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FILL THE GAP

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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



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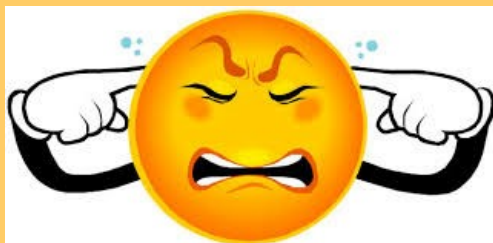
season of wildflowers - late spring
(late august to mid november)

Wildlife and Wildflowers

In spring (season of wildflowers or petyan), the bush bursts into life. Nature's rock gardens amaze. The days are warmer, although the weather can still be tempestuous.

WRAP UP...

WE'RE BACK !!!!!



STATS BY CHAS...

October 2020 - Rainfall by Chas; 122.5mm for October bringing the progressive total to 904 mm for 2020. This compares to the same period last year of 55mm for October with a progressive total of 780.5mm for 2019

As of the 28th of October Lake Bellfield is holding 55,010ML or 70% compared to the same period last year of 58,280ML or 74% full.

The total system is holding 227,790ML or 40.65% compared to the same period last year of 244,280ML or 43.60%

Mount William received 147.8mm for October 2020. The highest temperature of 21.2 C was recorded on the 2nd of October and the lowest of

-2.1 C was recorded on the 25th of October 2020

The highest wind speed of 115 km/h was recorded on the 8th of October 2020

Ups and downs.
Victories and defeats.
Sadness and happiness.
Despite all of that, stay
positive. That's the best
kind of life.



The garden has had lots of visitors over the last few weeks and the feedback has been excellent, despite the weeds. We anticipate an invasion as soon as Melbournians are allowed to arrive. Once again a big

thank you to those of you who responded to my plea here and on facebook for help with the weeding. All help is appreciated and please continue to supply your own gloves and keep a sensible distance from others.

We still have one more dead tree to remove, and we hope to have news on our grant application in November.

With the arrival of some warmer weather volunteer Margot Galletly has been able to continue with her research into the ant species that make our garden their home. Would you believe she is pretty sure we have at least ten different species? She's now hard at work identifying their names with the assistance of Denis Walter from Pomonal. I've read that there are more species of ant in Australia than the rest of the world put together. This project started as part of the Great Science Experiment, run by WAMA with the support of the NG Shire.

We were pleased to be able to host a wedding in the garden on October 10. Ex local Lauren Pearce and fiancé Ash Shiells chose the garden for their celebration. Of course due to Covid restrictions the numbers present were very limited and Lauren's parents Andrew and Narelle and sister Kelly couldn't come from Adelaide. However modern technology allowed them to be present on Zoom. Ash's parents were able to come from Gippsland.

We are waiting with hope to hear about our application for a major State government grant for improvements to the Botanic Garden. If we are successful there will be plenty for us to do in the coming year.

Margo





The Halls Gap Community Garden is now a very productive space. There is an abundance of herbs and salads available at the moment.

Our 6 chickens are also busy laying 4 eggs daily. They appreciate the food scraps that are regularly being dropped at the garden. I have been impressed that people visit the garden to feed the chickens. I would like to thank you for your interest and assure you that every little bit contributes to a flourishing Community Garden.

Neil Macumber and I do most of the work but local residents are regularly dropping by with seedlings, labour assistance working in the garden, shredded paper for the chickens nests, food scraps for the chickens and compost and information on how to improve the garden.

We have 3 wonderful compost spaces which provide soil for our new garden beds. We are planting out new gardens now.

The Community Garden has become a real meeting place for many people. It is a joy to be involved. If you need salads or herbs please feel welcome to come down and pick some of our produce. The simple philosophy is that Neil and me are happy to work and expect nothing in return.

If people wish to contribute then their contributions are appreciated but there is no expectation.

Bon Appetit.

Tim Walsh



FOGGS NEWS

FOGGS (Friends of Grampians Gariwerd) with the great help of ranger Hannah have now successfully installed the new seat at Fish Falls (downstream from McKenzie Falls). This seat was purchased with funds donated to FOGGS by Friends of Zumsteins when that group closed.

