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# FILL THE GAP

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## MARCH WRAP UP...

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### FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



#### gwangal moronn

season of honey bees - autumn  
(late march to june)

#### Sunrises, Bees and Flocking Birds

Autumn (the season of native  
honey bees or gwangal moronn) is  
when the country starts to cool  
down after the summer heat.

Well this is always a busy time of year and I think this issue shows that! 17 pages... Biggest for a long time!!

We've had a few really great community events here in the past few weeks ...

220 people went along to the Halls Gap Comedy Festival!! The comedy acts were sensational and we all laughed til we cried.. Well done to the crew who pulled that together and the great news is it will be back bigger and better next year!

There was also a very successful trivia night at the Pub where over \$3000 was raised towards saving the LWIRO Primates . Some of the prizes were sensational including hand painted meerkat art, generous local holiday and produce packages and a kids wildlife party!! Well done all involved.

Now its time for the crazy holiday period....All the best for a safe and successful Easter everyone.

### March 2017 - Rainfall by Chas:

Only 18.5mm was recorded for March, the lowest rainfall for March since 2007 (12.4mm).The progressive total for 2017 is 89.0mm compared to last year of 37.5mm for March with a progressive total of 114.5mm.

As of the 29th of March 2017 Lake Bellfield is holding 65,320ML or 83% full compared to the same period last year of 43,790ML or 56% full.The total system is holding 304,310ML or 54.22% full compared to the same period last year of 128,370ML or 22.87% full.

Mount William received 43.6mm for March compared to the same period last year of 54.8mm. The minimum temperature of 2.2 C. was recorded on the 31st of March and the maximum of 28.6 C. was recorded on the 1st of March 2017.

### Step back in time

April 2007 (10 years ago) saw the publication of the book commemorating the massive fires of 2006, Beyond the Smoke. It was launched along with art exhibitions, a festival on the oval and a choir singing the songs

we had written with much help from songwriter/ singer Fay White. There's til copies available. Contact Friends of Grampians Gariwerd.



## NEWS FROM WAMA

Recent good news about the WAMA project is very welcome, with a second independent study confirming its potential to bring jobs and tourism to the region. WAMA is a project to establish a wildlife and art precinct in the Halls Gap area, with a gallery, artists' workshops, educational facilities, botanical gardens and wetlands all celebrating the relationship between art science and nature.

Planning is well underway on the 16 hectare WAMA site. Local botanical expert, Neil Marriott, is WAMA's Site Development Team Leader and has been charged with the exciting challenge of establishing the gardens as an international showpiece. When asked why flora is such an important part of the WAMA proposal, Mr Marriott explained, "the Grampians is the richest area for flora in Victoria, having over a third species that occur in the state. Our flora is unique and iconic and has long been a subject of artists, nature lovers and scientists alike. People come to the Grampians to see the spectacular indigenous plants and wildflowers and at WAMA we will have them all, named and displayed in one spot". The vision is to meld the experience of seeing the wildlife art displayed in the gallery with seeing native wildlife, plants and animals, out in the landscape.

WAMA's plans include a woodland area which will display all the beautiful local plants that naturally occur in the Pomonal-Halls Gap area. A separate wetland area will display the diversity of the beautiful, indigenous Grampians flora in distinct garden beds on rocky hills, moist gullies and grassy woodlands. Many of these species are endemic to the region.

Although the WAMA Project is best known for its plan to build a world class wildlife art gallery to showcase wildlife art, reintroduction of endangered wildlife is also an important part of the project.

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WAMA's newest Board Member, Mike Stevens has been brought on to strengthen WAMA's capacity to contribute to the conservation of threatened animal species in the Grampians region. Mike brings his life-long commitment to conservation and land management to the WAMA team.

The first reintroduction planned for WAMA will target the southern brown bandicoot which is nationally endangered and the long nose potoroo which is at risk of extinction in the Grampians and listed as nationally vulnerable.

