

# Brown Hill Community Newsletter

Edition 16, November 2018

*A project of the Brown Hill Progress Association, supported by the Brown Hill Community Partnership.*

*We are proud to walk this land with the Wadawurrung people and all other First Nations people.*



*Gemma, Alana and Connor, co-authors of the 'Best History Story' awarded by the Community Newspapers Association of Victoria. Photographer: Emma Carter.*

## Diary Dates

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### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 18:** 10.00 am, Working Bee at the Brown Hill Pool (p.7)

**Sunday 18:** 10.00 am, Wattle Flat-Pootilla Landcare Group Wildflower Bingo Walk and Christmas BBQ (p.12)

**Sunday 25:** 10.00 am, Working Bee at the Brown Hill Pool (p.7)

**Saturday 24:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Market, Brown Hill Hall (p.15)

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## Our Newsletter wins at annual Victorian awards

*The Brown Hill Community Newspaper was celebrated at the recent statewide awards.*

We were delighted to be recognised for all of our hard work at the Community Newspapers Association of Victoria (CNAV) annual conference on 13 October.

It was an honour to be awarded as a finalist in one and winner in two of the nine categories. Both of the winning articles were written by local school students.

There are approximately 200 community newspapers in Victoria, 70 of which are members of the CNAV. The newspapers are mostly produced by volunteers, with some of the larger ones employing paid staff. They range from weekly to quarterly editions

and some have been running for decades!

This is the third time that representatives from the Brown Hill Community Newsletter have attended the conference. As it was only up the road in Creswick, five of our volunteers went along.

Volunteer Editor, Sarah Greenwood-Smith, accepted the awards and said, "It is such an honour for our newsletter to be recognised at the statewide awards. There are some well-established and very well-regarded community newspapers represented in these awards. We are so pleased for our local school students to be rewarded for their contributions."

Certificates and vouchers for a local bookshop were presented to

the students at their school assemblies.

The winners were:

### **Best History Story - Winner**

*Brown Hill Police Station: a brief history*

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Judge's comments: This is the winner as three of the co-authors are primary school children and we need to encourage a sense of history in children so they will want to be the custodians of our community history in the future. Interviewing people for their memories, deciding what is relevant to the story, finding photographs and writing the stories are all ways that kids can contribute to preserving and

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**Saturday 24:** Victorian State Election. Voting and Lions Club BBQ at Caledonian Primary School, Thompson Street, Brown Hill. See: [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

## DECEMBER

**Saturday 1:** Brown Hill Pool opens for the 2018-19 season (weather dependent). Search 'Brown Hill Community Pool' on Facebook for updates

**Tuesday 4:** 7.00 pm, Brown Hill Progress Association meeting, Brown Hill Hall (rear room). All welcome

**Thursday 6:** 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm, Caledonian Primary School Art Show and Celebration. Brown Hill community welcome (p.10)

**Thursday 13:** 5.30 pm, Brown Hill Carols in the Park (p.16)

**Wednesday 19:** Ballarat

Wholefoods Collective's last day of trading for 2018 (p.13)

**Friday 21:** End of the school year

**Saturday 22:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Market, Brown Hill Hall (p.15)

## JANUARY

**Monday 7 - Friday 11:** Learn to Swim Program (Week One) at Brown Hill Pool (p.6 and p.7)

**Monday 14 - Friday 18:** Learn to Swim Program (Week Two) at Brown Hill Pool (p.6 and p.7)

**Saturday 26:** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Brown Hill Market, Brown Hill Hall (p.15)

**Monday 28:** Australia Day Public Holiday, Australia Day breakfast and celebration at Brown Hill Reserve and BBQ at the Brown Hill Pool (p.8)

**Tuesday 29:** School Term One begins

## FEBRUARY:

**Monday 4:** Submissions for Edition 17 due

**Sunday 10:** Toys at the Pool Day (p.8)

**Wednesday 13:** Edition 17 available online: [brownhill.vic.au/newsletter](http://brownhill.vic.au/newsletter)

**Friday 15:** Edition 17 delivery begins across Brown Hill

## In this edition

We were delighted to receive this email from the City of Ballarat's CEO, Justine Linley, "What a fabulous newsletter! Congratulations and well done. There is so much happening to be extremely proud of in Brown Hill. Cheers, Justine".

This edition certainly celebrates Brown Hill's achievements! We hope you enjoy reading about our

## About our Newsletter

This publication is a community project of the Brown Hill Progress Association.

It is published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October and November.

### Editorial Advisory Committee:

Tania Busse, Geoff Dickson, Brian Green and Sarah Greenwood-Smith. **Proof reader:** Jock Freeman. **Social Media:** Rachael Houtsma. **Brown Hill Directory:** Hazen Cleary and Ange Davies.

Local volunteers distribute the newsletter to all businesses and residences in Brown Hill, with additional copies available at local businesses and community hubs. Electronic copies are available on

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Contributions are welcome from the Brown Hill community. Submissions are due by the first Monday of the month in which the edition is published to [newsletter@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:newsletter@brownhill.vic.au) or in hard copy to the reception desk at Caledonian Primary School, Thompson Street, Brown Hill during school term and school hours.