Margo



By MWAMA NEWS

Did you know that WAMA are hosting a stunning art exhibition on line? Head over to their website : www.wama.net.au and see for yourself the amazing diverse artwork that will one day grace the walls of the WAMA gallery in Gariwerd / Grampians. Many of these artists featured in our inaugural exhibition held at the Sofitel Melbourne 6 years ago.

Margo Sietsma

HALLS GAP CFA

Locals will notice a bit of activity at the Fire Station in Halls Gap during weekends as we host a pilot of the new General Firefighter training course for Victoria. We have quite a few new recruits, but only one was available for this program, so future opportunities will be planned for other new members to undertake induction and initial training.

We are also planning to return to a regular training routine in November as there are important safety drills for volunteers to experience each year before the fire season commences.

Dates for the fire restriction period in Northern Grampians Shire have not yet been announced, but restrictions have already commenced in areas of the Mallee so the CFA and local municipalities will soon be determining local restriction dates. During the restriction period additional rules apply about fires in the open, so please consult the CFA's Can I or Can't I? brochure at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can>.

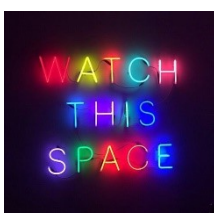
In the short time remaining before fire restrictions commence, landholders and land managers are encouraged to continue clearing, slashing, mulching and burning to reduce the fuel load and fire hazard. Remember to get a permit if you need one and to register every burn, see : <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off>

For further information about volunteering or engaging with the Halls Gap CFA, please call Peter on 0437 524 716.



Covid 19 effectively put a stop to the Walking Tracks Support Group activities and we are still looking towards a final working bee and the official opening of the new track at Golton Gorge.

David Witham



AMBULANCE VICTORIA



It has been busy with Ambulance Victoria for the month of October for 'Shocktober'. Shocktober is a month-long campaign to highlight the importance of knowing where Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are located and how to use them.

Restart a Heart day was held on the 16th October. This day focuses on 3 simple steps: Call, Push, Shock.

Call - 000, Push - hard and fast in the centre of the chest, Shock - using an AED.

As part of Shocktober we welcomed 2 AEDs to Halls Gap that will be accessible 24/7.

Ambulance Victoria Community Liaison Coordinator Mel presenting one to Leaf at Absolute Outdoors on behalf of Adrian.

Mel presented Sarah from the Halls Gap Police Station with one as well.

Keep an eye out for these AEDs, they will be mounted outside the buildings in an alarmed box. If you have any questions about AEDs let me know. Budja is holding a First Aid course coming up at the start of November, why not jump on board and brush your skills up!

Stay well and Covid safe ☺

Kerry Linke
Halls Gap Ambulance
Team Leader.

how you know it's summer in Australia



POMONAL MENS SHED

"Pomonal Men's Shed had an exciting and busy month during October. Delivery of the new shed kit is imminent and site preparation works are scheduled to commence on Monday 2nd November. Fingers crossed.

Preparations for the Monster Raffle are now complete with books of tickets placed at various businesses around Pomonal and Halls Gap. We would like to acknowledge our raffle sponsors for their generous support: Boroka Downs - Luxury Weekend Getaway for Two, Absolute Outdoors Australia - Family Adventure Session, Halls Gap E Bike Hire – 4 x 90 minute hires, Fallen Giants – Wine Tasting Plate for Two + Plus Bonus Bottle, Halls Gap Zoo – Gift Certificate, Flame Brothers Smokehouse – Gift Certificate, Five Ducks Farm – Basket of Local Produce and Russ Kellett Promotions - Music CD's. Tickets are \$5 each with the winners drawn at the Pomonal General Store on December 17th; just in time for Christmas. Get in early as we expect the tickets will go quickly given the excellent range of prizes to be won.

Our efforts to meet the unexpected extra cost for building the shed have now been covered thanks to a successful application for a Pacific Hydro grant.



