

# Brown Hill Community Newsletter

Edition 9, October 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.*



*The old Brown Hill Police Station at 359a Humffray Street North (corner of Thompson Street), circa 1956. Image supplied by Kathy and Garth Morris.*

## Brown Hill Police Station - a brief history

*Geoff Dickson, Assistant Principal, Caledonian Primary School, assisted by Gemma (Gr. 6) Alana and Connor (Gr. 5).*

The Brown Hill Police Station was opened in 1853 and closed in 1968, so Brown Hill had its own police station for 115 years. Initially, the Brown Hill Police Station was located at 284 Humffray Street North, near the corner of Thompson Street and Humffray Street. Its second location, for a period of 15 to 20 years, was next door at 286 Humffray Street North.

In 1926, Senior Constable Charles Heading, who was in charge of the Brown Hill Police Station, was a very successful debater at the South Street Competitions, and

also preached at the Methodist Church. He left to run the station at Newtown in Geelong.

On 12 January 1927, Angus Comrie was appointed as the officer-in-charge. He rode his bike to attend the call-outs in the Brown Hill community.

While Angus was in charge, the police station was moved to its final location, which was across the road and a few doors up from the old station, at 359a Humffray Street North, on the corner of Thompson Street, opposite the Brown Hill Uniting Church. The

## Diary Dates

See [brownhill.vic.au](http://brownhill.vic.au) for details.

### OCTOBER

**Wednesday 18:** 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm,  
Boomerang Bags Community  
Sewing Bee (p. 9)

**Saturday 21:** Top Katz Rockers -  
Rock and Roll Dance

**Monday 23:** 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm  
Brown Hill Seniors Open Day  
(p.11)

**Saturday 21 - Sunday 29:**  
Children's Week. See:  
[ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au).

**Friday 27:** 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm, 2017  
Brown Hill Community Festival,  
Brown Hill Reserve (p.6)

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size of the building is  
approximately four by seven  
metres.

Angus Comrie bought the old police station at 284 Humffray Street after it was closed. After he died in 1947, Angus' son Murray bought the house. Murray's son Neil, who was the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police from 1993 to 2001, lived there with his parents and attended the Brown Hill State School (now Caledonian Primary School). The Comries lived there from 1947 until 1952 when they moved to Melbourne.

In 1935, the Brown Hill Police Station was mentioned in a big

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## OCTOBER continued

**Saturday 28:** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.  
Dollhouse Exhibition, Brown Hill Hall (p.7)

**Saturday 28:** 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, Boomerang Bags Community Stitching Bee (p.9)

**Saturday 28:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Russell Square/Lane Street FireAware Cluster meeting (p.5)

**Saturday 28:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Finlay Street/Bradbury Street FireAware Cluster meeting (p.5)

**Tuesday 31:** City of Ballarat Community Impact Grants due (p.7)

## NOVEMBER

**Saturday 4:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Janson Road / Stringybark Drive FireAware Cluster meeting (p.5)

**Sunday 5:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Kindergarten Cake Stall, Bunnings Ballarat.

**Sunday 5:** 11.00 am - 4.00 pm, Glen Park CFA Open Day (p.5)

**Sunday 5:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Coorabin Estate FireAware Cluster meeting (p.5)

**Tuesday 7:** 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Partnership meeting. (p.6)

**Tuesday 7:** 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, Brown Hill Hall, enter via rear steps. All welcome.

**Friday 10:** Ballarat Show Day

**Saturday 8:** 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, Boomerang Bags Ballarat Official Launch. (p.9)

**Wednesday 15:** 9.30 pm, Yarrowee River Nature Play Session for Pre-schoolers (p.9)

**Saturday 25:** 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, Boomerang Bags Community Stitching Bee (p.11)

## DECEMBER

**Saturday 2:** Brown Hill Community Pool opens for the 2017/18 season (p.3)

**Tuesday 5:** 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, Brown Hill Hall, enter via rear steps. All welcome.

**Wednesday 6:** Submissions for Brown Hill Community Newsletter Edition 10 due to [newsletter@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:newsletter@brownhill.vic.au)

**Friday 15:** Edition 10 delivery begins across Brown Hill by our volunteer team. See: [brownhill.vic.au/newsletter/](http://brownhill.vic.au/newsletter/)

## WEEKLY

### **Mondays**

Brown Hill Senior Citizens' Club: 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm, Brown Hill Public Hall (p.11)

Brown Hill Lioness Club: First Monday - business meeting

### **Tuesdays**

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

### **Wednesdays**

Ballarat Wholefoods: 9.00 am - 11.00 am and 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm, during school term, Brown Hill Cricket Club (p.9)

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

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

# Welcome to Edition 9

A big thank you to those great locals who joined our volunteer delivery team and helped to get the August edition into Brown Hill letterboxes over a very rainy weekend! If you have an hour or so every two months to help out, please get in touch with us.

