexible, incorporating both indoor and outdoor activities, snack time and group time.



In the preschool group, the children learn many things through play, as they cooperate and work with others to explore new interests and expand upon what they know. They have opportunities to resource their own learning through connecting with people, places, technologies and natural and processed materials. Independence, initiative and individual differences and needs are respected and recognized in planning for the children's learning.

The preschool groups participate in our 'bush-kinder' program, one session per week. The bush-kinder program provides the children with uninterrupted time outdoors in an unstructured natural setting.



It promotes wellbeing, physical development, selfconfidence, resilience and creativity. We believe the bush-kinder program is important for children to experience, explore and engage with the natural environment, while developing physical, social and emotional skills.

Eligibility for enrolment

Children attending the preschool group must turn four on or before April 30 in their kindergarten year. Children attending the prekinder group must turn three on or before June 30 in the year they attend and cannot commence until they turn three.

If you have concerns about whether your child will be ready for kindergarten or school please feel free to talk with staff.

Enrolment procedures

Children can be enrolled for kindergarten in the year they turn two.

Enrolment is done through the City of Ballarat: 5320 5500.

Enquiries are welcome any time – please contact the kindergarten on 5332 7973 or email: *brown.hill.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au* with any questions or to arrange a visit.

Christine Sullivan, Education Leader, Brown Hill Kindergarten

2016 Business Directory

The 2016 Brown Hill Business and Service Directory will have details of over 50 businesses operating in or near to Brown Hill or owned by a local resident.

There is still time to be included. Please contact us by **Friday 30 September** via email: *brownhillnewsletter@gmail.com.*

Thank you to the additional businesses listed below, which contacted us after seeing the article in Edition 2:

* AB Earthmoving & Civil

* Blossom Connect – The Family Guide to Ballarat

* Caledonian Transport

* Flat Pack Mack

* Jeanette Cubitt - Florist: weddings & receptions

* Jess Schaefer, Piano Teacher

* Nutrimetics

* Romar Motors

* Shannon Berriman Fencing

* Small Stuff 103 (catering)

We will also include these businesses close to Brown Hill:

* Arrow Entertainment

* Glen Park Primary School

* Greene's Television Services

* Humffray Street General Store

* Little Bendigo Primary School

* Weightman's Quality Meats

Details for contacting these businesses will be in the Directory, alongside those listed in Edition 2.

The Directory will be distributed in late November 2016 and will be available as a PDF online.

Caledonian 2016 Concert

When I grow up...

On the evening of the 25 August Caledonian Primary School held a concert. The theme was "When I grow up...". The performance also showcased Caledonian's Visual Arts Program and Media Videos. Children's writing was also celebrated between the lively performances of our Caledonian students.

When I Grow Up

By Annie

When children

Have to think about what

Eventually they want to be they

Never thought they would be performing it on an

Icy cold stage

Growing up for them is such a big deal, so to

Really show what they understand about jobs

On stage

With an audience is really exciting

Until after they fall asleep and dream about their

Performance

Occupations

By Gemma

Occupations always lead to

Consequences at

Concerts

Unless it's a Caledonian

Performance, we're

Awfully ambitious

Today is the day for dancing, not school work

It's taken forever to get here and now it's time!

On this day we will bring joy and entertainment

No buts, no cuts, no coconuts...only happiness!

Performance

By Noah

Practising every day

Enjoying the work of rehearsing each day

Remaining until the concert

For people you don't know, for an

Occupation that is

Really tiring

Many hours spent, for an

Audience with

New people every time

Clapping

Even when you miss a step



Prep children performing at the Caledonian Primary School concert

Brown Hill Seniors

On 13 July, we had a bus trip to Werribee. We travelled down the highway to see white as white as far as we could see. What a sight!

Two weeks later, we had our Christmas in July lunch at Donegan's, Gordon.

On 14 September, we are going to the Shell Club in Geelong for Morning Melodies.

On Monday 10 October, we are having an Open Day from 1:30-4:00pm. Come along, meet the Brown Hill Seniors for afternoon tea and join in the fun!