We would like to thank Pacific Hydro for their generous support of the Pomonal Men's Shed project.

As you may be aware Barney's Bar & Bistro are under new management and Pomonal Men's Shed have been asked to provide 5 outdoors table/seat settings to take advantage of the great views and spacious outdoor area while we are still under COVID restrictions. We hope to commence work on the table sets shortly.

Finally we would like to thank Del and Roger from Halls Gap for their kind donation of a portable air conditioner for use in the new shed. It will definitely get plenty of use.

As always we are happy to accept new members or talk to anyone wanting more information. Please call Peter on 0447 466 435 or email to pomonalmensshed@gmail.com to have a chat. We normally get together at 10am every Thursday at the rear of the Pomonal Hall and you are welcome to simply turn up on the day."

ELECTION

A total of three candidates have nominated in the Northern Grampians Shire Council, South West Ward by-election.

The by-election follows no-one nominating for the single member ward in the lead up to the 2020 Victorian Local Government Elections, voting for which closed last Friday.

The candidates, in ballot paper order, are:

ROBERTSON, Terence

GREADY, Trevor Errol

BYASS, Rosalind



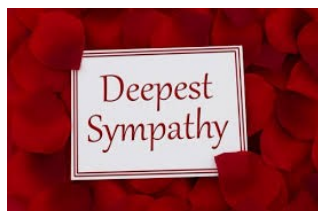
Candidate statements and responses to a questionnaire about their background and qualifications, will be available online at vec.vic.gov.au from Friday.

Voting will be by mail.

BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



Our deepest condolences to Alison, Neil and family. Sadly Alisons mother passed away. Alison will be away for a couple of weeks.



First Aid and CPR course is running this weekend. Full capacity

Tai Chi with Bruce is on Thursday's outside from 10am-11am .

Bookclub is running but due to the restrictions no full group gatherings have commenced.



Move it, Move it Gentle exercise starts again on Tuesday 10th November at 1.30pm.



With the slight easing to restrictions we are open from 9am-3.15pm Tuesday to Friday. Group activities can only be done outside at the moment. If you need assistance please ring in advance to make a time. 53564751 (option 3)



STEVENS FAMILY

After almost 19 years in Halls Gap it will soon be time to say goodbye to Mike, Amanda and the family. Mike is leaving Parks Victoria to take on a new role interstate. Many of us will be sad to see them go and we would like to thank Mike for his hard work protecting the Park and the local environment, and thank Amanda for her skills in caring for our bodies. We hope the whole family settles in their new home in time to celebrate Christmas.



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November 2020	December 2020	January 2021
<p>Public Holiday Tuesday 3rd closed</p> <p>Dr Amanda Gibbons 4th, 5th, 6th 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th 18th, 19th, 20th 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th</p> <p>Nurse Clinic Monday 2nd Monday 30th</p>	<p>Dr Amanda Gibbons 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th</p> <p>Dr Susan Watson 9th, 10th, 11th 14th, 15th, 16th</p> <p>CLOSED 25th Dec– 4th Jan</p>	<p>Reopen Monday 4th</p> <p>Dr Amanda Gibbons 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd 27th, 28th, 29th</p> <p>Public Holiday Tuesday 26th closed</p> <p>Nurse Clinic 11th, 25th</p>



PRESCRIPTIONS for medications are extremely important for good quality health care. Patients need to understand their prescriptions and know when they are due for renewal.

Our clinic prefers patients to have an appointment for prescriptions to enable our Doctors to monitor appropriate treatment and ensure regular assessment.

We request that patients make a booking at least 1 week in advance before your prescription runs out, as on the day appointments cannot be guaranteed. Pharmacists can also assist with keeping track of your prescription end dates.



GRAMPIANS TO GARIWERD

I need to let you know that I have written a book which is about to go on sale. 50 copies arrived on Friday and another set coming next week.