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the voice of the community

**MEMBER 2018**

award-winning students (p.1), the third successful Brown Hill Community Festival (p.5) and significant funding to light up Russell Square (p.14).

We also have a four-page insert produced by the City of Ballarat, summarising the fantastic work facilitated by the Brown Hill Partnership.

Thanks to our **2018/19 sponsors:**

**\*Silver:** Brown Hill Market

**\*Bronze:** Ballarat Treeworks, Bakers Delight Bakery Hill, The AFL Store - Ballarat, Dazzlin' Doggie Country Village and we welcome Ballarat Health Foods.

Thank you to our wonderful proofreader Jock for his incredibly thorough work over the past two years. We are now looking for a new volunteer proof-reader. Interested? Please get in touch.

We will be back in February 2019 with loads to report about a busy summer in Brown Hill!

*Sarah Greenwood-Smith, Volunteer Editor, Brown Hill Community Newsletter and Directory Committee*  
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## Planning Alerts

Did you know that you can receive an email when there is a planning application within 2km of your address? To find out more, visit:

**[planningalerts.org.au](http://planningalerts.org.au)**

To search for current planning applications in Brown Hill, visit the City of Ballarat's eservices page:

**[eservices.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://eservices.ballarat.vic.gov.au)**, click on the 'Town Planning Applications' link, select 'Planning Applications Currently on Advertising' and search by typing 'Brown Hill' in the suburb box.

At the time of printing, there was one current planning application for 348 Humffray Street North (next to the Shell Service station), for "use and development of a childcare centre, reduction in car parking requirements and creation of access to a Road Zone Category 1".

Responses are due by Thursday 22 November.

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## Our Local Area Plan

The next opportunity for community feedback on the Brown Hill Local Area Plan is coming soon.

A 'Future Scenarios' paper and a 'Background' paper will both be available for community comment.

The documents will be posted by the City of Ballarat on their 'My Say' website:

**[mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au)**, from late November until early February.

A link will be available on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au](http://brownhill.vic.au) and promoted through the Newsletter Facebook page.

In the meantime, some interesting maps of Brown Hill that were used in the community sessions are available online:

[brownhill.vic.au/partnerships/local-area-plan/](http://brownhill.vic.au/partnerships/local-area-plan/)

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sharing our history. Well done to Gemma, Alana and Connor of Caledonian Primary School (and Assistant Principal Geoff Dickson) on a great little history of Brown Hill Police Station.

### **Best article by a person 18 years or younger - Winner**

*Holocaust survivor Abe Goldberg*

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Judge's comments: This was difficult content for a young writer to cover. However, this author has done so respectfully and without over-dramatisation.

Also, interviews can be hard to keep interesting, but this writer has done well at maintaining the readers' engagement.

### **Best layout and design - Finalist:**

Judge's comments: For a black and white low-cost newsletter this publication shows simplicity in design and layout. There are interesting photos, combined with a consistent typeface throughout and an excellent use of columns to make this newsletter easy to read.

The nine award categories in the CNAV Award for 2018 are:

1. Best Layout and Design
2. Best Feature Story
3. Best Sports Reporting
4. Best Article by a Person 18 years or younger
5. Best community content
6. Best photograph
7. Best editorial comment
8. Best history story
9. Best Newspaper

We would like to congratulate our friends Gayle, Barry and Ray at the Buninyong & District News, who were finalists in three categories,



*Volunteers from local community newspapers at the 2018 CNAV Conference in Creswick. Back row (L-R) Werner Oellering (Miners Rest), Liz Charles (Learmonth), Hazen Cleary (Brown Hill), Ange Davies (Brown Hill), Eleanor (Learmonth), Brian Green (Brown Hill), Anne Brennan (Creswick), Sarah Greenwood-Smith (Brown Hill) and Roy Rhoderick (Learmonth). Photographer: John Ellis.*

Best Sports Reporting, Best Community Content and Best History Story.

The CNAV is the peak body representing not-for-profit community newspapers across Victoria. The volunteer-run group works actively with its members to enhance the capacity and standing of community newspapers, to enable them to fully realise their vital role in communities. See: [cnav.org.au](http://cnav.org.au)

We are also working with the City of Ballarat to form a 'Ballarat Community Newspapers Network'. The aim is to keep the groups connected during the year, to share ideas, workshop challenges and help each other. Members will include:

- \* Brown Hill Community Newsletter
- \* Buninyong & District News
- \* Learmonth Thunderer

\* The Very Best of Miners Rest

If you know of any other local community newspapers, please ask them to get in touch via email: [newsletter@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:newsletter@brownhill.vic.au).

A huge congratulations to the volunteers who write for, put together and deliver the Brown Hill Community Newsletter. What an achievement!