In this edition you can read about the Post Office closure (p.7), preparation of the Brown Hill Pool for summer (p.2) and dates for community FireAware sessions across Brown Hill (p.5).

See you at the Festival (p.6) from 5.00 pm until 7.30pm on Friday 27 October!

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

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## Brown Hill Community Pool

### **Pool Preparation**

During September, volunteers from the Brown Hill Progress



*Local swimmer, Ben, helping to clean the Brown Hill Pool. Image supplied by Ben's family.*

Association (BHPA) jumped into the (empty) Brown Hill Pool to start the big project of cleaning, repairing and painting it for the 2017-18 season.

During the two working bees and many other maintenance visits, five volunteers put in over 15 hours each doing the heavy work.

The BHPA has invested \$7800 in special paint, which will get rolled on during October and November, depending on the weather the availability of volunteers.

More help is always appreciated. Keep an eye on the 'Making Brown Hill' Facebook page or contact the Brown Hill Progress Association (p.4) to be added to the email list.

## Lifeguards

Lifeguards are now being recruited. Interested, qualified persons can contact the BHPA (p.4).

## Kiosk

Help! Help! Help! We need volunteer assistance in the Pool Kiosk this summer. Any hours available will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers need to be 16 years or older. We also need a volunteer Pool Kiosk Coordinator to check stock and manage ordering. Our beloved Liz, who has carried the load for the last eight years, is retiring. Please contact Brendan (p.4).

## 2017/18 Pool Season

The summer season begins on **Saturday 2 December.**

The Pool has:

\*30m unheated outdoor pool



*A number of boys jump into the Brown Hill Pool, 1966. Photo: Brown Hill Progress Association Inc. Source: Victorian Collections - victoriancollections.net.au*

- \*Toddlers pool
- \*Waterslide
- \*BBQ and picnic facilities
- \*Kiosk
- \*Basketball court (half)

Opening Hours:

\*12.00 noon to 7.00 pm on weekends and school holidays

\*2.00 pm to 7.00 pm on school days

If the maximum temperature is below 23°C, the pool may be closed. Later closing and earlier opening may happen during school holidays and on days of extreme heat (depending on staff and volunteer availability). Keep up to date by following the 'Brown Hill Community Pool' page on Facebook.

Earlier times are available for groups with prior bookings.

### Day Passes

Family (2 adults and up to 4 children): \$11.00

Adult: \$4.00

Adult Concession: \$3.50

Child (3—15 yrs): \$2.50

Child (under 3 yrs): FREE

Spectator: \$2.00

Group Rates (20 plus people): \$2.00 per person

## 2017/18 Season Passes

You can now buy your Season Pass online through the Brown Hill Community Online Hub. See: [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/)

Season Passes are also available by paying cash at the Kiosk. Please note that the 'part-payments option' is no longer available.

Your Season Pass includes entry to Aquatic Zumba in February 2018.

Family (2 adults and up to 4 children)

\*Full season: \$130.00

\*From 1 January: \$100.00

Adult: \$70

Child: \$50

### Aquatic Zumba

From mid-January we hope to offer Aquatic Zumba again. This season there will be a \$2 entry fee.

Pool contact: 5338 8663 or 0438 282 899 after 1 December.



# Brown Hill Progress Association Committee

At the Brown Hill Progress Association (BHPA) AGM on Tuesday 5 September 2017, the following appointments were made:

**President:** Jason Tinnetti

**Vice President:** Ian Fullerton

**Secretary:** Brendan Stevens

**Treasurer:** Ron Damen

**Newsletter Coordinator:** Sarah Greenwood-Smith

**Grants Coordinator:** Brendan Stevens

**Pool Kiosk Coordinator:** TBC

**Executive Committee Members:** Peter Fisher (Pool Plant Maintenance) and John O'Brien.

## Join us!

The Brown Hill Progress Association (BHPA) is a not-for-profit volunteer group, whose aim is to promote the economic, social and cultural development and progress of the community of Ballarat as a whole and of Brown Hill in particular. The Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm in the rear of the Brown Hill Hall. It is only \$2 per year to be a member.