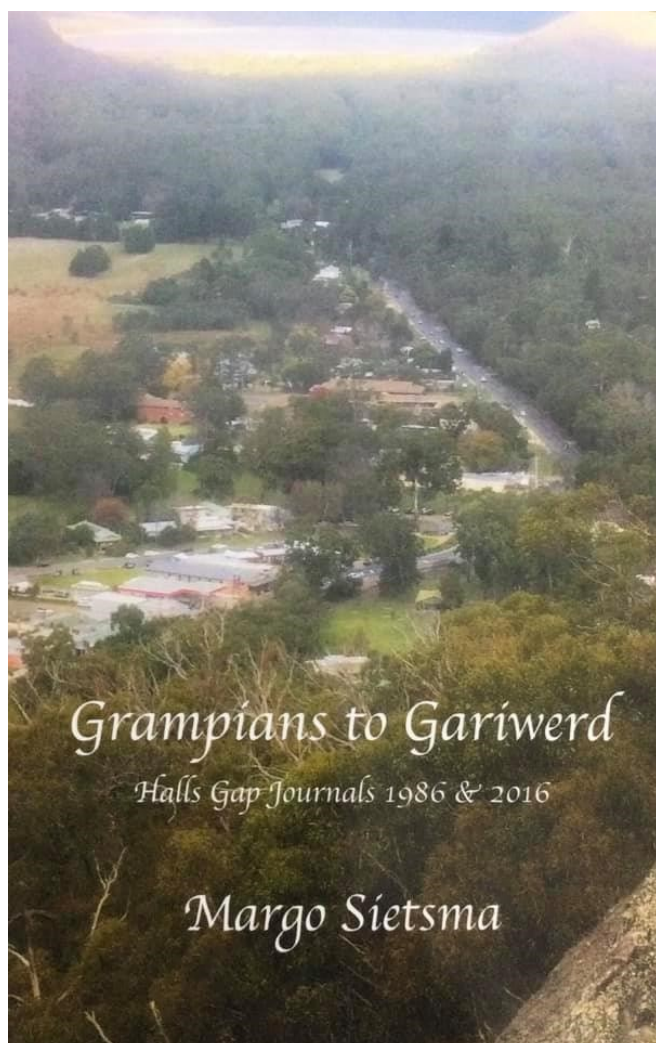
It's called "Grampians to Gariwerd, Halls Gap Journals 1986 and 2016".

Way back in 1985 when the park was new, and not many people knew about it, I decided to keep a journal of a holiday house owner. So each time I came up here I described what I did. Sometimes very little, sometimes probably too wordy, plus some researches into the history I did in Melbourne. So 2 FOG activities, construction of Brambuk, Seppelts winery, HG zoo, Stawell show, various solitary and family walks. Never did anything with it, then found it in 2015. When I read it I felt it was by now a useful bit of history. So for each date in 1986 that I had an entry as a visitor, I added an entry as a resident. Some discussion of early HG history. the 2006 bushfires, and other events in between, bits about FOGG, the Botanic Garden, my church activities. Anthea Nicholls of Pomonal Publishing has been my highly valued editor. it will be on sale in HG newsagency for \$25, or I'll be happy to sell any of you a signed copy myself for \$20 if you are someone easy to meet up with.

I'm a mix of excited, proud and scared stiff.

I think Nadia at Pomonal will also stock it.

Margo



2016 portrait by Ron Penrose

Margo grew up in Sydney but moved to Geelong in 1960 after her marriage to Kees. They first visited Halls Gap the same year on the recommendation of friends, spending a rather uncomfortable weekend in a dilapidated rented cottage. However, it was not long before it became a special place, and they became regular visitors, first in their campervan, and then in the holiday cottage bought in 1976. It came as no surprise to anyone that in 1998 Margo and Kees decided to become 'locals'.

Over the years Margo has often kept a journal. In 1985 she decided to keep a detailed account of her visits to the holiday house in Halls Gap, as a way of demonstrating just what she loved about this place. Nothing further came of it, at the time. Then in 2015 she rediscovered it and saw that it was now a piece of history and definitely worth sharing. She decided that for each date in 1985-1986 which had an entry by the holiday house visitor, in 2015-2016 there would be a record of what the permanent resident was doing 30 years later.