According to Mike, "In the past, these animals were part of the Australian landscape, but are now so rare, most Australians would not be able to identify them or know they play a critical missing role turning over soil to maintain many ecosystems".

*The more supporters WAMA can demonstrate, the greater impact their applications for support will be. To become a WAMA 2020 Supporter, please email your name and address, either email or postal, to [info@wama.net.au](mailto:info@wama.net.au)*



WAMA  
Wildlife Art Museum of Australia



## HALLS GAP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For those residents of Halls Gap who are not into local history, have you ever wondered what once stood on the vacant block between *The Kookaburra* and *The Harvest* businesses? Was it a house, a shop or, even something grander, a guest house? Well, in fact, it has been all three and, as a guest house, began a three generation link for one Halls Gap business family, the Morgan/Mangle family.

The family's business association in Halls Gap began in 1927 when Thomas Morgan bought the property on which an accommodation house-cum-shop stood. Thomas and his wife, Sylvia, rebuilt Grampians House to a standard which ensured that guests 'dressed' for dinner, the ladies resplendent in long evening gowns and jewellery. All four Morgan children helped in the business including Nina, the youngest, who later married Arthur Mangle in 1942.

In 1946, with John the eldest son now running Grampians House, Nina and Arthur built their own guest house, the Mountain Grand. Their sons, Pip and Chas, grew up there and like many children, past and present, they attended Halls Gap Primary School then onto Stawell for their secondary education. No doubt, like their mother, their education was widened with the first-hand experience of running a business.

With Pip and Chas now adults, the Mangle family's business interest widened. In 1967 the family took over the then BP service station. In 1979 they purchased the newsagency/general store, later to be rebuilt as a new newsagency and gift shop. In 1988 they took over the post office and in 1989 they purchased the Mini Mart from John and Liz Ingram.

During those years the family also had caravans for hire and operated the town's garbage collection.

Having sold the Mountain Grand Guesthouse in 1969, the family continued providing accommodation for visitors. In 1984 they owned Grampians Motel for a few years and later acquired the Colonial Motor Inn (now Country Comfort).

Late last year, after 50 years involved in retail in the main street, the Mangle family decided that it was time they took a long holiday from serving the public, which could not have been easy. Pip and Eve may have moved from this little township to support Eve's family, but Chas has taken on another community service. He has long had a passion for local history and the historical society is now the beneficiary of his focus. Every afternoon, from 1pm – 5pm (except Tuesday) the History Room in the front of the Centenary Hall is now open to the public.

It also contains the long couch from the original Mountain Grand lounge-room. This piece of furniture was donated to the community by Don and Kay Calvert in 1999, and the internal wall in the new extension to the Hall had to be modified to accommodate this unusual couch. So, do call in to the History Room and find out more about your town.

Janet Witham.



## HALLS GAP CFA

The Halls Gap CFA continues to be busy with both callouts (now numbering forty-five since July 2016), and training.



HALLS GAP

Twelve brigade members have just completed a six hour training program in relation to fighting structure fires.

The course covered sills, knowledge and procedures required by firefighters responding to either an isolated remote structure fire (including houses and farm buildings) or an urban fire. The course included training and understanding of the behaviour of fires in structures, how fire spreads within and between structures, signs and risks of structure collapse, structure firefighting strategies and tactics applicable to firefighters, portable fire extinguishers and their applications in structure fires and environmental considerations associated with the use and storage of extinguishing agents.

At our recent general meeting, we welcomed two new members to the brigade. Other happenings included the servicing of extinguishers within the area (our major source of fundraising) and the general ongoing maintenance of equipment.

We are a small team; if you are interested in joining us to provide an important community service we welcome new members - please contact brigade captain Colin Andrews on 5356 4618.

Judy Hilbig

Halls Gap Brigade Community Safety Coordinator

## CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team was called out 8 times in March, treating 11 tourists and one local.



We treated five school children who had either fallen or been stung or bitten who went to hospital mainly for observation. There was a 90 year old lady who tripped and had to be taken to hospital for a scan on her femur. And the police and SES attended three cases. One was for a man in his mid 70's who became ill while walking up Chatauqua Peak, and there were two motor vehicle accidents.

