

FILL THE GAP

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WRAP UP...

It is August and the early wildflowers are making their appearance and the birds are attacking their own images in our mirrors. Spring will be upon us soon.

There is a lot happening in Halls Gap and the region. Check out the local events and enjoy where we live.



STATS BY CHAS...

105.5 mm for July bringing the progressive total for 2023 to 635.5 mm.

This compares to the same period last year of 84 mm for July with a progressive total of 510.5 mm.

As of the 26th of July 2023 Lake Bellfield is holding 75,990 ML or 97% full compared to the same period last year of 52,980 ML or 67% full.

The total system is holding 413,020 ML or 73.71% full compared to the same period last year of 174,400 ML or 31.13%.

Mount William received 137.8 mm for July 2023. The highest temperature of 10.6 C was recorded on the 25th of July and the lowest of -0.7 C was recorded on the 19th July. The highest wind speed of 96 km/h was recorded on the 8th July 2023.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



larneuk

season of nesting birds - early spring
(late July to late August)

Nesting Birds and Changeable Weather
Early-spring (season of nesting birds or larneuk) is usually the wettest time of the year with rivers running high. It is a time of dramatic weather changes, with up to six seasons in one day.

NEW EMAIL

With the move from Budja Budja Neighbourhood House to Halls Gap Neighbourhood House we have a new email for your contributions to **Fill The Gap**.



Please send your contributions or if you would like to go onto the mailing list to hallsgapcommunity@gmail.com

We are looking for volunteers to help with the production and distribution of FTG. If you think you can help call Alison on 0417883445.



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS GAP

Meeting held Monday 4th September 2023 at 4.30pm in the supper room at the Halls Gap Centenary Hall.



Pomonal Primary School Art Show
November 17-19 – Friday night to Sunday
Contact: Felicity, pittsrun@hotmail.com

HALLS GAP RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The September meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 September at 7.30pm in the Supper Room at Centenary Hall, Halls Gap.

All Residents and Ratepayers are invited to attend.



The Hours

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap



2002 US - psychological drama - As Virginia Woolf begins writing her novel 'Mrs Dalloway', in the future, Laura Brown and Clarissa Vaughan find solace in the novel and read to escape their monotonous life.



Check The Grampians Film Society website on membership details and full program.
<https://grampians.filmsociety.org.au/>



Bird Walk at Wartook State Forest Neil Macumber

Meet Neil at the entrance to Wartook State Forest on O'Sullivan Road for a morning Bird Watching Walk.

Come and explore grassy eucalyptus woodland. We will have a chance to see Speckled Warbler, Black-chinned Honeyeater, Square-tailed Kite and Flame Robin to name a few. We will also be able to experience early spring flowers.

Date: Saturday, 12th August 2023

Time: 9am-12noonish

Meeting Place: Wartook State Forest, O'Sullivan Road, Wartook Valley

What to Bring: Please bring binoculars, sun hat, sun screen, lunch and water. Best to wear layers as we can experience 6 (Gariwerd) seasons in one day.

GRANNY SQUARE DAY 2023

Granny Square Day is an international online celebration on Instagram, which takes place every year on the 15th of August.

Granny Square Day began back in 2014 by Susan Regalia on Instagram. Susan says, "I had just learned to crochet and was enamoured with the cheerful little granny square, and the idea of having a Granny Square Day was born".

While Susan knew her day had proven popular, she hadn't anticipated the snowballing popularity of the event, which had over 6,000 posts in 2018. It was this avalanche that led to her handing over the reins to Simply Crochet, to ensure Granny Square Day could continue to reach its potential and continue its mission to unite crocheters the world over.

The idea was for people to post a square photo of a granny square they had made and to tag it so that when people look at the hashtag what they would see looks like the biggest granny square blanket ever.



CAN YOU HELP?

CWA Stawell Branch are seeking help from the Community to contribute granny squares for a Granny Square Christmas Tree to be featured at this years CWA Christmas Tree Festival.

Granny squares can be plain, colourful, basic or elaborate. The only requirement is that each granny square is to measure 15cm (6 inches).