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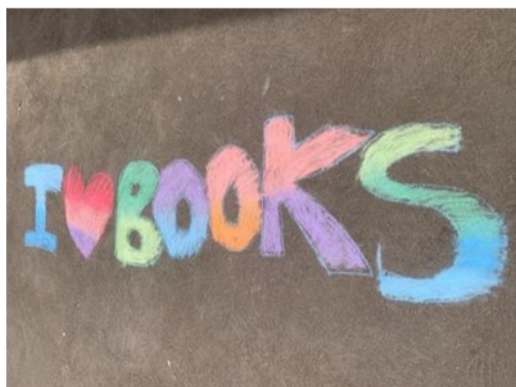
HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

FROM THE CLASSROOMS OF HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students and staff at Halls Gap Primary School continue to be very busy with a wide variety of activities.

This term we have welcomed back Mrs. Cheryl Grambau to our school to teach in the Prep to Two classroom for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Karina Henderson has started her maternity leave and we eagerly await the exciting announcement of the baby's arrival sometime in November.

During Book Week, our students and staff all wore their pyjamas



to school in readiness for their bedtime story. All of our classes did lots of fun, book related activities. It was made

even better by the fact that our mobile library van was here for the day too!



If you have been to the school at all recently, you may have noticed that the oval looks a bit bare. It has been cleared and flattened and irrigation has been installed in readiness for some new turf, which is very exciting! It's been a long time coming and hopefully our students will get the chance to use the oval again before the end of the year.

It has been lovely to be able to get out and about again, using the cricket oval for Phys Ed, taking a walk in the National Park, visiting the community garden, wandering through the Botanical Garden and having Wednesday lunch orders. It feels like things are nearly getting back to the way they should be. We are even having a Grade 4-6 camp at Norval in the last week of the school year. Our Prep to Grade Three students will join us on the last day of the camp for a big finish to a very unusual 2020. We are ALL really looking forward to that!



SNAKE SAFETY



For More information Please contact Hodgson's Snakes

0490415734

hodgsonssnakes@gmail.com

What to do when you see a snake

Your safety. When you see a snake, never approach it or try to scare it off. This can provoke the snake to try and defend itself.

Call a professional. If you decide that the snake should be removed call a professional. If this is the option you have chosen then the following steps can be critical to ensuring the snake is found when the catcher arrives.

1. Have someone watch the snake from a safe distance 100% of the time. This is crucial. Snakes are very fast and can disappear in a matter of seconds, even in short grass, their colouring can also make them blend in to sticks and rocks etc. If the snake disappears, relocating it can be a very difficult and sometimes an unlikely accomplishment.

2. Keep your distance. The person watching the snake needs to keep a safe distance so that they don't unintentionally make the snake feel threatened. If the snake does decide to move on to another spot you can follow the snake to keep it in your sights, but from a distance. Sometimes it helps to have more than one person watching the snake (or the area that the snake was spotted, for example if it went into a bush, having people watch the bush from different sides can increase the chances of the snake being spotted if it leaves).

3. Keep vulnerable family members away. Make sure that any young children, Dogs, cats etc. are kept away. Children can be curious, Dogs and Cats can be defensive. Keep them in the house, (or a separate room if the snake is in the house).

4. If the snake is in your home. If the snake is in your home, Let us use the bathroom as an example. Follow the same steps as before. Have someone watch the snake whilst keeping their distance. Call a professional and keep vulnerable family members away. Try to prevent the snake from moving to another room by rolling up some towels and putting them under the doors, close cupboards, toilet lids and anywhere else where the snake may want to try to escape or hide. If you are not comfortable being in the room with the snake, there is no need to put yourself in that position. Close the door and put a rolled up towel under it. You can maybe watch it through the window outside. If this is what you are comfortable doing I would try to find someone to watch the snake from the rooms window and also at the door. If the snake makes its way to the door and gets into the rest of the house, by the time you get back inside to monitor it, it could be anywhere

When to call a snake catcher

You can call a snake catcher at any time for general advice, we are always happy to talk about snakes. Anytime you see a snake is also a good time to call a snake catcher. Not every snake needs to be removed from a property. There are a lot of factors that are used to determine if the snake should be removed.

