

Issue: August 2018

FILL THE GAP

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WRAP UP...

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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.

Isn't our weather living up to it's Larneuk season!

Unlike many areas in Victoria, The Grampians, and Halls Gap in particular, has certainly experienced plenty of rain. No wonder many residents have travelled north for some warmer weather.

Plenty to read in this month's edition and some events to look out for. The Film Society are screening a matinee on Saturday 18, there is the upcoming First Aid Course offered at BBNH and food and alcohol courses at Stawell NH.

Remember you can share your events, news and photos in FTG by getting your information to Lee Anne before the end of each month.

Thanks everyone and happy reading!

STATS BY CHAS - July 2018 Rainfall

167.0 mm for July bringing the progressive total to 512.0 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 160mm for July with a progressive total of 507mm.

As of the 25th of July Lake Bellfield is holding 63,460 ML or 81% full compared to the same period last year of 64,450ML or 82 % full. The total system is holding 264,970 ML or 47.29 % full compared to the same period last year of 304,379 ML or 54.32 % full.

As of the 31st of July Mount William received 146.6 mm of rain (unfortunately the weather station on Mount William did not start recording until the 7th of July).This compares to the same period last year of 158.4mm for July.

The highest temperature of 11.7 C was recorded on the 28th of July and the lowest of -1.4 C was recorded on the 12th of July. The highest wind speed of 113 km/h was recorded on the 6th of July.

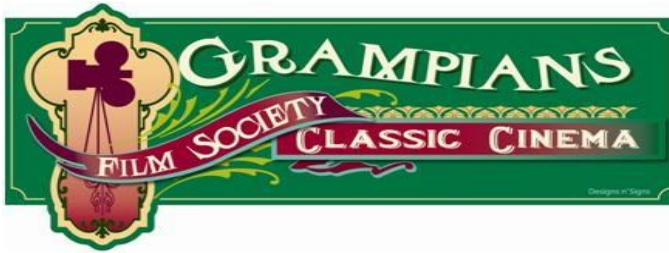


FROM THE HISTORY ROOM

1984 - Left to Right: Kevin Elgood, Conrad Harding, Joel Hastings, Lorraine Hoiles, Marrianne Mitchell, Janine McDonald.

Premiers of Stawell and District Tennis Association A Grade

HG FILM SOCIETY



Screening

DATE: Saturday 18th August 2018
3pm – 4.30pm
4.30pm Interval – light supper
5.15pm – 6.15pm

Screening: Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians
Road, Halls Gap

Film: How the West was won – 1962
running time 155minutes

HALLS GAP POLICE

We've had recent reports of illegal deer hunting throughout the Grampians and more recently closer to the Halls Gap township.

Halls Gap police in collaboration with Game Management Authority and Parks Victoria are working closely together on this issue.

If anyone has any information that could further assist our investigation please call Halls Gap police ph. 53 564411 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

Remember if you see something, say something! Even if you think it might not be of use to us, the smallest piece of information can sometimes be the last piece of the puzzle required.

Also if you haven't already please "like" the Northern Grampians Police Service area" eye watch page on Facebook for updates on police activity and news in your local area.

Cheers,

Sergeant Karen Bain

Halls Gap Police

RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS

Tim Walsh is trying to garner support from all locals for an extended bus service, so anyone who wants this should write to Tim expressing their support.

The **next meeting** will be held on

Wednesday September 5, at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of the Hall. Come along to hear the discussions, voice an opinion, raise a matter of concern or to just catch up with other residents/ratepayers.



CERT



AmbulanceVictoria

Community Emergency Response Team volunteers: Halls Gap

An opportunity exists for suitable local candidates to join the Halls Gap Ambulance Branch as Community Emergency Response Team volunteers (CERTs).

The role of CERTs is to assist ambulance paramedics in the provision of emergency care to Halls Gap and surrounding communities. CERTs are trained in providing basic emergency care services within their local community until the ambulance arrives. Suitable local applicants must be available for a minimum of 20 hours per month to provide support to the ambulance paramedics.