One was a car which had a high speed roll-over coming from Dunkeld. Amazingly two of the four people were almost unaffected with the other two needing to be treated in hospital.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> MVA was a lady from Queensland in a hired camper-van who followed directions from her GPS which took her on to a remote 4WD track where she rolled over at low speed. She was very lucky that someone else used the track that day and they took her to Lakeside Caravan Park. When she returned from hospital Lakeside management and staff, as usual, extended themselves to help her through a very difficult couple of days.

**A reminder that Fire restrictions remain in place until 1/5/2017 unless otherwise declared.**

## POLICE NEWS



VICTORIA POLICE

A rather busy time for police lately with the long weekend gone and school holidays nearly here!

There were the usual number of rescue incidents in the Park and a number of motor vehicle collisions. Of particular interest was a hire campervan which rolled on the Glenelg River Road forcing the lone female occupant to walk for help. The van wasn't covered by insurance as it was on a dirt road so the message here is "read the fine print."

In other traffic news we have been able to lock in some relief for the long suffering people of Pomonal with works scheduled to upgrade the school crossing in the main street. For some time local parents have been concerned about the speed at which traffic goes through this area and during March local police met with the school, VicRoads, the Ararat Shire and local residents to develop a strategy to combat this issue. Stage one, which will commence in the next few days, will involve:

- Tree trimming to increase visibility of speed restriction signs
- Replacement of current crossing signs with High Visibility signs
- More speed restriction signs
- Reduction in older signs along the road side to reduce visual "overload"
- Painted parking bays outside the school to allow orderly pick up
- A traffic management plan for picking up children from school

The effectiveness of stage one initiatives will be assessed and our response increased if required. Other initiatives still under consideration include visual warning devices, painted kerbs, additional roadside plantations and the development of a drop off/pick up area near the school. I must say that VicRoads (Bob Wallace) and the Ararat Shire (Alison Tonkin) have been fantastic in their response to our

concerns and I know their co-operation will continue into the future. Rest assured that local police will continue to police this area even after the stage one initiatives have been completed!

In other police news my wife, Rebecca, has been promoted to Superintendent at Mildura commencing duties on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Whilst this is a wonderful promotion opportunity for us it was a difficult decision and does mean that the family will be moving on as well.

The ever reliable Kellie will be acting Sergeant at the station until my replacement is appointed. We have loved every minute of our time here in Halls Gap and we will miss the wonderful community and the friends we have made since our arrival in July 2015. I am sure that your new Sergeant will receive the same level of support that I have experienced as I firmly believe that it is the police who need the public, not the other way around!

Thankyou all and farewell until we meet again.

Scott Olsen



## PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



*Healthy Parks  
Healthy People*

### Visitors & Community, Assets and Infrastructure

Crews are busy with Easter preparation works in campgrounds and popular day visitor sites throughout the park. In the final days before the Easter influx we will complete slashing, filling potholes and other minor repair works.

Parks Victoria will be running a series of free activities for families and adults over the upcoming April school holidays, including Ranger talks and Junior Ranger Bush Discovery activities. For further information on Junior Ranger activities running in parks and reserves across the state please visit <http://juniorrangers.com.au/>



Visitors will be able to source helpful park information from Volunteer Camp Ground Hosts this Easter. The Wimmera 4X4 Club and Individuals from the community have signed up to assist campers with site orientation and general park information throughout the busy Easter weekend. We will also have volunteer walking track hosts roaming through our popular walking tracks providing assistance to visitors and undertaking basic track auditing works. If you are ever keen to volunteer head to our website for details.

### Fire and Flood Recovery

Three packages of flood recovery road works are due to roll out after Easter. This will include repairs to culverts, drains and surface material in the Asses Ears Package, Mt William Package and Stapylton Package. Importantly these projects require Cultural Heritage and works on waterways permits to be issued.