1. If there are young children and or pets such as dogs and cats. This is the most common reason, most people decide to have the snake removed. For Families with children and pets, if they see a snake in their yard they want the peace of mind knowing that it has been relocated to a place where it won't come into contact with the household again.

2. If the Snake is in the house. A common reason to call a snake catcher is if the snake has made its way into your home. Commonly found in kitchens and bathrooms (making their way in through the plumbing). This situation will require a professional to make sure that the snake has been safely removed from the home.

3. If the snake is in the yard. This situation doesn't always require the snake to be removed. The decision comes down to the people living at the property. If they feel threatened by the snakes' presence, if they are worried for other family members' safety, also the exact location of the snake. If the snake is in a common area for foot traffic, (in the chicken coop, by the clothes line etc), or in a less used area of the property, (down in the paddock, by the wood shed in summer etc).

4. If the snake is in the workplace. A common place to spot a snake during work hours is on construction/ building sites, down manholes, if you work as a gardener, or any general outdoor work. The decision for the removal of a snake from a job site should be made by the Manager or Property owner. As soon as the snake is spotted notify the appropriate person in the company to decide on the action they want to take.

What to do if you are bitten by a snake

This will be a very basic what to do and what not to do if bitten by a snake.

DO NOT MOVE: Snake venom flows via the Lymphatic system not the blood stream. If you are bitten the most important thing to do is to NOT MOVE. Every time you walk or move your arm you will push the venom further through your system. The best thing you can do is to sit down and get help to come to you.

FIND HELP: These days most people have a mobile phone. Call 000 and they will talk you through the rest. Even if your phone is out of reception range calling 000 should still put you through to the emergency department.

THERE IS NO NEED TO IDENTIFY THE SNAKE: Anti-Venoms have come leaps and bounds in the past decades. Today one Anti-Venom will treat all Australian Native Snake Venoms. So gone are the days where you had to identify the snake or test the patient to work out the correct Anti-Venom.

APPLY A COMPRESSION BANDAGE: If you have a Compression bandage in your pocket then apply this. If it is in your car or first aid kit a minutes' walk from you call 000 first and follow their recommendations.

Note*** If you are bitten on the hand and have jewellery such as rings or bracelets take them off as swelling can be common from bites making it very difficult in the near future to remove them safely.

Tips on how to deter snakes

There are no guarantees that anything you do or buy to deter snakes will result in a snake never coming to visit. But there are some things that you can do that will make it less inviting for them.

Snakes mainly feed on mice and lizards, but some species also eat other snakes. So if you can limit the food sources for mice, then there will be less mice and then less reason for a snake to come for dinner.

Ways to help keep the mouse population down in your home:

Don't leave food scraps laying around – keep all food in containers.

Only feed your pets what they will eat in the next few minutes. You may need to feed your pets a few times a day, but this will stop having pet food sitting around for the mice to feast on.

If you have chickens or ducks etc – Feed them as far from the house as possible.

Snakes are also attracted to water sources, especially on a hot summer's day. Things like bird baths and ponds are a good easy source of water for a snake. They are always nice features in an Australian garden, if you decide to have one then please always be alert when near them. Another easy source of water for a snake is your Dogs water bowl. This also goes for chicken water bowls. I would recommend changing your chicken's water bowl out for chicken drinker nipples. There isn't a huge amount you can do about your dog's water source. Your local pet store might have a solution.

Snakes Like cover. Another crucial way to make your property less inviting for a snake is to keep your property tidy. This means keep your grass short, don't leave piles of building materials around (like bricks, tin, Timber ect). Keep your firewood storage a good distance from the house and yard. Snakes are common prey to predatory birds. They like to move between bushes and cover as much as possible. Limiting these spots of cover and or having large open spaces between will lessen the appeal of your yard to a snake.