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

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Brown Hill locals turned out in force to the third Brown Hill Community Festival and enjoyed a performance by the Federation University Pipe Band. Photographer: Sarah Greenwood-Smith



## Our Fabulous Festival

A big thank you to the great team of volunteers who put the third Brown Hill Community Festival together.

The Festival began in October 2016 as a celebration of the successful first year of the Brown Hill Partnership. Around 700 people came along and had a great time. The 2016 Festival was recognised by the City of Ballarat as the 'Activity of the Year' in the January 2017 Australia Day Awards.

This was the second year in which the Festival was run as part of the City of Ballarat's Children's Week celebrations. We estimate that

around 800 - 1000 people came (based on the Lions Club selling just under 700 sausages).

We would like to thank Cr Belinda Coates for opening the Festival and her encouraging words about the Brown Hill Community being very active and well-connected. Afterwards, Cr Coates wrote, "Well done to everyone for another fantastically successful Festival!"

There were 94 children from Brown Hill Kindergarten performing on stage and 46 from Caledonian Primary School. Those children can certainly draw a crowd!

The Ballarat Highland Dancers again put on an energetic and entertaining show. The Festival was concluded with a moving performance on the Brown Hill Oval by the Federation University Pipe Band. The highlight was an 'Amazing Grace' solo by 10-year-old Angus. What a star!

A fantastic job was done by the Brown Hill Lions Club running the BBQ. \$500 in profits from the 2017 Festival BBQ helped to fund the 2018 Festival and this year's profits will start the 2019 Festival Fund. We would like to thank Glen and Kerry at Baker's Delight Bakery Hill for their generous discount on the bread for the BBQ.

The Brown Hill Uniting Church made another huge batch of pancake mixture to help fill hungry tummies. They also donated \$500 to help fund this year's Festival - thank you!

It was fantastic to have four emergency vehicles on site. Such excitement! Thanks to the Ballarat CFA, Glen Park CFA, Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria for attending.

Twelve local community groups came along with stalls and activities, including:

\* Brown Hill Fire Aware

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- \* Ballarat 11th Girl Guides
- \* Ballarat Wholefoods Collective
- \* Yarrowee-Leigh Catchment Authority
- \* Ballarat East Men's Shed
- \* Eureka Mums
- \* Ballarat Toy Library
- \* Waterwatch Victoria
- \* Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group
- \* Ballarat Community Health
- \* The Hidden Orchard
- \* Fifteen Trees

The Brown Hill Market team also came along to chat to locals.

We would also like to thank Mark and his family from Clunes Jumping Castles, Asif and his family from Masala Valley Indian and Nigel and Julie from Bean Me Up Coffee for entertainment and food! Nigel wrote, "It was another

fantastic night. You guys know how to put on a great event. Congratulations to all of the committee!"

Thanks to Central Highlands Water for providing the 'Hydration Station', an in-kind sponsorship valued at \$1500.

To ensure all of Brown Hill knew that the Festival was on, we promoted it with a poster on the back page of Edition 15. Thank you to Emma from the City of Ballarat for updating our poster and Harcourts Ballarat for making two huge versions to put on the fences at the Pool and Caledonian Primary School.

Thank you also to the Brown Hill Hall for waiving the costs for the use of the Hall, the Brown Hill Cricket Club for the use of their beautiful oval and the City of Ballarat's Parks and Gardens Team

for mowing the Brown Hill Reserve, putting new tan bark at the playground and making sure the bins were empty.

We would also like to thank the Ballarat Rockers, who meet most Friday nights at the Brown Hill Hall. John and his team kindly relocated to another venue for the night so that the Festival team had full use of the car park and toilets at the Hall.

We would like to recognise the hard work of the volunteers on our Festival Committee:

- \* **Geoff Dickson**, Caledonian Primary School
- \* **Brian Green**, Brown Hill Lions Club
- \* **Sarah Greenwood-Smith**, Brown Hill Progress Association, Festival and Newsletter Coordinator
- \* **Brendan Stevens**, Brown Hill

## Learn to Swim - Brown Hill Pool 2019

The program is a low cost, 5 day intensive summer program teaching swimming and water safety to children from 4 years of age. Each program consists of 5 x 30 minute lessons starting at the same time each day throughout the week.

From \$15  
per child

Week 1 - January 7 - 11, 2019, 8:45am - 12pm

Week 2 - January 14 - 18, 2019, 8:45am - 12pm

Bookings open  
November 15, 2018

Book online at:

<https://www.brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/>



Progress Association

\* **Christine Sullivan**, Brown Hill Kindergarten

Most of all, thank you to the Brown Hill community and others from across Ballarat and beyond, for coming along to enjoy the third Brown Hill Community Festival. It was a hit! See you next year on **Friday 25 October, 2019**.

*Sarah Greenwood-Smith  
Brown Hill Progress Association,  
Festival and Newsletter Coordinator*

## Brown Hill Pool

### *New equipment*

We are pleased to report that the City of Ballarat is replacing the pool pump and filter in the plant-room, so, hopefully, our volunteer pool managers will have nice new machinery to work with this season.

The large shade-sail is being repaired and will be back in place shortly.

