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## The one that they wanted

This group of Pink Ladies and T-Birds are heading to Melbourne for *Grease the Arena Show*. The classic rock 'n' roll musical sees a cast of over 500 performers, including these youngsters from Ballarat, take part in a show that promises to leave you longing for those *Summer Nights*. *Grease The Arena Show* is at Hisense Arena from April 13-15. Tickets from Ticketek.

ROCK 'N' ROLL: The 50s are back with Ballarat youngsters set to take to the stage in *Grease The Arena Show* at Hisense Arena in April.

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BY BRENDAN WRIGLEY

YOUNG Ballarat labourer Jack Brownlee is being remembered by friends and family as a compassionate and loyal mate after he tragically became the second victim of a freak trench accident in Delacombe on Wednesday.

Staff at the Royal Melbourne Hospital were unable to keep the 21-year-old alive

after he was airlifted from the work site just off the Glenelg Highway about 1.45pm.

Workmates and first responders spent hours at the Winterfield site trying to rescue the worker after he was buried up to his neck after the 3.2-metre trench collapsed just after 11am.

Tributes from friends, family and the wider community flooded in for the young man who was affec-

tionately known as "everyone's best mate".

Friends for more than a decade, Pat Devereux described his mate as an "empathetic and loyal" bloke who always put others first.

"He was the funniest bloke and nicest person and always the life of the party," Mr. Devereux said. "His friends and family always came first."

"I don't think anyone didn't like him, he was prob-

ably the most popular person I knew."

A 34-year-old Broomfield man was killed instantly in the incident. His name is yet to be released.

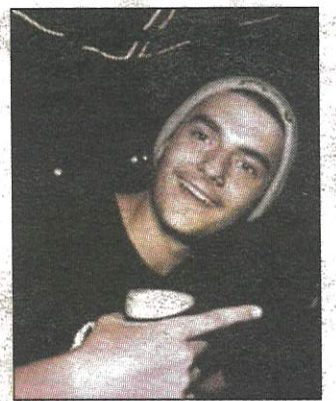
Jack had been conscious throughout the ordeal, before being placed into an induced coma and airlifted to Melbourne.

He underwent a series of surgeries Wednesday night and further surgery Thurs-

day morning. The family released a statement confirming the death shortly after 12.30pm.

Brownlee family spokesperson Kelly Dubberley thanked the "amazing team" at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, saying in a statement: "the family know that what could be done was done to get our boy back up and running".

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Jack Brownlee

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