If the snake can easily move from cover to cover in short distances, can easily pop out to bask in the sun and have a drink of water close by, and also a plentiful food source, then your home will be a snakes 5 star hotel.

Condolences

FAREWELL JOHN INGRAM

October has been a sad month for losing long term residents of Halls Gap. One of those was John Ingram who first came to our village with his wife, Liz, and their five children in 1979. The three boys all attended our local school while their older sisters were students at Stawell Secondary College.

John bought the General Store which he and Liz ran for about ten years, building it up to be a popular and friendly business in the community. The Ingrams then left Halls Gap in 1989/90 after buying a block of land on the town outskirts in the hope of returning one day. That they did at the turn of the century, building a lovely home on the Ararat Road.

Those of us who know the Ingrams were saddened to hear of John's recent death. He was a quiet man of few words but a rock to his family and friends.

FAREWELL MARGO WOODCOCK

Halls Gap recently lost a very special person, of whom many of us older residents have fond memories. Actually we lost her a few years ago when she had to move into care in Stawell due to deteriorating health, but we were still able to visit her until this year with the Covid outbreak. Ken and Margo grew up in wartime London before migrating to Australia and settling in Adelaide, then moving to Halls Gap when Ken retired from his newspaper role. She immediately got involved in Halls Gap activities. She was one of the early editors of this paper "Fill the Gap", she wholeheartedly worked for the Wildflower Show, she organised a community breakfast for many of us on Australia Day for many years.

In addition to her Halls Gap activities, Margo was a strong supporter of Stawell's University of the Third Age (U3A); in fact she was the instigator of it. Education was always one of her enthusiasms, educating herself then sharing her knowledge with others. Classes she led at U3A included the development of the English language and the history of London. At the HG Wildflower show she loved showing people the intricate details of our flowers with her microscope.

Margo's husband Ken is still with us and our thoughts are with him as he adjusts to this loss. It is so good that their daughters have been able to spend some time with him.

Margo



Community Association of Halls Gap

It was sad to learn of the death of Margo Woodcock as she was a staunch and active member of the Association for many years, together with her husband Ken. She put up her hand to run the Wildflower Show when its future was in doubt and continued her enthusiastic participation for years after she left this role. I shall always remember her delight in getting youngsters to examine nature under her microscopes. She was also a willing member of the old Centenary Hall management committee for many years - the type of person the community needs to help make it vibrant.

David Witham

SIGNICANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Movember

Organisation: Movember Foundation

Movember is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache, highlighting men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. Mo Bros, supported by their Mo Sistas, start Movember (November 1st) clean shaven and then have the remainder of the month to grow and groom their moustache. During Movember, each Mo Bro effectively becomes a walking billboard for men's health and, via their Mo, raises essential funds and awareness for Movember's men's health partners.

Website: au.movember.com/



NAIDOC Week

Organisation: NAIDOC

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week is usually held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. The November dates follow the decision by the National NAIDOC Committee (NNC) to postpone NAIDOC Week from the original July dates due to the impacts and uncertainty from the escalating Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic across our communities and cities. The postponement was aimed at protecting our elders and those in our communities with chronic health issues from the disastrous impacts of COVID19.

National/State: National

Email: info@naidoc.org.au

Website: www.naidoc.org.au



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

National/State: National

Website: www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance/



HALLS GAP MARKET



The **Halls Gap Market** was established in 1997 and is proudly brought to you by the Halls Gap Primary School. Located at the base of the Wonderland Range (Grampians) in the magical Halls Gap Primary School

grounds, this truly unique market is a must.

The **Halls Gap Market** is an outdoor market and boasts a range of high quality stalls offering arts, crafts, fresh produce, plants, fine food, coffee and more. School parents serve hot and cold refreshments along with a barbecue featuring delicious egg and bacon rolls. All proceeds go to the Halls Gap Primary School. Check the website for information on becoming a stall holder: - <http://www.hgps.vic.edu.au/craft.html>

The Market Dates for 2021 are: TBC

POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET

Pomonal Village Market

on the last Sunday or every month from 9am—1pm at the Pomonal Community Hall. Run by volunteers of the Pomonal Progress Association to raise money for the community of Pomonal. Site enquiries: call the Market Coordinator on 0417 883 445.

POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET
SUNDAY FROM 9-1PM

Market Dates for 2020

At this stage due to covid restrictions it is unlikely we will have a market until 2021

Are You Stuck in the Bush?

Call Glenn on **0419 802 846**

Or 0424 619 355...Leave a message if no answer.



Take a photo of this flyer.



On-Board Recovery Equipment

Winches – Front and Rear
Snatch Straps
Winch Extension Straps
Snatch Blocks
Shovel
Air Compressor
UHF Radio Ch 20
Fridge

Hi-Lift Jack
Tree Trunk Protectors
Bow Shackles
Soft Shackles
Rated Recovery Points
Chainsaw
GPS Assistance
Local Knowledge

PRUNING



Roses, fruit trees etc

Hourly rates

Removal extra

30 years experience

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Halls Gap is a
Cat Free Zone



There are more ways to contact police with the new Police Assistance Line and Online Reporting platform.



VICTORIA POLICE

You can report non-urgent crimes and events anytime, anywhere



Report Mates
bicycles, property
lost or stolen or
other items



Report personal
property lost in
Victoria



Report damage
to your property,
including graffiti



Register your
party



Inform police
when you are
away from your
home

Call 131 444 or visit police.vic.gov.au

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo and Alison

Please email your articles and photos to us
by the 25th of each month to:

neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Upload your community events details to
the Community Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

Like our **Halls Gap Community Association**
Facebook Page and/or **Halls Gap Community**
Watch and Events Facebook Pages.



To keep up to date with what is happening in
Pomonal like **Pomonal Community Connections**
Facebook page and/or **Pomonal info &**
resources sharing Facebook Pages



Stay straight and brake

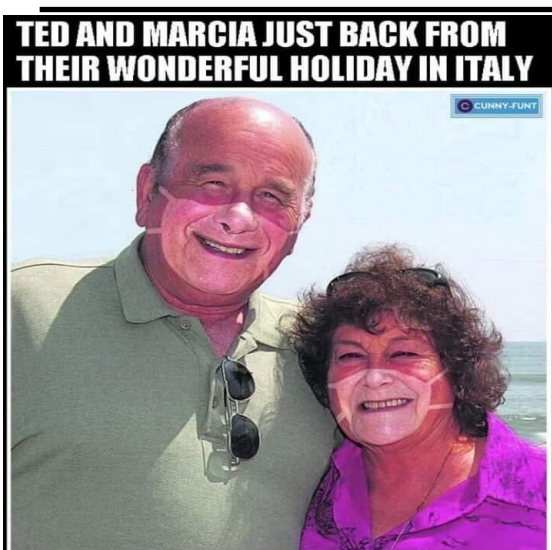
Never swerve to avoid wildlife on the road. You risk rolling your vehicle, hitting a tree or colliding with oncoming traffic

- 1 Slow down at dusk and dawn
- 2 Kangaroos travel in mobs (groups), there usually will be more than one in the area
- 3 If a collision is unavoidable **stay straight and brake**

In an emergency call 000



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Let's work together to keep everyone safe

We are implementing the following measures and providing hand sanitiser for all of our health and safety, because we are all in this together.

- Maintain good hygiene
- Increasing cleaning in high traffic areas
- Keeping records before essential
- Encouraging employees to stay home if sick
- Maintaining physical distancing measures
- Complying to maximum occupancy directions



Let's mask up together



For yours and our safety



Regular Events

- * **Chas Mangle** Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the Halls Gap Newsagency from 7am - 10am daily except Tuesdays Ph. 0439 837 052
- * **Peter Hilbig** is also a Justice of the Peace and can undertake JP responsibilities by appointment. Email peter@hilbig.id.au or telephone 0437 524 716.
- * Due to the Current coronavirus situation the History Room will be closed until further notice. Check out Chas's postings on Facebook
- * Budja Budja Neighbourhood House - check the program at the house and online
- * Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details