Collection points will be at the Stawell Library, Stawell Neighbourhood House & Stawell Town Hall until 31st October 2023.

After the tree has been created and displayed all contributed granny squares will be turned into blankets and donated to local welfare.



Join Alison on Tuesday 15th any time from 9am-3pm to celebrate **Granny Square Day** - Yarn provided just bring your 4mm crochet hook or 4mm knitting needles



If you can't make it Tuesday 15th then join us for our regular Craft & Chat from 10am-12noon on Wednesdays

What's on in August at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Monday 14th** 11am-1pm Writers Group
- **Mondays** 7.00pm Meditation
- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Tues 15th** Granny Square Day - cant make Wednesday Craft & Chat join us on Granny Square day any time from 9am-3pm- yarn provided
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft & Chat Come along and share your skills or learn a new one. For August we are doing Granny Squares for the CWA Christmas tree
- **Thursday 17th** 6pm HG Book Club
- **Thursdays** - Run around Crazy for under 5yrs.
- **Fridays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Fridays** 10.30-11.30am Bird Walk
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Indoor Bowls

Tuesday to Friday 9am-3.15pm

- Computer access
- Printing
- Internet access
- Come in for a cuppa and yarn

117-119 Grampians Rd., HALLS GAP VIC 3381
 m: 0417 883 445
 e: info@hallsgapnh.org.au



GrampianArts

For more information on all three programs or booking enquiries
www.grampianarts.com.au

Grampians Brushes 9–14 September 2023

A series of workshops for visual artists: drawing, painting – oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastel, mixed media and printmaking.

2 Day, 4 Day & 6 Day Workshops
 The Grampians VIC

P. 0493 430 312 E. brushes@grampianarts.com.au

Workshops available:

RYAN BREARLEY – introduction

JULIAN CORNISH – Sumi-e painting

WENDI LEIGH – acrylics

AMANDA MCLEAN – pastel

SUE WOOD – mixed media

Greetings High Tea lovers! We are getting ready for the End-of-Winter High Tea (Sunday August 27 at 2pm, and bookings are open. Let me know asap if you want a spot this time. As you probably know, it's a great opportunity to catch up for a couple of hours over tea and good food!

Bookings are essential - please let us know of any special dietary requirements. Still only \$25 a head, BYO bubbles if you wish.

Peace and scones, Sue K.



Pomonal Women Acting Up

PWAU had their first meeting on 9 July. They watched the video made (a few years back now) for the Pomonal Antiques Roadshow & Bargain Hunt. It was wonderful how many talented actors came out of the woodwork for that event, and augurs well for the future of our new group with its aim of encouraging creative writing, acting and singing.

Our first gig will be the Pomonal Wildflower Walk on 30 September, providing some fun entertainment along the track.

The group is also organising for a song to be recorded for the walk. The song is *Giant of the Forest* (a tribute to an ancient eucalypt). It will be recorded on 10 September .. venue yet to be decided. We are inviting everyone who can sing to come and join the voices. More information will be posted on Nadya's blackboard.

Our next meeting is in the Hall Meeting Room, 1.00 to 3.00 on Sunday 13 August. And meanwhile you can ask Dee or Anthea about this fun new group and its plans.

deeannkelly@icloud.com

antheanicholls@bigpond.com

Winter's End
 High Tea @
 Moyston Hall
 2pm
 Sunday Aug 27

A traditional High Tea experience at the iconic Moyston Hall.

\$25 per head

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

**Please tell us if you have any special dietary requirements.*

Sue - 0400177603

Di - 0400882782



BUDJA**CLINIC****BUDJA****MEDICAL**

AUGUST 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023
1 st – 4 th Dr Katriona Ross	4 th – 8 th Dr Gregory Stewart
7 th – 11 th Dr Luhong Min	5 th – 8 th Dr Beth Quin
14 th – 18 th Dr Luhong Min	11 th – 15 th Dr Beth Quin
21 st – 25 th Dr Ruth Sutherland	18 th – 22 nd Dr Gregory Malcher
28 th – 31 st Dr Gregory Stewart	25 th – 29 th Dr Gregory Malcher

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Many thanks to the shire for their help in clearing an area overtaken by blackberries. We will be creating a new bed there with plants we are getting from the WAMA project.