A suitable local applicant must be able to demonstrate:

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- A high level of safety awareness and compliance
- A willingness to undertake training to the level of CERT
- A willingness to undertake required vaccinations as per Ambulance Victoria's requirements
- Successful completion of Police and Driver's Licence checks along with other relevant tests.

Applicants can obtain further information from our website and a CERT Application Package from Stawell.teammanager@ambulance.vic.gov.au



JALLUKAR LANDCARE

Bandicoots discovered at Fyans Creek! by Clive Carlyle,

A population of the nationally endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot has been made on a property at Fyans Creek near Stawell. Bandicoots are medium-sized, ground-dwelling, largely nocturnal marsupials, with long-pointed snouts. They have disappeared from most of their natural range in Victoria through a combination of habitat loss and predation by feral foxes and cats. Large scale surveys conducted in 2011/2012 across public and private land on the eastern and western fringes the Grampians National Park found only three Bandicoots. None were found in the Black Range which had previously supported a Bandicoot population. The newly discovered Fyans Creek bandicoots are one of only two known populations of southern brown bandicoots on private property near the Grampians.

The exciting discovery was made using remote camera bait stations and detection of characteristic diggings made by Bandicoots foraging for food. Since the initial discovery Bandicoots have been photographed regularly over a larger area. Property owners and Jallukar Landcare members Catherine Carlyle and Clive Carlyle suspect that dense bracken cover has allowed the Bandicoots to survive predation by Foxes. In addition, since 2017 a programme of active fox bating using Canid Pest Ejectors has seen a total of 57 firings which has hopefully reduced predation. Probably the main threat to the newly discover population is fire, which would destroy the bracken cover and make the Bandicoots very vulnerable to foxes.

A good over view of Southern Brown Bandicoots in Victoria plus a video capture from one of the cameras at Fyans Creek can be viewed at [Southern Brown Bandicoot](#).



STAWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Stawell Neighbourhood House is running These courses (if they get the numbers)

Implement Food Safety procedures (SITXFSA001)

Date;- Saturday 11th August

Time;- 11am-4pm

Cost;- \$105

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

Date;- Saturday 11th August

Time;- 4pm-8pm

Cost;- \$105

Participate in Safe Food Handling (SITXFSA002)

Date;- Sunday 12th August

Time;- 11am-4pm

Cost;- \$105



Develop your interest in fibre arts and textiles at Grampians Texture 18. An opportunity to work with Australian and international textile tutors in 2, 4 and 6 day workshops.

Ro Bruhn – mixed media

Mahdi Chandler- eco dye/mixed media

Jan Clark – mixed media

Teresa Dair - knitting & dressmaking

Fiona Duthie (Canada) - felt

Philomena Hali - bojagi

Pam Hovel -felt

May Jacobsen Hvistendahl (Norway) - felt

Anita Larkin – sculpture/felt

Anna Lizotte – basketry

Sandra Meech (UK) – machine stitch

Liz Powell – paper & indigo

Julie Ryder – natural dyeing

Angharad Rixon – surface design

Shona Skinner (UK) – machine embroidery

Carolyn Sullivan – hand embroidery

Sandy Webster (USA) – construction

Liz Williamson – weaving

Meredith Woolnough – resin/machine embroidery

www.grampianarts.com.au
textures@grampianarts.com.au
PB: 0428 825 971

Halls Gap and Grampians Historical Society

The Historical Society held their AGM last month at which the following President's Report was presented by Janet Witham.

I have great pleasure in giving the President's report this year as we have achieved quite a lot. In doing so, the general public are the greater beneficiaries. Comments and donations made certainly indicate their appreciation. Having the History Room open to the public most afternoons is a great bonus and, for that, we all thank Chas Mangle for his dedication, enthusiasm and creativity.