Enquiries: Doreen, 5331 2157

Men's Breakfast & the Soup Bus

The Brown Hill Uniting Church hosted 17 men to a delicious cooked breakfast one Saturday morning in July. They kindly contributed financially to the work of the 'On Track Foundation' which includes 'The Soup Bus.' Craig Schepis, the founder of the Soup Bus in Ballarat, informed the gathering of the work of the Foundation, in particular the Soup Bus.

One attendee, Brendan said; "Thanks for a great breakfast event with beautiful bacon, eggs, toast, porridge, tea and coffee cooked up by the fantastic ladies from the church. The guest speaker, Craig Schepis, was both inspirational and humbling."

The Soup Bus celebrated its 7th anniversary earlier in July. It operates 5 nights a week in the Ballarat CBD serving approximately 55 people per night.

It is currently seeking support to introduce a new, second soup bus so that it can serve the communities of Sebastopol, Delacombe, Wendouree, etc. Craig hopes to get local schools involved by having them, initially, contribute to the external art work on the bus.

Other programs implemented by the On Track Foundation are:

* Student support, where students are referred to the organisation for financial support with uniforms, books and fees.



* School Scholarship Programs, working with school principals to identify students and their carers who require on going support.

Craig spoke very proudly of students who have been supported, have now successfully graduated and are returning to offer their help.

The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 24 September from 8:00am at the Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall. For \$5 (full cooked breakfast), hear guest speaker Carita Clancy - Executive Officer Ballarat Hospice Care (homebased community palliative care). RSVP by text to: 0407 893 468.

For more about the Soup Bus, see: - soupbus.com.au

- info@soupbus.com.au

- Call Lorraine: 0435 528 346 (if there is no answer please leave a detailed message).

Louise Wright, Brown Hill Uniting Church

Community Groups

A couple more Community Groups to add to the listing in Edition 2:

Ballarat Environment Network

Manage Monte Christo reserve (the western section) at the top of Hillcrest Road, Nerrina.

Contact: Reserve Manager, Roger Thomas: 0499 350 172, rthomas@vic.australis.com.au, generalbeninfo@gmail.com

Brown Hill 'Food is Free' Corner Corner of Ditchfield Road and Benson Street, Brown Hill.

Find out more on Facebook.

CWA: Serving the Community

The Brown Hill Branch of the Country Women's Association has been serving the community for sixty-two years. As from October 2016 we will be meeting in members' homes, and currently we have only two members who live in the Brown Hill district.

Our membership has declined considerably over the past few years, owing to so many other groups all with different interests, and young mums being kept so busy these days with running their young ones to all different sports, etc.

Over the years we have taught knitting in the local schools, crocheted rugs for the elderly in care and supplied baby knitting to the local hospitals.

A good percentage of money raised goes to State Office in Melbourne and local charities in our area. Our branch also gives to the Thanksgiving Fund at the CWA State Office, who gave away \$28,000 contributed by all branches in Victoria.

Contact CWA Group President, Lyn Fleming: 03 5341 3225 or rj_ljfleming@bigpond.com

Lesley Cowan, Secretary of the Brown Hill CWA



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... and must be made at least three days in advance. Please call 0438 353 079 from Sunday to Thursday. Bookings are limited to eight people at a time. As for the cost ... just come and have a wonderful surprise!

Pierre and Danielle enjoy turning their favourite French recipes into vegan recipes. They believe Australia is the best country in the world. They want people to be healthy. We asked if vegan is a health choice or a lifestyle choice. Pierre and Danielle said it is a lifestyle that promotes health.

"It makes us happy feeding people vegan food because we know that we are helping them to be healthy," said Pierre and Danielle.

Written by Connor, Giaan and Madison-Lee, Caledonian Primary School.

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brownhillnewsletter@gmail.com or in hard copy to the reception desk at Caledonian Primary School, Thompson Street, Brown Hill.

Contributions should not exceed 250 words, and up to two photographs per item may be submitted (but may not necessarily be published). Material may be edited due to space, style, clarity, or for legal reasons.

The name and address of the person submitting any material must be provided (address not for publication).

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Wholesome Wholefoods

On Wednesday 24 August, 25 people attended a Cheese Making Course at the Brown Hill Cricket Clubrooms, organised by Ballarat Wholefoods. Deb from Magic Meadows taught the group to make fetta, sour cream and mascarpone with generous samples to take home. The next Cheese Making Course will be held on Wednesday 16 November. Bookings essential.