### *Working Bees*

There will be Working Bees at the Pool from 10.00 am on **Sunday 18 November** and **Sunday 25 November**. All welcome!

### *Online Season Passes*

2018/19 season passes for the Brown Hill Pool will be available to purchase from the Brown Hill Community Online Hub.

**\$130** - Family (2 adults, 4 children, including enrolment in the 'Learn to Swim' program 7-18 January 2019)

**\$70** - Adult (16 years and older)

**\$50** - Child (3 - 15 years)



*Brown Hill Progress Association volunteers, Bernie, Ben and Matthew, cleaning the Brown Hill Pool in preparation for summer. Photographer: Rachel Zuidland*

### *General admission*

2018/19 day-pass costs for the Brown Hill Pool are:

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

**\$4.00** - Adult

**\$3.50** - Adult Concession (Seniors, Students, Health Care Card holders)

**\$2.50** - Child (3 - 15 years)

Free - Child under 3 years old

**\$2.00** - Spectator

**\$2.00** per person - groups of 20 or more.

See: [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/)

### *Learn to Swim*

From **Monday 7** until **Friday 18 January**, the Brown Hill Progress Association will be running a

'Learn to Swim' Program at the pool.

This program is for children four years of age and older and is generously sponsored by the Brown Hill Uniting Church.

The only cost will be a \$15 per child per week charge, to be paid upon booking.

Families with a 2018/19 pool season membership will have all costs of the 'Learn to Swim' program included.

Bookings are now open through the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/).

If you have any questions, please email: [pool@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:pool@brownhill.vic.au).

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## **Lifeguards**

For the 2018/19 pools season, we welcome to our lifeguard team Steve Clark, a Brown Hill local with many years experience managing pools in and around the Ballarat region.

Steve will be managing a crew of eight to nine lifeguards, including several familiar faces such as Jai, Tahlia, Josh S, Josh G and Jordan H. For lifeguard profiles, keep your eye on the Pool News page [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/pool-news/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/pool-news/)

## **Aquatic Zumba**

Flo will be back for some hilarious Aquatic Zumba on Wednesday evenings in the Brown Hill Pool again this summer, starting late January 2019. Keep your eye on the Pool News page [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/pool-news/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/pool-news/) and the 'Brown Hill Community Pool' page on Facebook for updates.

## **Australia Day at the Pool**

On **Monday 28 January**, the Brown Hill Progress Association will be running the annual Australia Day pool party at the Brown Hill Pool. Depending on the weather, the pool is scheduled to open at 12.00 noon.

There will be a raffle, music and lots of fun and games.

For more information join the 'Brown Hill Community Pool' Facebook group and keep an eye on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/)

## **Toys at the Pool Day**

On **Sunday 10 February**, the Brown Hill Progress Association will again partner with the Ballarat Toy Library to bring you the second 'Toys at the Pool Day'. For more information closer to the time, see: [brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/toys-pool-day/](http://brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/toys-pool-day/)

## **Partnerships**

### **Supporting our local school**

The Brown Hill Progress Association has invested \$300 in a sponsorship of the Caledonian Primary School Energy Breakthrough Team. We wish them luck with their event (p.10).

*Brendan Stevens, Secretary  
Brown Hill Progress Association (and  
Swimming Pool Committee)  
[bhpa@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:bhpa@brownhill.vic.au)*

## **Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs**

### **Carols in the Park**

On **Thursday 13 December** the inaugural Brown Hill Carols in the Park will be held by the Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs. See the back page for details.

## **Supporting our local school**

The Brown Hill Lions Club has also invested \$300 in a sponsorship of the Caledonian Primary School Energy Breakthrough Team (p.10).

## **Australia Day Breakfast**

On **Monday 28 January** (the Australia Day public holiday), the Brown Hill Lions and Lioness Clubs will be running the annual Australia Day Breakfast at the Brown Hill Reserve (behind the Hall). More information will be available closer to the time on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub: [brownhill.vic.au](http://brownhill.vic.au)

*Ian Drew, President  
Brown Hill Lions Club  
[brownhill.vic.au/directory/brown-hill-and-district-lions-club/](http://brownhill.vic.au/directory/brown-hill-and-district-lions-club/)*

## **Behind the scaffolding**

Recently, scaffolding has been put up across the front of 341 Humffray Street North, opposite the Brown Hill Barber. This has got locals talking and wondering what might be in store for the old shop, previously owned by several generations of the Bawden family.

Owner, Sean assures us he is just restoring the bullnose verandah of his home. He is not planning to set up shop!



Restoring the bullnose verandah at 341 Humffray Street North. Image supplied.





*Brown Hill Kindergarten children trying out their new cricket skills. Image supplied by Brown Hill Kindergarten.*

## Brown Hill Kindergarten

### Cricket Clinics

Early in Term Four, Brown Hill Kindergarten children participated in cricket clinics with Kyle from the Brown Hill Cricket Club. The children had a lot of fun practising skills needed for cricket – bowling, catching, batting and running.