The help we received from the prison crew was useful and much appreciated.

We have applied for a grant to put a mural by local artists on the outside wall of our shelter and will hear whether we are successful by the next FTG we hope.

POMONAL UNITING CHURCH

Our new minister Damian Tann will be inducted in our sister church in Stawell on Friday 18 August at 7.30 pm. All welcome. Then he will be taking our Pomonal service on the following Sunday 20 August at 10 a.m. Again, all welcome,

WILDLIFE WITH NEIL - FROGS

Of the 33 species of frog listed for Victoria the Wimmera has 14 species (from 6 different genus) recorded. Virtually all can be found around here including the Grampians. Nine Frogs to be listening out for now, mainly after dark are –

Tree Frogs

1. **Southern Brown Tree Frog** – *Litoria ewingii* is 25-45mm and can call throughout the year. The call is a series of rapid harsh, whirring pulsating notes repeated 5-15 times ‘Creeeee, creee, creee, cree, cree, cree’ The first note usually the longest. I have found them here at home (calling at the moment) and have often seen them in Halls Gap.
2. **The Growling Grass Frog** - *Litoria raniformis* is 55 -110mm and calls from August right through to April. It is mainly a beautiful bright emerald green in colour, and listed as endangered. Males are usually found calling while floating in open water amongst, reeds, bullrushes and other vegetation. The call is a growl of about 3 - 5 seconds duration - ‘crawark – crawark – crok – crok’ I have occasionally found them in our ponds and other areas around here but sadly they in decline.



The Southern Frogs – Ground Dwellers



3. **The Pobblebonk or Eastern Banjo Frog** – *Limnodon dumerili* is 50 - 85mm and can be heard calling in all months possibly with the exception of July. The call is a short musical, explosive note producing a resonant “Bonk” usually repeated every few seconds. These guys call from our ponds at home and being a burrowing frog can be dug up in the garden or vegetable patch.
4. **Common Eastern Froglet** – *Crinia signifera* is 18 -28mm, ground dwelling and is calling most nights from our ponds and can be heard calling throughout the year. The call is a series of three to five short pulsed calls, with a chirping quality, rapidly repeated “crick, crick, crick, crick, crick” It is one of the most commonly encountered small frogs. It is calling outside as I write this article at 4-30pm.
5. **The Plains Froglet** – *Crinia parainsignifera* is 18 – 24mm, a ground dwelling frog which can be heard calling all year round and often during the day. They call from near the waters edge, and it is a long harsh squelching note “eeeeeeeeeeek’ repeated every few seconds.
6. **The Mallee Spadefoot Toad/Painted Frog** – *Neobatrachus pictus* is 48 – 58mm a ground dwelling species and can be found in arid and semi-arid areas, including woodland, mallee, shrubland and heathland, and open and disturbed areas including farmland. Eggs are laid in wetlands, dams, flooded ditches. They call from March to August, and is a long rapidly pulsed musical trill with a purring quality, lasting 2 -3 seconds “cra-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-awk’ They seem to have finished calling now, and have laid eggs in one of our ponds.
7. **Common Spadefoot Toad/Painted Burrowing Frog** - *Neobatrachus sudelli* is very similar to *N.pictus* and so are their calls, it smaller – 35 – 40mm and will probably start calling in August right through to March. The call is shorter and a more slowly pulsed musical trill – “craa-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-aw-awk”

There are two other species which are similar to each other–

8. **Spotted Marsh Frog** - *Limnodon tasmaniensis* 30 – 47mm with a single, sharp call like two stones struck together – ‘click’ or ‘plock’ from July to May.
9. **Striped Marsh Frog** – *Limnodon peroni* 47 -75mm common in Southern Victoria, it was only found in the Laharum area in 2008. Larger but similar to the previous species, the call is ‘tock’ or ‘poc’ like a hen’s cluck. This species calls from August to June.