Minutes of the BHPA monthly meetings and AGM can be found on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub:

[brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-progress-association/](http://brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-progress-association/)

*Brendan Stevens, Secretary, Brown Hill Progress Association*

[bhpa@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:bhpa@brownhill.vic.au)

or phone 5334 8014 after 7.00 pm



## Free VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program for Brown Hill

Thanks to the Brown Hill Uniting Church, local children over 4 years of age will be able to participate in one week of the annual VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program at Brown Hill Pool free of charge!

Usually costing \$30 per child per week for five 30-minute lessons, this season's program will again be funded by the Church. Each child will be eligible for one free-of-charge week.

The one-week program will run twice in January 2018 during VICSWIM's Week 2 (starting on Monday 8) and Week 3 (starting on Monday 15).

Limited places are available.

To register, email [events@aquaticsandrecreation.org.au](mailto:events@aquaticsandrecreation.org.au) with 'BROWN HILL' and your surname in the subject line. Please include these details:

Parent/guardian's name, phone

number, postal address and email address.

Also include each participating child's first name, surname, date of birth, relevant medical conditions, skill level (see: [vicswim.com.au/skill-level/](http://vicswim.com.au/skill-level/)) and which week you wish to book.

The VICSWIM Head Office staff will email a confirmation to you once your booking has been processed. If you want your child(ren) to attend more than one week, you can pay \$30 for an additional week. Please specify this in your email. In this case, VICSWIM Head Office staff will contact you to arrange payment (credit card only).

To find out more, visit: [vicswim.com.au](http://vicswim.com.au) or call 9271 3800.

## Messy Play Pirates Day

Ballarat Toy Library's 'Messy Play Day' on Saturday 21 October:

\*10.00 am - 3.00 pm

\*6 months to 6 years old

\*Sebastopol Primary School (access off Yarrowee Street)

\*\$5 per child (cash)

\*Enquiries: 0411 320 811.

# FireAware Cluster invitations coming soon!

As summer and the bushfire season approach the Brown Hill Community FireAware Network Cluster contacts will be delivering information session invitations to residents located in their areas.

These sessions will provide:

1. Overall details of the risk of a fire affecting Brown Hill and, in particular, specific locations.
2. Basics for preparing households and property for a potential fire event.
3. A chance to discuss this important issue with neighbours.

If you already have a Bushfire Plan this would be an excellent opportunity to have a look at reviewing it and sharing your ideas and experience with your neighbours.

As all Cluster contacts are volunteers living in the neighbourhood, I asked Jeff (the contact for the Janson Road/Stringybark Drive Cluster) some questions about why he is involved.



*Fire Aware Mascot, Penny Platypus*

*1. When did you become aware of the need to prepare for the bushfire season?*

“When we built our home at Wattle Flat, over 26 years ago, it was obvious, with state forest all around us, that we needed to prepare for any fire event in that environment. It was backed up when we were affected by a bushfire in 1997 that took out most of our fencing, firewood, orchard and a car and got within 10 metres of the house.”

*2. Do you have a written plan?*

“Yes, our plan helps me to prepare in the lead-up to the fire season, and to not forget any of the chores that need to be done. I have revised it to suit our new landscape since moving to Brown Hill, and looking at other people’s fire plans. There is always something someone else has thought about that can be adapted to my situation.”

*3. Why have you become involved with the FireAware Network?*

“Bushfire is a real possibility with substantial fuel loads in the state

forests north of Brown Hill, and so I am happy to contribute my time to help inform people of this risk and the action they can undertake to be better prepared for any such event.”

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There are currently 4 clusters:

- \*Coorabin Estate
- \*Janson Road/Stringybark Drive
- \*Finlay Street South/Bradbury Street
- \*Russell Square/Lane Street

If you receive an invitation, you are in a cluster. If you are outside these areas but would like to attend a session, you are most welcome. Note that the Coorabin session (Sunday 5 November) will follow on from the Glen Park Fire Brigade’s Open day event to be held at the Glen Park CFA shed.

To access details and bushfire related resources, Google search: 'Brown Hill Community FireAware Network' or contact Hazen (0408 690 493).

*Hazen Cleary, Brown Hill Community FireAware Network Coordinator*

## Glen Park Fire Brigade Open Day

Sunday 5 November

11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Corner Longs Hill and Ralstons Roads, Glen Park.