We have seen a carry-over of these activities in the kindergarten as the children practise the skills they learnt and play their own games of cricket. We appreciate the support of the Cricket Club by running these sessions.

### Foto Fun

Some of the children participated in a workshop which introduced the role of light in the creation of photography. The workshop was made available by the Ballarat International Foto Biennale as part of Children's Week.

The children arranged a collection of shapes and stencils and feathers on pre-coated sun-print paper. After it was exposed to UV light (from the sun), the paper was

rinsed in water and transformed into the completed image. Chemical changes occurred in both the exposure and wash stages of the activity, resulting in a silhouetted image on a blue background. The children were excited to share their photos with their families.



*Children inspecting the finished product of their photography exercise. Image supplied.*



*Squirting water with the CFA volunteers. Image supplied.*

### Enrol your child in kindergarten

Children can be enrolled for kindergarten from 1 January in the year that they turn two. Visit the City of Ballarat's Central Kindergarten Enrolment Scheme page for more information: [ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/family-and-children/kindergartens](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au/pc/family-and-children/kindergartens)

### Fire Truck Visit

On Wednesday 24 October, members from the Glen Park CFA came to talk to the children about their role in the community and fire safety. They talked about different emergencies and what to do if we found ourselves in one. The children were able to answer questions about what to do if there was a fire at kindergarten or at home. Fireman Brian reinforced the importance of smoke detectors and challenged the children to find out how many detectors they had at home!

*Christine Sullivan, Educational Leader and Jacinta Johnson, Teacher, Brown Hill Kindergarten (a Eureka Community Kindergarten Association [ECKA] Kindergarten), 5332 7973*  
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# Caledonian Primary School

## *From the Principal's desk*

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of the year! As we head into the final weeks of the 2018 school year, it is a chance to celebrate the students' and school's achievements with the local community.

It is so important for Caledonian Primary School to be a part of the Brown Hill Community and I feel very proud when students, staff and parents represent the school at community events.

In the past few weeks we have had students performing at the Brown Hill Community Festival and we held a very successful Trivia Night, with the money raised going towards upgrading our school facilities.

In the lead up to the end of the year, the school will be hosting and/or be part of the following events which have been heavily supported by local community groups:

\* **22 – 24 November**, Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough

\* **Saturday 24 November**, Election Day BBQ

\* **Thursday 6 December**, Celebration Evening

\* **Thursday 13 December**, Brown Hill Christmas Carols

\* **Monday 17 December**, Grade 6 Graduation

We will also welcome the 2019 Preps to Caledonian Primary

School when they start their orientation days with us on **Tuesday 20 November**. This is always an exciting time, when we welcome new families to the community.

The Brown Hill Lions Club will be working in partnership with Caledonian Primary School to run a BBQ at the school during the State Election on **Saturday 24 November**. We would like to thank Bakers Delight Bakery Hill for their generous discount on the bread and Harcourts Ballarat for lending us their BBQ trailer.

We hope that you can join us at our Celebration Evening on **Thursday 6 December**, from 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm. There will be lots of students' work on display, in addition to group art projects. There will be food trucks in attendance and performances by our students.

Collaborative working relationships between the school and community enable both groups to recognise and support one another's roles and responsibilities, as well as set shared goals to create the best outcomes for children and families.

*Brea Terris*

*Principal - Caledonian Primary School*  
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## **Energy Breakthrough**

At Caledonian Primary School, we have consistently participated in the Energy Breakthrough competition in Maryborough. This year we have 10 students on our team.

Energy Breakthrough is a

Trike/Human Powered Vehicle event, in which students compete against 100 schools in a 15-hour race across two days.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

- \* Stu Parry Plumbing and Gasfitting
- \* Swim and Survival Academy
- \* John Valves
- \* Townsend Joinery
- \* Brown Hill Progress Association
- \* Brown Hill Lions Club
- \* Electronic Diesel Technology
- \* Ballarat Advanced Self Storage

## **About the Energy Breakthrough**

On the Energy Breakthrough website ([eb.org.au](http://eb.org.au)), the event is described as providing "opportunities for students, teachers, parents and local industry to work together to design and construct a vehicle, a machine or innovation in technology that will represent an 'energy breakthrough'.

The program encourages participants to examine and use the latest technology while considering its impact on the environment and the way people live locally and globally."

We will report back in the next edition of the newsletter.

*Reese and Jonah, on behalf of the Energy Breakthrough Team*

## **Walk to School**

From 8 October to 2 November Caledonian Primary School participated in the 'Walk to School' program. As well as walking, you could scoot or ride.



This is an initiative of VicHealth and supported by Ballarat City Council. This event is made to encourage children to be healthy and participate in exercising.

This year we had a significant increase in participants; a lot more than previous years. When we walked to or from school we ticked the walking sheet in our classroom. This sheet, in the end, showed how many days we actually walked, scooted or rode.

Our final total was 2511 walks to and from school over the four weeks. To encourage students to walk, scoot or ride to school, every Wednesday a teacher would volunteer to walk with the 'Walking School Bus' from two locations, each a few blocks from school.