Halls Gap Primary School

RESILIENCE Have strength, character and a positive outlook

EXCELLENCE Strive to be the best we can

COMPASSION Give care and compassion to others

We have had a busy start to Term 3 with families coming to school on Sunday 16th July for a working bee. What an amazing effort they all put in, helping to keep the grounds and buildings ship shape!

The younger students celebrated 101 days at school which they have been counting towards each day in Maths, learning about counting and numerals. They participated in fun activities, assisted by the Grade 2/3/4 students,

The Grade 3-6 students are looking forward to camp on Monday of next week. We are off to Cave Hill Creek camp near Beaufort for plenty of outdoor adventure activities. We will be camping in style in their 'Glamping tents'. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Teachers took advantage of the nicer weather during the week to do a whole school walk to Venus Baths – always a favourite with the students. It was lovely to get feedback from a tourist (a teacher in Melbourne) praising the students for their connection to the environment, ability to discuss the reason why they were out on the walk and general behaviour. Well done Halls Gap kids!

It is that time of year when families and schools begin thinking about the transition from Kinder to Prep and Grade 6 into Secondary College.

If anyone in the community has a child who will potentially begin Prep in 2024, please consider contacting us at the school. We can offer a tour and plenty of information to assist in your decision making for your child's future.

From the Nickie Peters (Principal), Staff & Students at Halls Gap PS





Activities Update – 31st July 2023

July has been a busy month again down at the shed with our members involved in quite a few various activities. We are very pleased that we have been accepted as a registered charity by the tax department and as well have been DGR (Deductable Gift Recipient) registered which

will greatly help us with our day to needs and future plans for the shed.

Monday's from 9-30am we meet for our weekly social session where we usually solve a variety of the worlds problems over a hot cuppa and snack. Every Monday morning we are running a woodwork session with students from Pomonal Primary school, which is a great time for the students and our members alike.

Thursday's from 9-30am we have had busy Project sessions with lots of different projects on the go in the workshop. We also have a BBQ lunch at least one of these sessions per month.

Wednesday from 1pm in the meeting room we have had our Patchwork session with members doing a variety of patchwork and sewing projects.

This month for our Shed Talk session we had a talk on exercise physiology by Samuel Padercic, and we shared a lunch together.

Second Tuesday of the month from 10am we had our computer Smart phone session with Moya and also had a lunch together. Some members are becoming so computer literate that it's scary.

We are pleased that the Mixed bunch Art Group are enjoying using our meeting room for their sessions.

The last Sunday of each month we ran our (now quite famous) sausage sizzle at the Pomonal market. This helps us raise some much-needed funds as well as being a great social time for all involved. It is also a great way of showing potential new members through the shed and explaining some of our various activities.

We are very pleased that the social side of the shed is running very well and comradery is very high within the members and our support networks are meeting a variety of personal and mental health needs.

The shed is very welcoming to new members, or anyone interested, feel free to drop in and have a look at what we are up to or for any information contact Russ Kellett on 0438 024 929.

THE WAMA Art Prize Exhibition

Ararat Gallery TAMA

AUGUST 19 - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

 Where Art Meets Nature



Where Art Meets Nature

WAMA Update

The construction of the WAMA gallery building is progressing well, led by project managers, Case Meallin. Significant progress has occurred on a number of fronts including a final design that meets all our expectations, finalising planning permit conditions and issuing tender documents for the Head Construction Contractor.

We are pleased to welcome Paula Toal to WAMA as our Operations Coordinator. Paula will be instrumental in ensuring all WAMA's integrated experiences, strategic programs and operational needs are prioritised and developed as much as possible in order to be passed on to staff for when we open in 2025.

All of these items are bringing us one step closer to delivering a wonderful cultural facility that celebrates the connection between art and nature.

WAMA Art Prize Exhibition

We are thrilled to announce that WAMA together with Ararat Gallery TAMA will be hosting the 2023 WAMA Art Prize Exhibition.