There is also a great deal of relief with the Heatherlie signage project, which has been underway over the past two years, having been completed. Twelve interpretive panels have recently been installed around the quarry site and I want to thank Matt White of Parks Victoria for his keen involvement and Cressaid Logic of Ballarat for creating the panels.

Our secretary, Jenni O'Donoghue, was successful in our application for a PRO Local History Grant for which we received \$1687. With the necessary equipment we will be able to access data on-line and create more involvement and interest among our members.

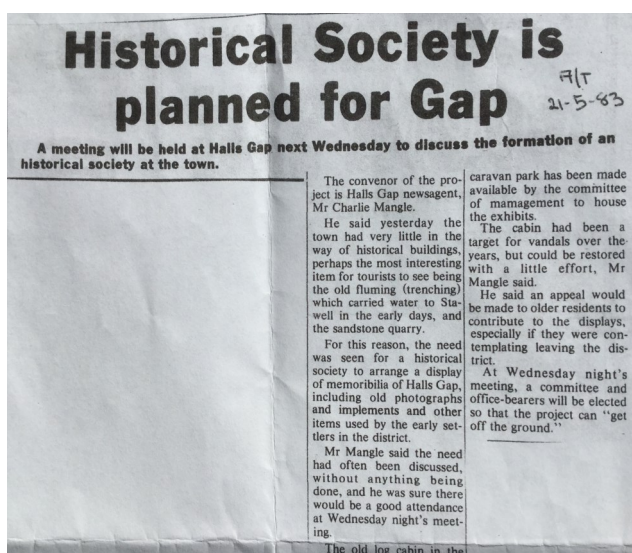
One project we had planned, that of the re-siting of Sullivan's Seat, has temporarily ground to a halt. Building a new stone seat in the Grampians Flora Botanic Garden has been the stumbling block, wither because of the high cost, if done by a professional stonemason, or not being able to find a willing or confident volunteer. The plaque from the original seat has been removed by Cray Bros of Stawell who have polished it and repainted the lettering ready for its new home whenever we can find someone to take on the building task.

With Chas being keen to display more of the Grampians history in the History Room and foyer of the Hall, the Executive decided to purchase some extra mobile display boards. Commercial ones proved too expensive for our liking so we engaged Steve Field of Pomonal to build the frames. We then purchased timber panelling from Mitre 10 and carpet-like cloth from Clark Rubber and finished the three panels ourselves. They are sturdy and attractive so we feel we have done well at less than half the commercial price.

Finally, my thanks to all members who have helped to keep our society ticking along and a special thanks to Jen and Chas for their support and regularly reminding me of what needs to be done or what I have forgotten to do. Keep up the good work!

Janet Witham

At the AGM Janet retired from her role as President, accepting the role of Vice President. Chas Mangle was elected as President.



The Halls Gap and Grampians Historical Society recently celebrated 35 years of operation. In this time we have gathered hundreds of photographs depicting early settlement and industry in the Grampians region. Many are on display in the History Room at the hall and there are many more available for viewing on our webpage:

www.grampianshistory.org.au



A new display case dedicated to Charles Hall. Come in and have a look!



Looking for new members

The Grampians Film Society has been going for over 10 years.

It is a great night out.

The **Grampians Film Society** evenings are held at the Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap and for three shows at the Stawell Neighbourhood House, 42 Sloane Street, Stawell (see below for dates). The doors open at 7pm and screenings commence at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles are served prior to the film and a light supper is served afterwards.

\$45 annually or \$25 half-year

Contact Janet Witham 03 5356 4300 or Alison Bainbridge 0417 883 445

The Aims of the **Grampians Film Society** are to provide an opportunity for members to view, be entertained and discuss the merits, or otherwise, of classic films, as well as films which are lesser known but regarded in the cinema world as meritorious.

We endeavour to cater for everyone's tastes, whether that is for comedy or musicals, drama or thrillers, Westerns, documentaries or animation. There is also a mix of Australian and other English language films, as well as sub-titled foreign films.

In doing this, the **Grampians Film Society** also aims to provide another opportunity for social interaction amongst members of the Grampians communities.