Our Walking School Bus will continue on Wednesdays until the end of the year.

Wisons Fruit and Vegetables supported us by donating fruit to our school, as part of the healthy eating and exercising promotion.

*Jonah and Connor Grade Six,  
Caledonian Primary School*

## FireAware

### **CFA Fire Danger Period now in force**

The Fire Danger Period has been declared for our area, the Central Fire District. This means fire restrictions come into force, so you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit or comply with certain requirements. Check out the CFA website for more details:  
<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warni>



*FireAware mascot, Penny Platypus*

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We have placed a link to the CFA's Chief Officer's Fire Season Message on the Brown Hill Community Online Hub [brownhill.vic.au/](http://brownhill.vic.au/) (under "announcements" on the home page).

This simple checklist for preparing your property might be useful (courtesy of the SA Country Fire Service). SA CFS recommends:

- ☐ Check that trees and shrubs still have space between them (horizontally and vertically) so they don't form a continuous canopy. Prune if needed.
- ☐ Remove dead vegetation from around your home and prune lower limbs of trees.
- ☐ Check with your council to see if a permit is required to burn off garden waste, or dispose of the material through mulching or at a council rubbish dump.
- ☐ Remove bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and any other flammable materials close to your home and sheds.
- ☐ Ember-proof your home: seal gaps and areas under your home, verandahs or balconies; repair any loose tiles or gaps in your roof; cover windows, crevices and vents with fine wire mesh or flywire;

repair or fill nooks and crannies where leaves or embers could gather.

- ☐ Slash or mow long grass and remove cut material (unless it can rot down before summer).
- ☐ Remove weeds.
- ☐ Cut back trees overhanging your home.
- ☐ Remove fallen branches and other debris.
- ☐ Remove leaves from gutters.
- ☐ Check and service all mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers.
- ☐ Check insurance is still adequate.
- ☐ Prepare / check your emergency kit.
- ☐ Check your fire clothes still fit.
- ☐ Review, update and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan.

We will also do:

- ☐
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(delete things that don't apply to you and add anything specific to your property)

For more details on the bushfire risk to Brown Hill and how best to prepare go the Brown Hill Community FireAware Network's web pages:  
<http://www.pleanetwork.com.au/fireaware-network-understanding-risk/>

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# Wildflower Bingo Walk and Christmas BBQ

## *Wattle Flat-Pootilla Landcare Group*

Over the last few years, we have worked alongside Parks Victoria and the RACV Resort to do planting across the three campgrounds at Slaty Creek.

We would like to take this opportunity to show off the awesome work of our volunteers, while looking around at all the beautiful native plants across the area. A BBQ lunch will be provided at the end of the walk.

**Date:** Sunday 18 November, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

**Meet at:** Creswick Forest Slaty Creek Picnic Ground One, to play Wildflower Bingo on a guided two-kilometre-loop walk.

**Cost:** Wattle Flat-Pootilla Landcare Group members: free of charge. Non-members: gold coin donation for BBQ.

**RSVP:** Kate 0409 986 619 by Wednesday 14 November with numbers and dietary requirements.

*Wattle Flat-Pootilla Landcare Group*  
[leighcatchmentgroup.org/wattle-flat-pootilla](http://leighcatchmentgroup.org/wattle-flat-pootilla)



# Brown Hill Uniting Church

## *Sponsorship*

Brown Hill Uniting Church is again sponsoring the Learn to Swim Program at the Brown Hill Pool. A big thank-you to all those who offered donations towards this sponsorship at our pancake stall at the Brown Hill Community Festival, raising over \$200 (after expenses). We are also providing pancakes at the Lions Club Carols in the Park on **Thursday 13 December**.

## *Worship services over Christmas/New Year*

Sunday morning worship services will continue throughout December at 10.00 am. **Sunday 9 December** will be a family carol service.

Christmas Day worship will start earlier, at 9.00 am, led by Rev. Peter Morton. The Brown Hill congregation will be visiting other churches on **30 December** and attending Neil Street Uniting Church at 10.00 am on **Sunday 6 January**. The remainder of services throughout January will be at Brown Hill, as usual, starting at 10.00 am.

## *Midweek communion*

Midweek communion on Wednesdays is at 1.30 pm in the church hall, followed by afternoon tea.

The final midweek communion service for 2018 will be on **Wednesday 12 December**. It will start again on **Wednesday 9 January**, at 1.30 pm.

We wish the Brown Hill community a happy and holy Christmas celebration and a safe and healthy New Year.

*Liz Mason, Brown Hill Uniting Church*

# Brown Hill Seniors' Club

Our last bus trip for the year was to Port Campbell on Wednesday 14 November. It was a great day.

In early December we celebrate the birthday of the Brown Hill Senior's Club. We will be joined by all local clubs.

We are supported by local businesses, for which we are very grateful.

Our final session for the year will be our Christmas Lunch on **Monday 17 December** at the Shamrock Hotel in Dunnstown.