The WAMA Art Prize, 'Works on Paper', is a \$25,000 biennial national award. The exhibition will run from Saturday 19th August to Sunday 19th November 2023.

Inviting a multi-disciplinary range of nature-inspired Australian artists, the award celebrates connectivity with nature and raises awareness of the importance of conserving our precious, unique Australian environment.

This open competition is judged by a panel of well-known members of the Victorian art industry.. The panel of judges include Dr Vicki Couzens, prominent artist and Gunditjmara Keerray Woorroong women; Robert Nelson, art historian and art critic; Suzanne Davies, contemporary art gallery director; and Dr Jacqueline Healy, art historian and Chair, WAMA Art Advisory Council.

Winners of the major acquisitive prize and Awards of Excellence will be announced at the official opening on August 26.

The exhibition will also be available to view on-line, within WAMA's on-line gallery with the opportunity for the public to vote for the popular People's Choice Award.

All artworks will be available for sale on-line, with the exception of the major acquisitive prize winner.

Please take the time to visit the exhibition featuring both local and national artists.

WAMA Art Prize Exhibition

August 19 – November 19, 2023

Ararat Gallery TAMA

Admission is FREE

Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park Information and Access Update

28 July 2023

Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park may have closures in place due to natural events (storms, floods, and bushfires), park operations, or planned works. Before visiting the park, check for closures below or on the change of conditions page on our website. Please follow signs and notifications and do not enter closed areas.



Information Updates

Camping and Accommodation Bookings

Parks Victoria has temporarily paused camping and accommodation bookings for the 2023-24 season as we work with our booking system supplier to ensure system issues are managed. For Updates visit

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/where-to-stay/booking-information>

Late winter in Gariwerd

Our Grampians Peaks Trail Rangers and a few keen winter hikers have enjoyed spectacular waterfalls at Gar and an expressive late winter flowering display in the north of the park, with swathes of *Hakea sericea* (Silky Hakea) blossoming (see below).



Whilst out west, Mike Wadge (Ranger Field Services) observed and photographed this impressive Wedge-tailed Eagle out at Red Rock Road (see below).



Have you seen a pest animal or weed in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and Greater Gariwerd parks and reserves?

Use the link below or scan the QR code to report it to

Parks Victoria <https://forms.office.com/r/GhqiqDkg7D>



This information will be used to help focus control efforts, establish up to date maps of pest distributions, and highlight any emerging populations. Records are added to the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas. Native plants and animal sightings can also be recorded here. Thanks for contributing to the protection of this incredible landscape.



Roads and 4WD Tracks

Multiple roads/tracks are temporarily closed due to storm damage, high creek crossings or water over roads. Please visit our website for the latest update. Visitors are asked to drive to conditions and not enter closed areas.

Mt Zero Rd (from Halls Gap – Pines Rd) is slippery and rough with potholes. Please drive with caution and adhere to signage. Repair work is planned for next week.

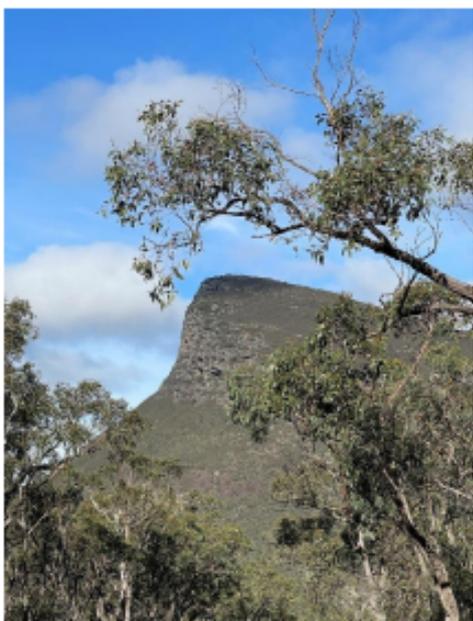
Seasonal Road Closures apply to areas within and tracks bordering the National Park. See [MapshareVic](#) for locations of the closures. Please visit the [seasonal road closures](#) page for more information.