Roads that have opened recently include: Red Rock road Glenelg River Road (Moora sidecut section), Zumsteins shortcut and Phillip Island track. Hines track will be closed for the next week due to an incident.

Heritage builders are about to begin restoration works to the Zumsteins Pise cottages. Crews have removed vegetation weeds and suckers in and around the cottages and drains to help preserve the assets further. In addition, we are also starting to investigate the signage and interpretation options for the cottages and surrounds.

Contractors have been out in the park continuing mulching works as part of the Sallow Wattle eradication project. Volunteers have also been assisting in hand pulling the weeds in locations where machinery cannot reach. Both are showing pleasing results, however more work is required in the dense gullies where infestations are prolific.

### Fire/Planned Burning

Forest Fire Management Victoria (combined of staff from DELWP, Parks Victoria and Vic Forests) have a number of planned burns scheduled to occur across the Grampians National Park throughout Autumn, predominantly after Easter. The Jimmy Creek Fuel Reduction Burn however, may occur earlier next week to take advantage of favourable conditions. This burn will result in very few impacts to visitors with no walking track closures, no impacts to visitor sites & limited road closures.

We work closely with the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions and burning will only go ahead when the weather conditions are suitable. Therefore plans will often change at short notice. Prior to any burning, notifications will be sent to land holders and stakeholders in the surrounding area. Burn notification signs will be placed around the park and community engagement staff will be available for questions and feedback from the community.

To find out where planned burns are happening in your area:

1. You can sign up online by searching for the Planned Burn Notification System (PBNS), which you can customise to suit your notification needs,
2. Contact the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
3. Contact Horsham DELWP on 03 5362 0720.

## Dogs and other pets in the Grampians National Park

Recently there has been an increase in dogs and other pets (including horses) being brought into the Grampians National Park. Parks Victoria would like to advise the following:

Under the National Parks Regulations (2013) Dogs and other domestic pets are not allowed in National Parks (Regulation 32). Under these regulations and other important government Acts there are offences that apply if a dog or other pet is found in a National Park, particularly when undertaking activities such as camping, walking or sightseeing. Authorised Rangers can issue fines if these regulations are not adhered to.



**NO DOGS**

The only exception to these regulations for dogs is clarified under subregulation (2) of the National Park Regulations 2013 (32):

***Dogs prohibited except in specified circumstances. These include:***

*the dog is the person's assistance dog; or the person brings the dog into an area of the park set aside under regulation 35; (Declared by the minister) or the dog is confined in a vehicle that is in transit; or the person brings the dog into the park in accordance with a permit issued under regulation 24(1);*

To interpret the dog in transit rule – if you are traveling through the park to get from township A to township B along a sealed bitumen road that is okay; however, your dog must remain in your vehicle at all times. You are not permitted to take your dog on a scenic tour of the park with you, stopping at lookouts and walking to popular visitor sites along the way.

Dogs are only permitted to camp with owners at Plantation Campground as this site is located in State Forest where different Acts and Regulations apply.

Dogs must be under control by owners at all times; dogs must be secured with leads when walking and not left alone in the campground. They must be tied up/contained at night.

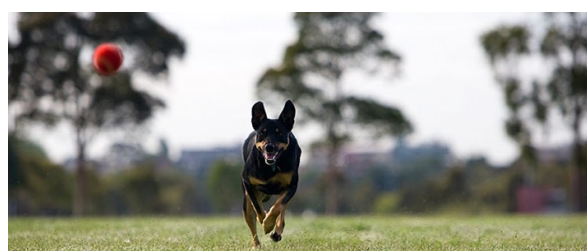
A good location to take your dog for a walk is in the State Forest immediately surrounding Plantation Campground and at the Devils Garden State Forest near Lake Fyans. Maps of these locations can be accessed from Brambuk the National Park and Centre.

Parks Victoria undertakes land management activities including fox baiting throughout many areas of the National Park. Dogs are particularly susceptible to fox baits.