In Edition 4, we will be including a recipe from the first Ballarat Wholefoods Collective Cookbook (pictured below). Available for \$12 (\$10 for members).

ballaratwholefoodscollective.org



Image by Grounded Pleasures

At Home in Brown Hill

Thanks to Kez and Al for this feedback regarding Edition 2:

"Just read the newsletter and loved it. We have put an offer on a house in Brown Hill and the newsletter made us feel quite at home with all the information it contained and we look forward to becoming involved in the community. We visit family in Brown Hill and like the area with lovely walking trails, pub (lovely meals), fish shop (had the best fish & chips there) and very convenient bus stops."



Junior Golf Champion -Jackson Connor

This term, Jackson and some other students from Caledonian Primary School went and played in a primary school golf tournament at Mount Xavier Golf Course. They played nine holes in the competition. The course was shortened and very nice to play on.

After all the kids finished playing golf, they went into the club house and waited for the results. The golf club also provided a barbeque for lunch. Once all of the results were added up they held presentations. They announced the students that made it through to the next round.

Jackson's scorecard was forty-one for nine holes, making him the tournament winner. Jackson is the first student from Caledonian Primary School to win this tournament for many years.

Jackson will be joined by fellow student Charlie Lancashire in the next round at Midlands Golf Course in October. Jackson has been participating in group golf lessons for the last twelve months. He also enjoys playing futsal, football and baseball.

Jackson, Caledonian Primary School

Swimming Students

At the Swim and Survival Academy we believe water safety and swimming are essential life skills that every child requires. Over many years we have developed a system of teaching swimming and survival skills that ensures all our swimmers are not only learning fast, but are having a great time doing it.

In Term 4 we welcome the students of Caledonian Primary school for their 9 week school swimming program. They will develop their basic survival skills in deep water, such as treading water, floating front and back, recovering back to a safe edge and, of course, swimming stroke development.

Swim and Survival Academy are delighted to work with the students of Caledonian Primary School every year and encourage all parents, grandparents and caregivers to come along on Fridays in Term 4 to join in the fun and celebrate the achievements of your children.

Swim and Survial Academy

www.ssacademy.com.au



Meet the Coach: Timothy Beggs

Timothy Beggs is representative of a typical long term player at Ballarat North United Soccer Club (BNUSC), based at Russell Square.

Timothy started in the under 8's twenty years ago and has been a staunch player, supporter and now coach of the senior team. He has played with his two brothers, Jeremy and Christopher, over a number of years in the senior teams and been coached by his father, Tony.

This year sees Timothy giving back to the Club by becoming coach of the senior team. Under his astute handling, the group of very young players (most under 20 years old) has progressed into a developing and disciplined soccer team, exhibiting a strong potential for the future.

Timothy's positive outlook

towards this youthful side has been instrumental in maintaining their confidence with each other. The whole team are looking forward keenly to the next season.

Currently, the Club is going through a significant rebuilding program. Both the movement of soccer players through the Ballarat region and a somewhat disappointing 2015 saw the majority of senior players leave the Club.

Timothy saw a need and undertook to help rebuild the team. The very positive slant he has taken and the efforts of the team this year augers well for the future of the Club.

Timothy has embraced the cooperation of the codes sharing the Russell Square facility. Thursday night training has often been held under the lights on the top pitch – mostly used by the East Ballarat Junior AFL teams. The new change room facility, with enough rooms to cater for four teams playing simultaneously, is a great advantage.



Timothy Beggs represents many staunch North United players and supporters who have for many years learnt and improved their soccer skills on the Russell Square pitches.

Tony Beggs, Ballarat North United Soccer Club Contact:

0458 323 924 See page 12.

Inaugural Cricket Scholarship Winner



Joe Crichard is the inaugural successful applicant to participate in the Brown Hill Cricket Club's U23 Scholarship Program with Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League (BDPCL). He is 21 years of age and plays as a middle order batsman for Brockhampton Cricket Club in the BDPCL.