Screening Date	Film	Venue
24 th January 2018	Living Is Easy (With Eyes Closed) – Spain 2013	Halls Gap
28 th February 2018	On the Waterfront – USA 1954	Halls Gap
28 th March 2018	Bright Star – British/French/Australian 2009	Stawell
25 th April 2018	Florence Foster Jenkins – UK 2016	Halls Gap
23 rd May 2018	Good Morning Vietnam – USA 1987	Halls Gap
28 nd June 2018	Elizabeth – UK 1998	Stawell
25 th July 2018	The Man Who Knew Infinity – UK 2015	Halls Gap
Sat 18th August 2018	Matinee	Halls Gap
3pm -4.30pm	How the West was Won – USA 1962	
4.30pm to 5:15pm		
Interval – light supper		
5:15pm – 6:15pm		
26 th September 2018	Hunt for the Wilderpeople – NZ 2016	Stawell
24 th October 2018	Gifted – US 2017	Halls Gap
28 th November 2018	Bran Nue Dae – Aust 2009	Halls Gap

PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park>



Healthy Parks
Healthy People

STAFF MOVEMENTS:

David Roberts Area Chief Ranger departed the Grampians team in July to begin a new role with DEWLP based in Colac. The position will be recruited in the coming months. Mike Stevens and Tammy Schoo will share Acting duties until then.

We welcomed our newest staff member this week – John Grayling as the Team Leader Park Operations. He will take on supervision and planning for the delivery of assets and Infrastructure program including roads management, visitor sites, car parks, camp grounds and toilet facilities.

Parks Victoria is undertaking a major re-vamp of its website and digital information storage. Staff are currently assisting with the mammoth task of updating information for every visitor site, walking track, visitor precinct and visitor area to ensure future park visitors have ready access to the most up to date and relevant park information available, including mapping. Stay tuned.

We have taken delivery of new emergency marker signage and risk signage for MacKenzie Falls that will be installed in the park in the coming months. We'll share details soon.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE:

Final planning for a number of environmental programs is under way with budget and grant announcements due any day. Hopefully this will support the continuation of the Grampians Ark and herbivore management programs. Works continue on art site vegetation removal and protection. This has been a highly successful program and we are learning more about these significant cultural sites as we go. Two fantastic research projects are in the pipeline for the park which will help piece together some of its ethno-heritage and ecological past. Parks Victoria is excited to be working with Federation University to initiate indigenous traineeships program in the park.

While in its early stages this program could provide a fantastic platform for the growth of local indigenous knowledge, education and jobs.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY:

Planning for the Spring burning program has occurred. There may be some winter burning if the conditions are favourable.

VISITORS AND COMMUNITY

The Grampians walking track support group have carried out a number of successful working bees at Golton Gorge. Further working bees are scheduled and if you are interested in being involved check out the Parks Victoria volunteer webpage "Parkconnect". All volunteers and proposed volunteer working bees now have to be registered on the website. The fantastic thing is it provides easy access to volunteer activities both locally and state-wide, and provides a system for park volunteer groups to manage their activity planning and correspond with participants all from the one place. Go to

<https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/>



Golton Gorge redevelopment

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GRAMPIANS PEAK TRAIL

Grampians Peaks Trail has almost finished the upgrade works on existing sections of walking trail. Final planning permit approvals will see the initiation of final alignment scoping and the first sweep of vegetation removal along new sections of trail by the end of the year.

Other milestone projects being planned or delivered as stage two of the Peaks trail ramps up include; works in Dunkeld community along Salt Creek, Mt Christabel revegetation and building removal and interpretation and experience planning with traditional owners.



Works in Southern Grampians

For further GPT project information you can read the latest GPT community update at:

<https://www.visitgrampians.com.au/what-to-do/grampians-peaks-trail>

ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

Fire recovery: A number contracts have started or are set to commence in the coming weeks including reinstatement and upgrades to Ngamadjidj carpark and walking track, upgrades to Stapylton loop walking track, re-design and upgrades to Coppermine bush camps to one 4x4 camp and one hikers camp.