There have also been recent sightings of horses on firelines and walking tracks in and around Halls Gap. In the Grampians, we have special areas set aside for the enjoyment of horse riding but only with an approved permit. Find out more at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre.

You will all know that cats are not permitted in the township of Halls Gap. This is a council by-law to help reduce the amount of cats disappearing into the park to hunt and kill wildlife. For further information on this please contact Northern Grampians Shire Council.

Parks Victoria is committed to delivering works across our network of protected parks to protect and enhance our important natural and cultural values. It is our primary responsibility to ensure parks are healthy and resilient for current and future generations, but we cannot do it alone; everyone has a role to play in protecting these amazing places.



## FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD

### A walk to Mt Abrupt. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Meet at 10.30 AM at the Mt Abrupt car park which is on the south eastern side of the Grampians to Dunkeld Rd about 4 to 5 km from the Victoria Valley Rd. It is a small not very obvious car park on the opposite side of the rd to where the walk starts. Wear sturdy shoes clothes appropriate for the weather, including sunhat sunscreen etc. Bring your own picnic lunch to be eaten at the top or on the way, bring water and if you have them, walking poles.

This walk is graded as hard so some level of fitness is required although people do not have to go all the way to the top. It is essential to let Rodney know if you are intending to join this activity so we do not set off without you.

Contact Rodney Thompson 0427836366 or 53836305



- BOTANIC GARDEN WORKING BEE APRIL 12th
- BOOK CLUB Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- EASTER MARKET Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- More events on back page....

### EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

- ST JOHN'S HALLS GAP – Stephanie Benbow will send times
- POMONAL : Good Friday 9.30 am  
Easter Sunday 10 am

### Grampians Grape Escape

May 6-7 2017

<http://grampiansgrapeescape.com.au/>



### Run the Gap

May 21st 2017

<http://www.runthegap.com.au/>





## HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

First term was full of fun activities!

Pinks stumps day – as the name says, we wore pink and played cricket. We all went to Concongella PS and raised money for the McGrath Foundation.

Cross country cluster day – Phew! We were exhausted after running the track around Halls Gap Primary School and the Botanical Gardens

JSC movie day – the last day of term. Our Junior School Council always try and do something a bit special for us and this day was no exception. Everyone looked fantastic (as you can see) in their movie themed outfits. Popcorn and a movie to finish the term. AWESOME!

During the holidays there is going to be an Easter market on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 9am-1pm at the school. Come along and buy something awesome and try one of our famous egg and bacon sandwiches. The money raised at the market will go towards ICT, English, camps, excursions and making the ground greener.

You will also find the JSC selling tickets for their annual raffle. All money raised will be put towards our maths resources this year. The raffle is pretty great with an accommodation voucher from Halls Gap Lakeside and a Halls Gap Bakery voucher included in the prizes and LOTS of Easter themed goodies. There will be a raffle with some vouchers and Easter prizes. On the last day of school we did a movie day organised by the JSC.

Happy Easter everyone!

Written by Tobie, Marissa and Jaala.



**PARDON THE PUN....**

**DON'T SPELL PART BACKWARDS...**

**...IT'S A TRAP.**

**I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory...**

**.....All I did was take a day off.**



## **PROJECT PLATYPUS**

After the appointment of a new manager late in 2016, Project Platypus has been busy putting plans in place for a productive 2017 season.

The new Project Platypus Manager, Abi Smith comes with very strong credentials in natural resource management. In her previous role she worked as a Wildlife Ecologist on Norfolk Island protecting threatened species. Abi has recently moved into the region with her partner and young daughter and is looking forward to building on the many achievements made by Project Platypus over the years, and to taking Project Platypus into the future.

"I'm proud to be working with the Project Platypus team and to be a part of the amazing Landcare network in the region. Project Platypus plays an important role working across public and private land to improve land health and biodiversity across the region." said Abi Smith, Project Platypus Manager

Key 2017 plans include revegetation works, weed and rabbit control, and the management of over 30 funded grants, many on behalf of the active Landcare groups in the region.