Seasons Greetings to all!

**Enquiries:** Doreen on 5331 2157

*Doreen Braebrook, Brown Hill Senior Citizen's Club Coordinator*



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# Wholesome Wholefoods

At the Brown Hill Community Festival, our raffle raised \$95. The winners were:

- \* Wholefoods Hamper - Jo-Anne
- \* Grounded Pleasures Box - Elyse
- \* Vegas and Rose Goodies - Renae

Our last trading day for 2018 will be on **Wednesday 19 December**.

In 2019 we hope to have a new home. More in the next edition!

Wendy Aston, President, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective

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[ballaratwholefoodscollective.org](http://ballaratwholefoodscollective.org)

## Eureka Mums

We will have a story in our next edition about Brown Hill local Robert, who volunteers to help fix equipment donated to Eureka Mums. Robert lives in Brown Hill and manages a 'staging post' for local donations to Eureka Mums.

At the time of printing, Eureka Mums was seeking these items for families in need:

- \* 20 cots
- \* 17 car seats
- \* 12 double prams

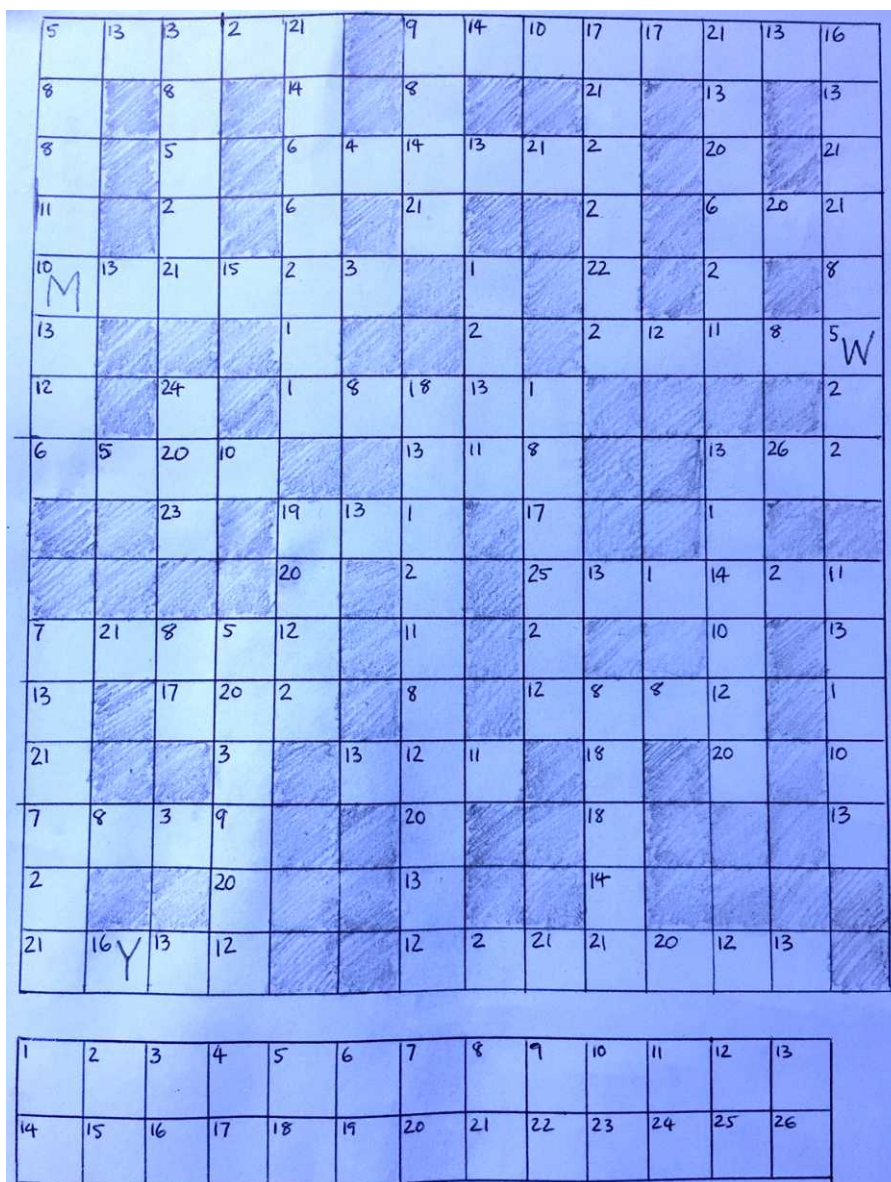
To find out specific requirements, visit:

[eurekamums.org/pages/donate-things](http://eurekamums.org/pages/donate-things) or call: 1300 789 509.



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## Codeword

Best solved with a map of Brown Hill handy, this Brown Hill-focused Codeword puzzle has been specially developed for our newsletter by Caledonian Primary School parent, Zara. Local street names and landmarks are included, with a few random

words (to fill the gaps).

Each number represents a letter in the alphabet. Three have been provided to get you started.