Joe has represented the Midland's U15 youth team, and was a member of Worcestershire County Cricket Club's Satellite Academy. More recently Joe has represented Loughborough University and Herefordshire County Cricket Club. Joe will be arriving in September prior to Round 1 and will be here for the entirety of the season, including the finals.

Phillip Knowles, President, Brown Hill Cricket Club

Contact: 0407 399 971

See page 12 for Cricket Club details.

Brown Hill Sporting and Activity Groups

Looking for some inspiration to get active and involved? Brown Hill hosts many different sporting and activity groups, covering all ages and abilities.

Anywhere Personal Training

Fitness training for all ages, specialising in older adult training.

Stephen Holmes, 0447 780 152, steve@anywherepersonaltraining.c om, anywherepersonaltraining.com

Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall

Corner of Humffray Street North & Thompson Street, Brown Hill.

Ballarat Kenpo Karate Concepts

Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Contact: Craig, 0448 355 043 or Facebook.

Brown Hill Reserve

Corner Reid Street & Reid Court, Brown Hill.

Brown Hill Cricket Club Inc.

President: Phillip Knowles, 0407 399 971, phillip.knowles1960@gmail.com or Facebook.

Eureka Athletic Club

Contact: Rod Griffin, 0400 650 807 rodgriffin1953@gmail.com or Facebook.

Federation University Highland Dancers

Pipe Band Hall (Reid Court, next to the Cricket Club Rooms)

Secretary: Michelle Bodey, 5331 9611 (AH), tbodey4@bigpond.com webapps.federation.edu.au/associat ions/pipeband/ or Facebook.

Russell Square

Stawell Street North (between Scott Parade & Humffray Street North), Brown Hill.

Ballarat Cricket Umpires Association

Contact: Mark Harris, 0417 594 710, ballaratcricketumpires@hotmail.co m

Ballarat North United Soccer Club

Contact: Tony Beggs, 0458 323 924, tbeggs@stpats.vic.edu.au and Facebook.

Ballarat Touch Football Association

Contact: Tim Cromb, 0413 379 429, t_cromb@hotmail.com and Facebook.

East Ballarat Cricket Club

Contact: Damian Ryan, 0437 125 062, ryandjr@bigpond.com and Facebook.

East Ballarat Junior Football and Netball Club

Contact: David Edwards, 0409 388 266, Edwardsdavid446@gmail.com and Facebook.

Russell Square User Group

Secretary: Laurelle, 03 5334 3336, laurelle@bnusc.net and Facebook.

Brown Hill Public Hall

379 Humffray Street North, Brown Hill

Ballarat Rockers (Rock & Roll Dancing)

7-10pm Fridays

Contact: John Morris, 0418 543 637, john@doepels.com.au

Boots N All Line Dance

6:30-9:30pm Tuesday evenings

Beginners, Easy Intermediate and 12

Intermediate classes. \$10/lesson, Contact: Rob Charity, 0422 467 533, rkcharity@bigpond.com

Eldorado Line Dance

9:00am - 12 noon Thursdays

Contact: 0401 017 758

GKR Karate

Wednesday evenings

gkrkarate.com and Facebook.

Heart Moves

Light, low impact exercise for those over 60. \$10 per session.

10-11am Tuesdays

Stephen Holmes, 0447 780 152, steve@anywherepersonaltraining.c om, anywherepersonaltraining.com

Parents Without Partners Dance

Second Saturday each month to live music. \$10 entry for non-members. Operating since 1976!

Contact: Margaret Potter, 5338 2978

South East Australia Taekwondo

5:30-6:30pm (Juniors), 6:45-8pm (Seniors) Thursdays

Contact: Scott Antonio: 0417 501 480, scott@seataekwondo.com.au, seataekwondo.com.au or search Taekwondo Ballarat on Facebook.

Top Katz Rockers

Rock and Roll dancing to live music several times a year. Next dance: Saturday 15 October.

Contact: Joice or Kelly, 0419 319 417

Wendouree Dance Club Inc.

Old time new vogue social ballroom dancing.

7.30pm - 10:00pm Monday evenings (\$4 per class). Dances on the fourth Saturday each month (\$8).

Contact: Verna Martin, 5333 1464, vjmvj@internode.on.net