Recruitment, fire displays, fire awareness, sausage sizzle, car boot sale and much more.

Enquiries: 0423 056 330



# Bakery Hill

*Bakers Delight*

Baking fresh daily.

Shop 6, 73 Victoria Street  
Ballarat 3350  
Tel: 03 5333 3845



Get ready for the 2017 Brown Hill Community Festival on Friday 27 October, from 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm at the Brown Hill Recreation Reserve, Humffray Street North!

Glenn from Bakery Hill Bakers Delight, who is also a Brown Hill local, is contributing half of the bread free-of-charge and will be at the festival to help hand out sausages.

The Brown Hill Lions Club is coming along with their portable BBQ to help the Brown Hill Progress Association provide enough sausages to feed everyone. Last year over 600 sausages were cooked!

There will be two festival raffles on the night with great prizes, drawn at 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Every time you make a gold coin donation to a community group you will receive a raffle ticket.

Local community groups will provide sausages, pancakes, soft drinks, fruit cups, and will manage the jumping castles and face painting.

So, bring your gold coins and donate to these great local community groups.

Nigel and Julie from the Bean Me Up coffee cart are encouraging people to bring along their own clean cups to the festival to help



minimise waste - and save 50 cents!

There will be limited parking, so leave your car at home if you can.

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[brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival](http://brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival)

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

## 'My Brown Hill' image competition

Capture what Brown Hill means to you! Your drawings and images are due by 12.00 noon on Friday 20 October. There will be great prizes available.

For details and entry forms, see: [brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival](http://brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-community-festival).

## Brown Hill Partnership

### Hall Refurbishment

With a head-start of \$100,000 from the Brown Hill Partnership, the Brown Hill Community Hall Refurbishment project has had yet another contribution. The City of Ballarat will invest an additional \$80,000 to upgrade the existing toilet facilities. The project now has a confirmed budget to complete both Stage 1 and Stage 2. The overall amount committed to the project is currently **\$460,000**.

The City of Ballarat expects to deliver the project over the next 10 months. Draft plans are available to download from the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-partnership/](http://brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-partnership/) (November 2016 section).

**Next Meeting:** 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7 November, at the Brown Hill Cricket Clubrooms, Reid Court. 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 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 assets to help better protect valued community and environmental features, and manage the rapid growth occurring in the area.

The first round of community consultation is likely to be launched at the Brown Hill Community Festival in late October. Details to be confirmed.

If you would like to be kept in the loop of community consultation activities or have any queries regarding the Brown Hill Plan, please feel free to get in touch with the Strategic Planning Team at the City of Ballarat at [strategicplanning@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanning@ballarat.vic.gov.au) or 5320 7420

Find out more: <https://www.brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-progress-association/local-area-plan/>

## Walking Maps

The Brown Hill Walking Maps project is progressing well, with delivery expected across Brown Hill later this year. As part of the project, the City of Ballarat is also creating a Heritage Trail for some key local heritage sites, including the Brown Hill Hotel, Hall, Pool, Police Station and Russell Square, in collaboration with the Brown Hill Progress Association. While the trail will be printed in the Walking Maps pack, it will also be on the 'Historic Urban Landscape Ballarat' website

([hulballarat.org.au](http://hulballarat.org.au)), managed by the City of Ballarat's Heritage & Cultural Landscapes team. The trail is a living project – we need your help to continue growing the trail digitally to include more of the places that Brown Hill residents love. Visit [timecapsuleballarat.com](http://timecapsuleballarat.com) to contribute photos and information on places that are important to you and use the hashtag: **#BrownHillStories** in the comment box so that your stories are linked.

## Bus Maps

In September, paper maps of the new local bus routes were delivered to some parts of Brown Hill. Information about Bus Route 15, which travels through Brown Hill, is linked on the New Residents page on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au/new-to-brown-hill/](http://brownhill.vic.au/new-to-brown-hill/)

To get a copy of the map for questions or to provide feedback, visit: [cdcvictoria.com.au/feedback](http://cdcvictoria.com.au/feedback) or [ptv.vic.gov.au/customer-service/feedback-and-complaints/](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/customer-service/feedback-and-complaints/)

The Ballarat Public Transport Users Association's website is:

[ptua.org.au/category/ballarat/](http://ptua.org.au/category/ballarat/)

## Cricket Club Chairs

The Brown Hill Cricket Club was successful in an application to the City of Ballarat's Community Impact Grant program. The funding will be invested in 80 chairs, two high bar tables and 16 bar stools for use at the clubrooms in Reid Court.