Every year, as part of its revegetation program, Project Platypus runs "Plantout Events", with hundreds of volunteers participating in tree planting on local properties, planting thousands of trees to restore habitat and protect waterways.

"This year we have 16 properties participating in our revegetation program. Around mid-year, we will be calling out for volunteers for the 2017 Plantout Event," said Abi Smith.

## **PROJECT PLATYPUS**

**UPPER WIMMERA LANDCARE**



In addition, Project Platypus is ramping up its weed and rabbit control program which is an increasingly important part of land management. Services will be available direct to the public on a contract basis. If you are interested, contact Abi at Project Platypus for a quote on 5358 4410 or [abi@platypus.org.au](mailto:abi@platypus.org.au)

"This is a great opportunity for the public to manage their weeds and rabbits," said Abi Smith. "Just contact Project Platypus for an assessment and quote and we get the job done quickly and efficiently. Due to demand in the region, it's an area in which we are building our capability and we are keen to expand our work in the region."

Project Platypus is the not-for-profit Landcare network for the Upper Wimmera Catchment. The network has provided a range of services and support to the Landcare community since operations began in 1994.

An estimated 10 million dollars have been brought into the region by Project Platypus over 22 years, which has resulted in countless hectares of invasive pest management, revegetation and biolink creation and erosion control.

**MEDIA CONTACT:**  
Project Platypus  
Event Coordinator  
Bronwyn Bant  
0400 593 500

[bronwyn@platypus.org.au](mailto:bronwyn@platypus.org.au)





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# Opening Good Friday!

## 'A Stop or Two'

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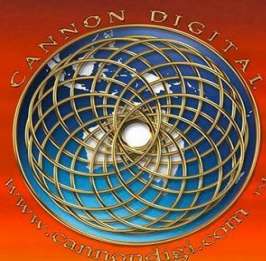
# Photography Exhibition by Peter R Cannon

Runs from Good Friday 14th to Sunday 23rd April

At Centenary Hall at the Halls Gap Hub-(Main Street)

Don't miss this Lighting Extravaganza

Open 9am - 9:30pm daily



## **Folk for Refugees 2017**

A group of committed locals are once again organising a live music event in Halls Gap to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and asylum seekers living in Australia.

In its third year, Folk for Refugees is being held on May 27 and again will donate all proceeds to refugee support groups. The event is a laid-back afternoon/evening of good tunes, good food and wine, and good people coming together to raise funds and awareness.

Folk for Refugees organiser Corinne Leahy said the live music event had been incredibly popular in the past two years, and has raised more than \$12,000, the majority of which has been donated to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and the Friends of Refugees groups based in Melbourne.

Musicians from the local area as well as Melbourne, Geelong and Bendigo for the event are donating their time for the event. Acts include Alister Turrill, Death of Connie Francis, Trevor Petrie and the War of Ideas, Orange Whip, Beatroute and the Nang Nangs, the Recalcitrants, and possibly a few surprise acts.

Leahy said Rural Australians for Refugees had been involved in the past but this year a group of dedicated individuals are organising this important event.

"We've had fantastic support from the local community and local businesses, who have donated goods and services to help us run the event, and we're incredibly thankful to them all," she said.

"We are all very passionate about raising awareness of refugees and asylum seekers and we welcome anyone who wants to come along and help make the event a success again.

"We'd also love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering on the day, whether it's behind the bar, on the barbecue or elsewhere."

Folk for Refugees will be held from 2pm-9pm on Saturday May 27 at Pioneer Cottages, 58 Pioneer Lane (off Birdswing Road), Halls Gap.

Tickets are available at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=264602>

If you can't make it to the event, you can still make a donation via that same link – just click on the "book now" button and you'll be given an option for "donation".

The event is fully licensed (no BYO) with food available on site, and while there will be chairs provided you are welcome to bring your own or picnic rugs. There is plenty of on-site parking and a courtesy bus will be running between Halls Gap town centre and the event site.

