## **ENGAGING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – BROWN HILL**

Notes from the meeting of the Brown Hill Partnership Group (BHPG) – Tuesday 7 November 2017

**Present:** Cr Mark Harris, Pete Appleton, Kate Gerritson, Brian Green, Christine Sullivan, Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Jock Freeman, Rose Young, Doreen Braybrook, Sandra Kennedy, Ian Fullerton, Hazen Cleary, Geoff Dickson, Phillip Knowles, Brendan Stevens, Graeme and Gwenda Ragg, Damian Ryan, Lisa Kendal, Jane Beverlander, Liz Mason

Apologies: Cr Samantha McIntosh, Cr Belinda Coates, Sue Knowles, Alice Barnes, Bryan Craven

Thank you to the Brown Hill Cricket Club for hosting the November 2017 meeting.

Pete welcomed and introduced Kate Gerritson, Public Art Coordinator, Arts and Culture, City of Ballarat

**ENGAGING COMMUNITIES BUDGET UPDATE: SEE SEPARATE ATTACHMENT** 

#### **ENGAGING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM BROWN HILL:**

## **Project Updates:**

## **Brown Hill Hall Redevelopment Project:**

- Preliminary plans have been prepared and approval by the Brown Hill Hall Redevelopment
  Reference Group, these plans are now with the architect
- The extension of the building will encroach on land owned by the State Government, in principal approval has been given with some provisions, waiting on formal advice
- The work on the hall will be put to tender
- The project is to be completed by 30 June 2018 with minimal disruption to user groups

# Requested by the BHPG:

- an external power connection;
- access to water from the outside of the building

#### **TOWNSHIP PLAN UPDATE:**

Council's Strategic Planning team attended the Brown Hill Community Festival, 27 October 2017.

The Brown Hill Local Area Plan has progressed with the development of a briefing document that will assist with gathering community feedback, identifying priorities and the final product. The plan will be endorsed by Council once completed.

A series of workshops will be conducted, commencing in February 2018 with the BHPG leading the community representation.

#### **PITCHES:**

BROWN HILL CRICKET CLUB – BHCC CLUB ROOM CARPET REPLACEMENT PROJECT REQUEST: \$5,200

Request to fund replacement carpet that was affected by an arson attack in early 2017 (the carpet was not covered by insurance).

The BHPG agreed to allocate \$4,965.

The Brown Hill Progress Association agreed to allocate \$235.

This pitch proposed to partner with the BHPG, City of Ballarat Arts and Culture and the local community to develop a public art concept for Brown Hill, providing an opportunity for the community to work with Council's Public Art Advisory Committee and a commissioned artist to produce an piece of public art that represents Brown Hill.

The BHPG did not allocate funding for this pitch.

YARROWEE LEIGH CATCHMENT GROUP — CONNECTING TO NEARBY NATURE 2.0 REQUEST: \$5,800

This pitch request is to build on the series of events held along the Brown Hill section of the Yarrowee River earlier this year. Activities planned for Series 2.0 includes:

- Evening frog walk and survey
- Bird walk and talk
- School excursions
- Kindergarten Nature Play session

The BHPG allocated \$5,800

Please note; all funds from the Engaging Communities Program – Brown Hill has now been allocated.

**COMMUNITY UPDATE:** 

#### **BROWN HILL COMMUNITY EVENT:**

- Another very successful community event organised for the community on Friday, 27
  October
- Attendance numbers approx. 1000 people
- The crowd was entertained by displays from various community groups, music and dancing and a variety of food options
- The organising committee acknowledge the growth of the event, it is self-sustaining however the most important aspect of the event is the community connectedness the event generates and fosters
- Planning for the event in 2018 will commence shortly

## **BROWN HILL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER:**

- Paid advertising is proving profitable in covering the costs of producing the newsletter
- The next edition will be distributed in early December 2017

## **FIRE AWARENESS:**

A request for Council to consider installing some form of Fire Danger Signs to raise awareness in Brown Hill.

Action: signage to be followed up by Sandra/Pete

Next Meeting: February 2018

**Brown Hill Township Plan Workshop**