Phillip Knowles, President, Brown Hill Cricket Club

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0407 399 971

## Community Funding

Round 2 of the City of Ballarat's Community Impact Grant Program is open for applications. See:

[ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/grants](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/grants)

Applications must be submitted via the City of Ballarat's online application program.

If you are interested in applying for some grant funding, please download the Grant Guidelines for information on eligibility, the information required with the application form, relevant dates, etc.

Applications for Round 2 close on **Tuesday, 31 October at 5.00 pm.**

## Dollhouse Exhibition

Saturday 28 October, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Brown Hill Public Hall. The fair caters for miniature enthusiasts, with a handcrafted display by local miniaturists. An endless array of miniature items can be purchased from the trading tables. Catering will be available. A great event for all ages, miniaturists and non-miniaturists. Entry \$3, children free. Contact: Gwen Jarvis 5333 5423.

## Brown Hill Post Office closes

In mid-August 2017, Australia Post, via a notice of *"changes to postal services in Brown Hill"* stuck on the Brown Hill Post Office window, advised the community that it *"was required to close at short notice."* The notice continued with, *"Australia Post is committed to maintaining a presence in Brown Hill and is now looking for a new operator to take on the provision of postal services to the community."*

With this in mind, the Brown Hill Progress Association wrote to Australia Post seeking their assurance that it will reinstate the Post Office promptly, as it is seen to be a critical community asset for Brown Hill and surrounds.

Nicole Brandt, Australia Post's Area Manager, responded to the letter, stating, *"I'd like to thank you for your interest and assure you that Australia Post is committed to maintaining a presence in Brown Hill and are currently in the process of trying to identify a suitable partner in order to facilitate this."*

Updates will be posted on the 'Making Brown Hill' Facebook page and the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-progress-association/](http://brownhill.vic.au/brown-hill-progress-association/)

Brown Hill Progress Association

# Getting to know our Councillors

Brown Hill falls in the City of Ballarat's North and Central Wards. The North Ward is north and east of the Western Freeway and the Central Ward is to the west. The six Councillors for Brown Hill are:

**Central Ward:** Belinda Coates, Mark Harris and Samantha McIntosh (Mayor).

**North Ward:** Amy Johnson, Daniel Moloney and Grant Tillett.

In late 2016, Caledonian Primary School grade 5/6 students came up with some questions for our Councillors, to help us learn more about them. We included answers from Cr. Moloney and Cr. Tillett in Edition 4 and Cr. Coates in Edition 5. Read on to hear what Cr. Johnson has to say...

## Councillor Amy Johnson

### 1. "What are your plans to clean up pollution and litter around Ballarat?" - Dylan

Council focuses on cleaning up problem areas, such as Ballarat North Bushland Reserve, Finchs Road in Cardigan, behind Ballarat Airport, McCartneys Road in Mitchell Park, and waterways including the Yarrowee River.

Gross pollutant traps are installed to collect cigarette butts, empty bottles, plastic bags and other litter. They are cleaned out monthly to reduce pollution in our water catchments.

Dedicated crews clean up our streets, city entrances, waterways, parks, gardens and recreation reserves. We also have public-



*Cr. Amy Johnson. Image supplied.*

place waste and recycle bins.

City of Ballarat are working to reduce our carbon footprint by investing in electric cars, solar panels to reduce power consumption, and improved street lighting by replacing globes with more efficient LED products.

Council is investigating a waste-to-energy facility to reduce legacy in landfill.

### 2. "Do you have any plans to make a new playground or improve current playgrounds?" - Laylah and Hayley

We've recently worked with a range of community groups and partners to build an all-abilities playground at VicPark, which has been very popular.

As new developments go ahead, developers are required to install new playgrounds. As Ballarat is growing at a very rapid rate, with close to 2,000 people moving to our city every year, it looks like we will see lots of new playgrounds in Ballarat in coming years.

### 3. "Do you plan to make Ballarat bigger?" - Jonnie and Zac

I don't necessarily plan to make Ballarat bigger, but it seems to grow whether we like it or not. Between 2006 and 2016, Ballarat grew by 17,317 people, which

equates to a 20% increase in population. Since then, population growth has remained fairly steady, at around 2% growth per annum. The most significant area of growth in our city is to the west, which includes the new suburbs of Winter Valley and Lucas and also the extension of existing suburbs such as Delacombe and Sebastopol.