Day Walking and Visitor Sites

Winter weather conditions may impact on your walking experience. Stay safe and get the most out of your visit by preparing for natural hazards and other outdoor risks in Victoria's parks. You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those in your care.

www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/visitor-safety-tips-in-parks



Great winter walking day looking south from Cassidy Gap to Signal Peak on the Grampians Peaks Trail (July 2023)

Mackenzie Falls

Mackenzie Falls has reopened. In the interest of visitor safety, access to the rock shelf opposite the waterfalls remains closed and the rock stepping stones over the river have been removed to help to manage the risk under the falls.

Grand Canyon

The steel staircase at the south-eastern exit of the canyon is closed due to an engineering issue. The Grand Canyon remains partially open as a return walk from Wonderland Carpark. The Pinnacle Walk remains open via the Grand Canyon bypass walking track.

Silverband Falls walking track

Please note that the track has temporarily changed from a walking Grade 2 to Grade 3 in difficulty, impacting accessibility. Grade 3 includes short steep sections, rough surface areas and occasional steps. The change is



temporary, and Silverband Falls track will be returned to a Grade 2 track via future flood recovery works.



Campgrounds

Kalymna Campground is temporarily closed due to minor flood damage and water over access roads.



Overnight Hiking

Fortress Overnight Hike

While Parks Victoria and Traditional Owners determine a longer-term management response to rediscoveries of cultural heritage in Oasis and Fortress hike in camps, and out of respect for this significant cultural landscape, visitors are requested not to camp in this area. Instead, we request you set up camp 150m outside of the Fortress Hiker camp, towards Mt. Thackeray and away from the cliffs and shelter areas.



Rock Climbing

Rock climbing access has changed in Grampians National Park. The Greater Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan was released in 2021 to ensure that rock climbing can continue in Gariwerd in a sustainable way. We know there have been significant changes to rock climbing in Gariwerd and Parks Victoria will continue to work with climbers to achieve a balance between conservation and recreation. For updates on rock climbing in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park visit:

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/rock-climbing-in-gariwerd

Watchtower, Halls Gap

The popular Watchtower designated climbing area located near Halls Gap in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and regularly used by school groups and Licensed Tour Operators is undergoing trail remediation and improvement works.

Works commenced on the base trail in May with completion anticipated by late July 2023. Works will include the removal of old damaged and degraded timber steps, significant repairs to the existing stone access trail and construction of new stone steps and drains.



▲ Grampians Peaks Trail



Hakea sericea (Silky Hakea) in flower at Djardji-djawara Hike-in campground (July 2023)

GPT Access Points

Road access (Griffin Track) to the **Griffin Trailhead** for the Grampians Peaks Trail is currently closed to vehicles due to poor road condition. Walkers can access the GPT on foot via the Griffin Track from the Grampians Tourist Road.

Redman Road Trailhead carpark is currently closed. The nearest site for parking is at Borough Huts Campground.

Securing your food storage

Food scraps and unsecured food can attract animals along the Grampians Peaks Trail, specifically at hike-in campgrounds. It is important that your food is stored securely and that you do not leave food unattended.

Water provisions on Grampians Peaks Trail

Water may be available at hike-in campground water tanks, depending on seasonal rainfall. Parks Victoria regularly services the following water tanks along the Grampians Peaks Trail:

Section	Location
N1	Mt Zero Picnic Area
N1	Coppermine Track Crossing
N2	Gar Trailhead (Roses Gap Road)
N4	Mt Difficult Road Crossing
C1	Sundial Carpark
C2	Bugiga Hike-in Campsite
C3	Redman Road Crossing
C3	Mt William Road 2
C4	Mt William Summit (Helipad)
C5	Jimmy Creek Road Crossing
S1	Yarram Gap Road Crossing
S2	Wannon Hike-Campground
S2	Griffin Trailhead
S3	Djardji- djawara Hike-in Campground
S4	Dunkeld Reservoir Road Crossing
S4	Mt Sturgeon MVO road crossing

For more information on preparing for the Grampians Peaks Trail or other overnight hiking options refer to the 'Plan and Prepare Guide' on the Grampians Peaks Trail webpage before setting off on your hike.

www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/things-to-do/grampians-peaks-trail

Further Park Information

Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre

While the Aboriginal cultural centre building is closed for refurbishment, the information centre building is open along with the café and gift shop. Take a stroll around the native gardens and wetlands, or view kangaroos and emus and a range of birds in the rear boomerang paddock, Fyans Creek Loop walk.