The first five people to correctly complete this puzzle and email a photo of their solution to us at [newsletter@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:newsletter@brownhill.vic.au), will receive a voucher from Bakers Delight, Bakery Hill.

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Members of the many groups that use Russell Square attend an announcement about the new lights. Image supplied by Laurelle Sommers.

## Lighting up Russell Square

*Laurelle Sommers, secretary of the Russell Square User Group, gives us an update about the new lighting coming to Russell Square.*

Ballarat's Russell Square will soon receive new lights for winter training. There will be no more walking in the dark for people using the facility to try to find their car after training.

Thank you to the State Government which contributed \$450,000 and the City of Ballarat for their contribution of \$300,000 as part of the 'Female-Friendly Facilities Fund'. The installation of eight 100-lux lights on the north field should be completed by Winter 2019.

Thank you also to John Eren, the Victorian Minister for Sport, and City of Ballarat Mayor Samantha McIntosh, for attending the announcement.

We are thrilled with this project. Lighting will allow the touch

football players to use both ovals, the cricket teams to play later into the night, the soccer players to train over winter and it will also provide lighting for the community track around the perimeter.

The lighting will also assist community users such as personal trainers, dog walkers, ultimate frisbee players and other recreational users of the Russell Square facility.

Jeff Ellerton from the East Point Junior Football Netball Club says, "The new lights will reduce the number of people using the south oval, as the soccer teams had been using the oval and lights for training after football."

Ballarat Mayor Cr Samantha McIntosh says, "Russell Square is used by soccer, cricket, football, touch football and ultimate frisbee and across junior and senior and men's and women's competitions.

The new lighting will make this

multisport facility more accessible more often and will support the growth of female sport, particularly female soccer.

City of Ballarat's Active Women and Girls Strategy highlights infrastructure improvements – like this one as crucial in helping to get more women and girls in our community active and involved."

User Groups at Russell Square include:

- \* Ballarat Cricket Umpires Association
- \* Ballarat and District Multiple Birth Association
- \* Ballarat North United Soccer Club
- \* Ballarat Touch Association
- \* East Ballarat Junior Football and Netball Club
- \* East Ballarat Cricket Club

[brownhill.vic.au/directory/russell-square-user-group/](http://brownhill.vic.au/directory/russell-square-user-group/)



# Victoria Bowls Club

The new bowling season has commenced and guess what? Two fine and sunny Saturdays.

Office Bearers for 2018- 2019:

**President:** Paul Tudorovic

**Senior Vice-President:** Barry Clark

**Honorary Secretary:** Alan Dennis

**Honorary Treasurer:** Alan Dennis

## Events for 2018-19

### Morning Melodies

Generally on the first Friday of every month. Contact Barry Ward on 5331 3753.

### Tournaments

**Ladies Triples:** Wednesday 21 November

**Australia Day Fours:** Monday 28 January

**Gold Nugget:** 3 March

**Fortnightly Triples:** Thursdays  
Contact Robert Chapman 0427 103 267.

**Members Night:** Friday

- \* Happy hour 5.00 - 7.00 pm
- \* Jackpotting members draw
- \* Jolly Joker Jackpot
- \* Nibbles

The last Friday of every month is Meal Night: Two course meal for \$12.50.

*Silver sponsor:*

## Function Room

Our large Function Room can be viewed and hired. Contact Darren Britt on 0419 326 709.

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### Advertorial

## Brown Hill Market

*A message from our silver sponsor, Steve Burns (Market manager)*

Thanks to everyone for your massive support of the Brown Hill Market, which kicked off in grand style in July and has been solidly supported ever since.

The community commitment is exemplified by the way Caledonian Primary School invited us to use their site when the Hall was double-booked last month. It wasn't a great day in terms of numbers, but we really appreciated the school going above and beyond (thanks Geoff).

The monthly Brown Hill Market is now bigger in both customer and stallholder numbers than our second Saturday Lake Wendouree market, where it had operated for over a decade!

I love Christmas, so we've got the Ballarat Choral Society joining us to sing Christmas Carols at the November and December markets.

Our December market is on **Saturday 22**, just a few days before Christmas and it will be huge! Last year, many stallholders sold out, so please come early for your food, produce and gifts. It'll be a great atmosphere, so please bring along friends and family who haven't seen the market in action.

Our first market day for 2019 is on Australia Day, **Saturday 26 January**. We'll be at the Hall as usual. Please note, to spread the fun and games in Brown Hill over that weekend, the Lions, Lioness and Progress Association annual Australia Day community celebration will be on the public holiday, Monday 28 January (p.8).

The Brown Hill Market is held at the Brown Hill Hall, 375 Humffray Street North, every fourth Saturday of every month.

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**BROWN HILL AND DISTRICT LIONS  
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# *CAROLS IN THE PARK*



*BROWN HILL RESERVE*

**DATE: Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>**

**December**

**Commencing at 5.30 pm**

**Bring Own Picnic Basket, Rug and Chair.**

**Some chairs will be available.**

**Guest Artists and Community Sing along.**

*An alcohol-free event*