### 4. "Are you going to introduce any more big events to Ballarat?" - Abbie and Emily

Ballarat has a long list of small to large events on the calendar. Council runs many of these events including the Ballarat Begonia Festival, Heritage Weekend, Winter Festival and ANZAC Day.

In recent years, we have also hosted White Night Ballarat, the Archibald Prize Exhibition in the Art Gallery and, in August this year, we hosted our first AFL match at MARS Stadium (Eureka Stadium), when the Bulldogs played Port Adelaide. We will continue getting AFL games each year now that MARS Stadium is completed.

Many large events are also delivered by community groups such as SpringFest, the Ballarat Swap Meet and the Ballarat Show. There are also other major events that organisations from outside of Ballarat organise, such as the Cycling Road National Championships operated by Cycling Australia.

At this stage, Council has no plans to introduce new Council-managed major events. However, we are always on the look-out to attract to Ballarat new and interesting large events that are independently managed, such as

large music concerts, sports events and business conferences and exhibitions. These independent events can cost Council very little but create a fantastic outcome for the community by attracting tourists who come and spend money in Ballarat. We are currently working on developing a 10-year plan that will help to identify the types of really big events we want to attract or establish.

Council will also continually provide support and help to existing community-run events so they may grow and develop into a major event. This also has significant benefit to our community.

**5. "Are you going to improve the pathways around Ballarat? It would really help people to get around more and become more fit." – James**

Since having my daughter, Audrey, six months ago, I've found it quite difficult to get around a lot of places with a pram, due to a distinct lack of footpaths! I've experienced this particularly in my area of Ballarat North. Improving pathways and footpaths around Ballarat is a priority of mine, including maintaining existing ones and the installation of new pathways. As new development occurs, new walking tracks are included which link to current pathways.

**6. "Could you build elevated tram lines around Ballarat?" – James**

We could, but this isn't a priority of the current council.

**Contact Amy:**

amyjohnson@ballarat.vic.gov.au  
0417 018 369

## Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

### ***Grant success!***

The Ballarat Wholefoods Collective (BWC) is very pleased to announce that it was successful in another application to the City of Ballarat's Community Impact Grant program. \$3329 will be invested in a new fridge, based at the Brown Hill Cricket Club, and a laptop computer. The fridge will allow BWC to safely stock fresh goods, such as smallgoods, free-range eggs, milk and other perishable items. The laptop will be used as a second point of sale, improving the shopping experience.

### ***Birthday celebrations***

The Ballarat Wholefoods Collective turned four on Monday 4 September. Celebrations will be held on Friday 27 October, to coincide with the Brown Hill Community Festival (p.6). Volunteers will be selling raffle tickets. Prizes include: Grounded Pleasures drinking chocolate, a fruit and vegetable box from Magic Meadows, and fresh walnuts.

### ***Boomerang Bags***

Join the Boomerang Bags volunteers! They are a group of passionate people getting together to produce Boomerang Bags with the goal of reducing single use plastic bags within the Ballarat community.

### **OCTOBER**

**Wednesday 18:** 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, Community Sewing Bee,

The Healthy Hub and Wellness Centre, 100 Bridge Mall, Ballarat.

Bring your sewing machine, your overlocker, an iron and/or an ironing board - or just yourself. No experience necessary.

**Saturday 28:** 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, Community Stitching Bee. Ballarat Farmers' Market, Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.

### **NOVEMBER**

**Saturday 8:** 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, Boomerang Bags Ballarat Official Launch. The Healthy Hub and Wellness Centre (address above).

**Saturday 25:** 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, Community Stitching Bee. Ballarat Farmers' Market, Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.

Seasonal Local Organic Wholefoods

Brown Hill Cricket Club

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

For a product list and prices:  
ballaratwholefoodscollective.org

Wendy Aston, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

## Yarrowee River Nature Play

On Wednesday 15 November from 9.30 am, we will run a nature-play session for pre-schoolers. We will be exploring local nature and its creatures by the Yarrowee River, meeting at the playground next to the Brown Hill Hotel. Numbers are limited, so bookings are essential.

Jane Bevelander, Yarrowee Leigh Catchment Group

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jane@leighcatchmentgroup.org

# Caledonian Primary School



*Caledonian Primary School students performing 'Newspaper Mama' at the annual concert. Image: Helen Romerill*

## Annual Concert

On 7 September 2017, Caledonian Primary School held their concert at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre. The theme this year was 'Music Through The Ages'.