Information services are available to visitors at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre. Open 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week. Contact Brambuk at (03) 8427 2258 or brambuk@parks.vic.gov.au, or contact Parks Victoria by calling 13 1963 or visiting www.parks.vic.gov.au



Pomonal Native Flower Show

Our APS-Grampians Group is already in full planning mode for the annual Native Flower Show, this year on 30th Sept-1st October. The theme is Eucalypts and fittingly, one of the guest speakers is Dean Nicolle, the creator of the Currency Creek Eucalyptus Arboretum, in SA: the only place in the world where you can see over 90% of Australia's eucalypt species in one spot.

Pomonal Wildflower Walk

And this year our Wildflower Walk will take place on 30th September, as part of the Flower Show. A wonderful walk - celebrating our rich flora - is being planned, with information and entertainment included. What's more ..



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) on the Halls

Gap Recreation Oval, Grampians Road, 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 families volunteer to run the website, booking system, set-up and general organisation of the day. The students make and sell products, learning customer service, organisation and marketing skills along the way. There is also a fantastic raffle each market with great prizes. All proceeds go to the Halls Gap Primary School to purchase resources and engage relevant programs.

Please check the website for information on becoming a stall holder:

<https://www.hallsgapmarkets.com.au/>

Market Dates for 2023:

AFL Grand Final Weekend - Sunday 1st October

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 5th November

Future Dates for 2024:

Labour Day Weekend—Sunday 11th March

Easter - Sunday 31st March

King’s Birthday Weekend - Sunday 10th June

Pomonal Village Market

Last Sunday every month - 9am - 1pm
Pomonal Community Hall
Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Pomonal

2023 Market Calendar

1st January	30th July
29th January	28th August
26th February	24th September
26th March	30th Sept/1st Oct
30th April	29th October
28th May	26th November
25th June	31st December

All site enquiries:
Alison Bainbridge
Market Coordinator
M: 0417 883 445

All proceeds to Pomonal Community

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

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Winches – Front and Rear | Hi-Lift Jack |
| Snatch Straps | Tree Trunk Protectors |
| Winch Extension Straps | Bow Shackles |
| Snatch Blocks | Soft Shackles |
| Shovel | Rated Recovery Points |
| Air Compressor | Chainsaw |
| UHF Radio Ch 20 | GPS Assistance |
| Fridge | Local Knowledge |

WHEN YOU NEED US, BUT NOT THE SIRENS

POLICE VICTORIA
131444



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 stolen bicycles, property from your car 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

David, Pam, Margo and Alison

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

hallsgapcommunity@gmail.com

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

VICTORIA POLICE

Fill The Gap newsletter acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the first Australians.

We acknowledge the diversity of Indigenous Australia.

We respectfully recognise Elders past, present and emerging.

This newsletter was produced on Djab Wurrung country.



Wildlife Rescue

- [Wildwood Wildlife Shelter – Gariwerd](#)
- Close to Halls Gap call Ian on 0413 921 171
- Wildlife Victoria: **03 8400 7300**
- Help for Wildlife: 5356 4749
- WRIN: 0419 356 433
- BADGAR: 1300 223 427

Regular Events

- * **Chas Mangle** Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the Halls Gap Newsagency from 8am - 10am daily except Tuesday 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.
- * **History Room** is open 2pm-4.30pm on **MOST** days. **CLOSED Tuesday**
- * **Halls Gap Neighbourhood House** - check the program at the house and online <https://hallsgapnhe.org.au/>
- * Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details—