Flood recovery: A number of road and track upgrades are underway or scheduled to commence in spring. Some roads are now very soft after recent grading. Seasonal road closures are also in place. See the latest road report for any closure and access updates.

Walking track repairs are scheduled for the MacKenzie River walking track, Brambuk precinct walking tracks and the Stapylton loop.

Great Western Old Time Dancing

Is anyone interested in going along to the regular Old-Time dance held at Great Western? Maybe we can get a group going.

Contact Paul: 0418 992 510



BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap 3381

PH: 03 53564751

www.budjabudjacoop.org.au



<u>AUGUST 2018</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
Dr Diana Jefferies 31,1,2,3	Dr Barbara Hoare 4,5,6,7	Dr Karen O'Brien 2,3,4,5
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Dr Karen O'Brien 7,8,9,10	Dr Barbara Hoare 11,12,13,14	Dr Sophie Plowman 9,10,11,12
-	-	-
Dr Susan Watson 14,15,16,17	Dr Barbara Hoare 18,19,20,21	Dr Sophie Plowman 16,17,18,19
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Dr Susan Watson 21,22,23,24	Dr Deana Ashton 30,31,1,2	Dr Sophie Plowman 23,24,25,26
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Dr Siobhan Reddel 21,22,23,24		Dr Deana Ashton 30,31,1,2
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Dr Susan Lewis 28,29,30,31		



Budja Budja Neighbourhood House



20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap (behind the Medical Clinic)

PH :5356 4751 option 20 Mob: 0491 090 456



CPR & 1st Aid Course

Thursday August 16

Starting at 9.30am

Contact Lee-Anne ASAP to confirm numbers.

For cost and requirements we

MUST have numbers by August 11.



2018 POMONAL ART SHOW & FESTIVAL

FRI 31 AUG 6:30PM

AUCTION NIGHT AT THE **POMONAL HALL**

\$10 INCLUDES **SUPPER & ENTRY**. DRINKS AT BAR PRICES. CHILDREN FREE

SAT 1 SEPT 10:00AM-4:00PM

ART EXHIBITION \$4PP ENTRY

SUN 2 SEPT 10:00AM-4:00PM

FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY **FATHERS DAY**

LIVE MUSIC | LOCAL MARKET | ART EXHIBITION \$4PP ENTRY

KIDS ACTIVITIES | & HEAPS MORE! DONATIONS KINDLY ACCEPTED



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE **POMONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL** CHILDREN
LIKE US ON [FACEBOOK.COM/POMONAL ART SHOW](https://www.facebook.com/pomonalartshow) FOR FULL DETAILS

studio 8.
ARTISTS & DESIGNERS

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Jenni and
Tammy

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

leeannel@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

Like our Halls Gap Community
Watch and Events Facebook Page

Honey, this coffee tastes like dirt.



That's not surprising,
dear, it was just
ground this morning



HAYLEY DAWSON - NATUROPATHY

NATUROPATH APPOINTMENTS

NOW AVAILABLE IN HALLS GAP

Conditions that I can help you with
- Women's Health - Digestive complaints - Detox
and weight loss - Tiredness and fatigue -
Migraines - Skin conditions - Allergies - Stress
management - Cardiovascular health and many
more...

I also offer food intolerance testing and other
functional pathology testing

*For more information please call Hayley on
0455 892 129*



Regular Events

- Chas Mangle Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the History Room at the Centennial Hall most days except Tuesdays from 1pm - 5 pm. Ph. 0439 837 052
- Social Coffee catch-ups at Brambuk 11am First Tuesday of each month..
- Grampians Film Society
- Various sport/fitness groups.. Check the community website for details



The Halls Gap History Room in the Centennial Hall is open most days except Tuesday from 1PM - 5PM. Locals and visitors are most welcome and there is no entry fee.