For the first time, the whole school performed a song together. All of the students worked really hard and put a lot of practice and preparation into their performances. All the teachers did an amazing job choreographing the dances and songs. Every grade had an individual dance and special costumes relating to the music of the time.

For the grand opening of our special night, the whole school sang 'Newspaper Mama' by Peter Combe. Then, all of the Prep children sang 'Puff The Magic Dragon' by Peter, Paul and Mary, as well as some Preps dancing to 'Twist and Shout' by the Beatles.

Following that, the Grade One and Two children sang 'I Had A Dream' by Abba. Then, some of them danced to 'Stay'n Alive' by the Bee Gees.

The Grade Three and Four children sang 'Video Killed The Radio Star' by the Buggles, then some of them danced to 'Don't

Stop Believing' by Journey.

Finally, the Grade Five and Six children sang 'Happy' by Pharrel Williams, and we can't forget the Grade Five's performance of 'Boom Boom Pow' by the Black Eyed Peas.

Parents and friends held a great raffle to raise money for the school. Nearly 800 people attended our special night and it was very enjoyable!

*By Connor, Gemma and Madi  
Grades Five and Six, Caledonian  
Primary School*

## Energy Breakthrough

The 'Maryborough Energy Breakthrough' competition is a big, 24-hour race in which lots and lots of schools (some primary and some secondary) from around the state compete. We will be competing from 23 to 25 November 2017.

This year at Caledonian Primary School, 25 students were chosen to participate in the 'Energy Breakthrough Program' (E.B.). We will have two teams of ten and five pit crew/extras.

Every student in the E.B.team has



*Caledonian Primary School students participating in the Energy Breakthrough. Image: Helen Romerill.*

to do two training sessions a week, for 45 minutes before school, during school or after school. When we are training, we sit on an exercise bike and pedal for 45 minutes straight. We also do laps in the cart around our oval.

To be in the E.B. team, we must follow the school's 'Tribes Agreements' every day of the week and attend all our training sessions. Participants must be very good role models in the school.

The cart is called a 'Human Powered Vehicle' (HPV). Our school has two carts.

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It is a great opportunity for students to be a part of the E.B. It is a fun and memorable school event, where families camp in Maryborough to support the students participating.

We will report back next edition.

*By Reese, Alana and Molly, Grade Five, Caledonian Primary School*

## Jamie's Zoo

On Thursday 17 August, Jamie's Zoo came to Brown Hill Kindergarten. He brought in some of his pets, including a saltwater crocodile, a climbing frog and a sugar glider (gliding possum).

The frog was green and could climb the window. It sheds its skin

every day.

The saltwater crocodile had his mouth taped together so he couldn't snap at us. Some of the kids gave him a pat.

There were lizards too - a blue-tongue, a shingle back and a dragon beard, which could climb on our jumpers.

There was a wombat. It was black. Wombats have square poo.

*Harry, Brown Hill Kindergarten*



## Aboriginal heritage

The Wadawurrung people are the Traditional Owners of Brown Hill, and, more broadly, all of the land between Ballarat and Geelong. Their families have lived here for tens of thousands of years, and their elders continue to care for Country, Wadawurrung language and the stories that have been shared for many millennia.

Due to the speed at which Victoria was colonised by Europeans after 1835, traditional Wadawurrung

language, culture and land management systems were gravely disrupted. Wadawurrung sovereignty of the land was never ceded.

The descendants of the Wadawurrung community members who survived the European diseases, frontier wars, Victorian gold rushes, and the systematic, structural racism of state and federal governments in more recent history, are now represented by the Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation (trading as Wadawurrung) who are the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the Ballarat/Geelong region. They facilitate cultural competency workshops for schools and businesses, perform 'Welcome to Country' ceremonies and undertake archaeological surveys.

Read more on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub:  
[brownhill.vic.au/history/aboriginal-heritage/](http://brownhill.vic.au/history/aboriginal-heritage/)

*Alice Barnes*

## Brown Hill Seniors

In September, we had a great trip to Water Gardens Hotel and the Taylors Lakes Shopping Complex.

On Monday 23 October, we are having an Open Day at the Brown Hill Public Hall between 1.30 pm and 4.00 pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. Come along to meet members of our group, which is an active part of the Brown Hill Community. New members are most welcome.