To volunteer for the event or for more information, call Corinne on 53564402.

To join the Facebook event, click here:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/246700509073181/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/246700509073181/?active_tab=about)

27 MAY 2017

# FOLK FOR REFUGEES



GRAMPIANS PIONEER COTTAGES  
HALLS GAP 2PM-9PM

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**& ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE**

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GRAMPIANS  
PIONEER COTTAGES



***FRIDAY 30 JUNE***

**BG's**

***MASSACHUSETTS***

***TRAGEDY***

***NIGHT FEVER***

***SPICKS & SPECKS***



***STAYIN ALIVE***

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***MORE***

**REVIVAL**

**COUNTRY PLAZA HALLS GAP**

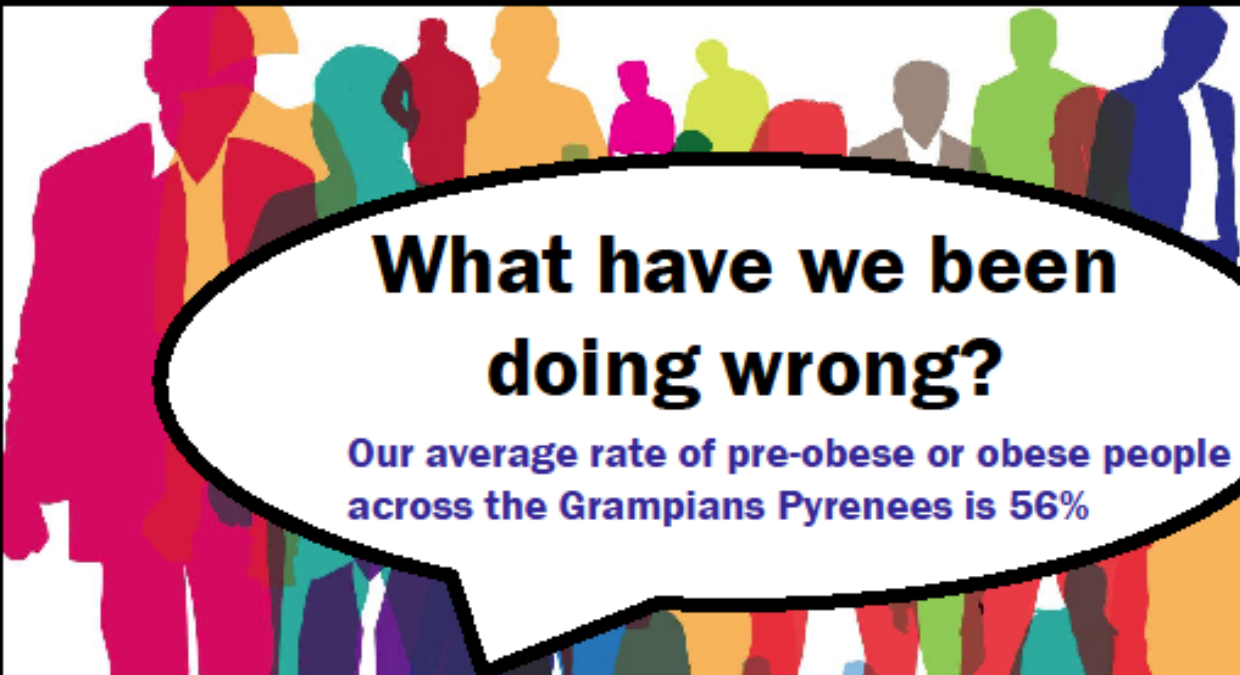
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## What have we been doing wrong?

Our average rate of pre-obese or obese people across the Grampians Pyrenees is 56%

# HEALTHY EATING and ACTIVE LIVING PREVENTION THINK TANK

What are the underlying factors of poor health?  
How can work together and make the biggest impact?