Enquiries: Doreen 5331 2157.

*Doreen Braebrook, Brown Hill Seniors Coordinator*

# Brown Hill Uniting Church Events



## Men's Breakfasts

Accompanied by a couple of trout swimming around in a big plastic bag, Shane and Frank from the

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The next Men's Breakfast will be in April 2018. Details will be in the February edition. Come along, enjoy a delicious breakfast and good company, and help the church support a local community organisation.

*Louise Wright, Brown Hill Uniting Church*

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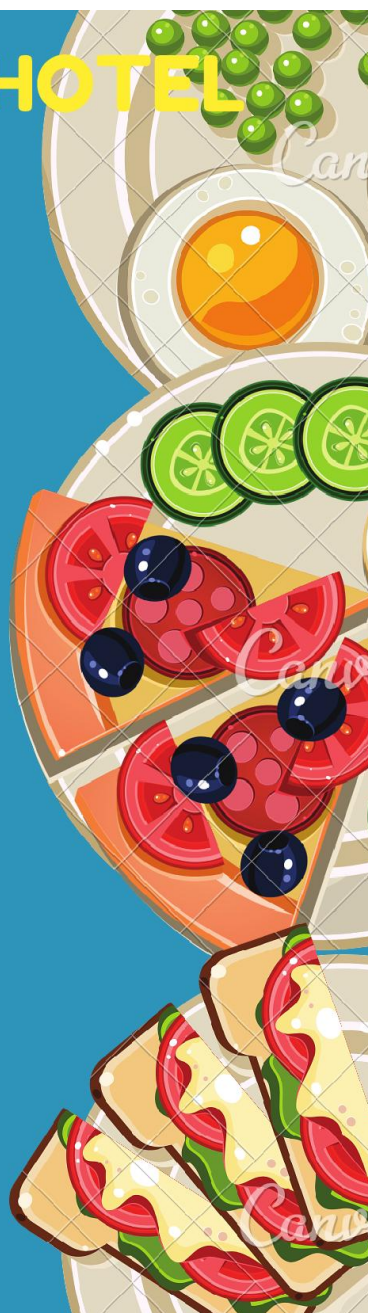
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By supporting us, you're supporting kids and families in need.

If you know another Brown Hill organisation willing to host a wheelie bin, please contact Wozzles. Details can be found on their website:

[cafs.org.au/home/wozzles-wearhouse/wow/](http://cafs.org.au/home/wozzles-wearhouse/wow/)

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robbery trial, when two men, who were plotting to rob the Commonwealth Bank on the corner of Sturt Street and Lydiard Street, tried to bribe Constable Tye of the Brown Hill Police Station to help them with the robbery. He pretended to go along with them, but reported the whole plot to his superior officers.

In 1964, when George Bennett was officer-in-charge, someone tried to bomb the Police Station by throwing a brick through the front window, followed by a stick



Angus Comrie in uniform. Image supplied by Neil Comrie.



Angus and Mary Comrie at 284 Humffray Street, post-1934. Image supplied by Neil Comrie.



Brown Hill Police Station Residence  
359a Humffray Street, circa 1956.  
Image supplied by Kathy and Garth Morris.



Melbourne Sun Newspaper  
front page on Monday 6 July 1964,  
regarding the attempted bombing.  
Pictured: Gwen Bennett with her children, Mandy and Ken. Image supplied by Paul Bennett.

of gelignite. The gelignite did not go through the window but bounced off and exploded on the footpath. An inspector who came to Ballarat to investigate said it was obviously done by locals "who wanted to liven things up".

The Brown Hill Police Station was closed on 31 October 1968, because all the smaller police stations around Ballarat were centralized and moved to one big station in Camp Street.

George Bennett was the last person to man the Brown Hill Police Station. His wife Gwen turned the old police station building at 359a Humffray Street into a granny flat for her father in

the early 1970s for a couple of years until he passed away. From then they used it for storage until they moved in 1984 when George retired. George passed away in August last year, aged 92.

The house next to the police station was purchased by Kathy and Garth Morris in 1994. They renovated the old station and made it into a ballet clothing store. It is now a beauty centre called Belladaise, run by Renee Durham, who is their niece.

We would like to thank Neil Comrie, Paul Bennett and Kathy and Garth Morris for sharing their stories and photographs. More images can be found online: [brownhill.vic.au/history](http://brownhill.vic.au/history)