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**9.30 – 3.30, Alexandra Community Centre  
1 Waratah Avenue, Ararat**

- Join local community, health, business and education leaders to build collective and creative solutions
- Work with leading minds and cutting edge researchers to look at the big picture and take a systems approach to complex problems
- Unpack the drivers of healthy eating and active living and better understand our community to create real, long term change

Supported by the  
Global Obesity  
Centre based at  
Deakin University  
and the Victorian  
Government



**We need you! All welcome, catering provided**

To register and for more information contact Lauren Dempsey  
on 5352 6204 [pcph2@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au](mailto:pcph2@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au)







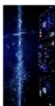







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# Easter School Holidays



## YOUTH WEEK 2017 YOUTH WEEK 2017 YOUTH WEEK 2017 YOUTH WEEK 2017

3/04/2017	4/04/2017	5/04/2017	6/04/2017	7/04/2017
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Stawell NH</b>  <b>CHUB SUIT CHALLENGE</b> 10am - 12.30pm 12 years & over Free Event  Bark Art Part 1 with Bev 10am - 12noon 5 - 18years Free Event  Try <i>Gymnastics</i> 2pm - 3pm 5 to 11 years Free Events	<b>Stawell NH</b>  <b>WATER SKIRMISH</b> 10am - 12.30pm 12 years & over Free Event	<b>Stawell NH</b> Come try a brass instrument with the Brass Stawell Band 10am - 12noon 5 - 18 years Free Event  <b>THE DANCEOFF</b> 6.30pm to 9.30pm 12 years & over Free Event	<b>Budja Budja NH</b>  Waldo The Great Magician Balloon Sculptures/Magic Tricks 10am - 12 noon 5-18years Free Events  <b>Magic Show</b> 2pm to 3pm Free Events	<b>Budja Budja NH</b>  <b>Drum Beat</b> with Abby 10am - 12noon 5 - 18 years Free Event  <b>Circus Out</b> 10am - 12noon Free Event 5-18years
<b>Stawell NH</b>  <b>Bark Art Part 2</b> with Bev 10am - 12noon Free Event	<b>Stawell NH</b> <b>FUN WITH RECYCLING</b> 10am - 12noon 5 - 18 years Free Event	<b>Stawell NH</b>  <b>Cooking for Fun</b> with Sarah 10am - 12 noon Free Event 10-18years	<b>Stawell NH</b> <b>No activity in Stawell</b>	<b>Budja Budja NH</b>  <b>Cooking for Fun</b> with Alison 10am - 12 noon Free Event 5-18years
<b>Stawell NH</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Good Friday				

Colour Festival afternoon of Friday 7 April 2017 - for more details see NGSC website

Fun Activities at the Stawell Library - check out the poster at the Library for dates and times

These events are run and supported by the following organisations:



Budja Budja



Numbers Limited - Bookings Essential



## FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Jenny and  
Tammy

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

[leeannel@budjabudjacoop.org.au](mailto:leeannel@budjabudjacoop.org.au)

Upload your community events  
details to the Community  
Association webpage:

[www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au](http://www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au)

Like our Halls Gap Community  
Association Facebook Page

Like our Halls Gap Community  
Watch and Events Facebook Page

### Worker Wanted:

Bluegum Cleaning Services is  
seeking locals to assist with  
cleaning duties for a few hours  
each day in Halls Gap. Contact their  
office on: 95554222

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Parks Vic School Holiday Programs
- April 8th Harvest Cafe: A taste of the Grampians Dinner. Book early @ the cafe.
- OZACT—Macbeth @Heatherlie Quarry 14th, 15th, 16th April 3pm. Book online <https://www.ozact.com/>
- April 15th Tastes of the Grape Steel Cutters Cottage
- April 16th Cellar Door Sunday Steel Cutters Cottage
- 23rd Avoca Wine Festival April
- May 6-7th: Grampians Grape Escape
- May 21st: Run the Gap
- June 30th: BEEGEES revival in the Grampians @ the Plaza Inn

## 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 cafe 11am Tuesdays.
- Ultimate Frisbee Monday evenings



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.