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FILL THE GAP

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WRAP UP...

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Welcome to the August issue of *Fill the Gap*. The editorial team is quite proud that we have managed to get it out while our main editor Tammy is soaking up the sunshine in the north. So don't blame her for any errors or omissions!

Some of our regular correspondents are also away gallivanting about. We expect to hear more from them next issue.

Don't forget Halls Gap also has a community website where we plan to keep archival copies of *Fill the Gap*. So you can look back at them. Also the webpage has a useful calendar of events where you can upload your own event and check what's on over the next few months.

STATS BY CHAS...

July 2017 - Rainfall by Chas:

160mm for July bringing the progressive total for the year to 507mm. This compares to the same period last year of 247.5mm for July with a progressive total of 648.5mm.

As of the 26th of July Lake Bellfield is holding 64,450ML or 82% full compared to the same period last year of 49,720ML or 63% full. The total system is holding 304,130ML or 54.19% full compared to the same period last year of 166,380ML or 29.65% full.



FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



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.

















Step back in time...

Anyone recognise these faces???

Were you there? Can you remember the date?

"The Flashing Lights"

World's Greatest Shave For A Cure

 David Handscombe Will shave both his head and beard off for \$1000	 SGT. Paul Margetts Will shave his hair for \$1000 (He will wager \$100 he wont reach the set target)	 SC Daryl Harrison Will shave his 23 yo Mo for \$100	 Graham Parkes Will shave shave his 20 yo beard off for \$250	 Geoff Pitt Will shave his 23 yo beard off for \$250
 Rod Spinks Will shave his curls off for \$250	 Geoff Wadge Will shave his hair off for \$300	 Mick Vincent Will shave and bleach his mo-hawk for \$80	 Tammy Schoo Will dye her feisty hair for \$50	 Lachie Davis Will go bald for \$100
 Sam Parkes Shaving his beard for \$80	 Graeme Scherz Will bleach his hair for \$50	 Tim Weathers Will wax his legs for \$60	 Loheah Sabbo Will bleach his hair for \$50	 Karen Will wax her legs for \$150 (Very Hairy)
 Mike Stevens Will shave his hair off for \$50	<p>Marti Osbourne-Bell from Sweeny Todds Hair Salon in Stawell has kindly volunteered her services for the shave, along with a full support team of co-workers eager to see fresh faces, some not seen for 20 years or more!</p> <p>All we are asking is that you throw some money our way to help support those who suffer from Leukemia.</p>			

The local emergency services of Halls Gap (known as "The Flashing Lights") are banding together to either shave, spray or dye their hair or beards. There are also some really hairy blokes here that are willing to wax their legs or chest. Surely that's a painful experience worth supporting.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS GAP

Bendigo Bank

The Community Association has decided to move its business to Bendigo Bank as a result of the Bank of Melbourne closing its agencies in Stawell and Ararat. Its accounts will now be held with the Dunkeld and District Community Bank Branch.

We anticipate that more of our business will now be conducted through internet banking but we shall still have the convenience of making cash deposits and withdrawals, or dealing with cheques, through the Stawell and Ararat agencies.

There has been speculation that an actual branch of the Bendigo Bank could be set up in the Gap, perhaps with an ATM, but this does not seem likely at least in the shorter term since a large amount of business and also investment from the community would be needed to make this possible.

However we want to encourage all individuals and businesses to consider making a move to the Bank as a percentage of all the profits made by the Dunkeld branch is returned to the participating communities in proportion to the transactions made by each community. So the more we use the Bank the more the not-for-profit activities in Halls Gap will benefit.

David Witham

Halls Gap Indoor Market

Thank you to everyone who can along to our 1st Community Market. We had 22 stalls raising \$232 which was split between 7 groups.

We are looking forward to August Market & thank everyone in Halls Gap & the district for your support.

Clive

Statement of Market Donations 23/7/2017

Halls Gap CFA \$8.00
Halls Gap & Pomonal Playgroup \$8.00
Boomerang Bags \$8.00
Botanical Gardens \$120.00
Budja Budja Neighbourhood House \$8.00
Grampians Walking Tracks For All \$8.00
Fight Against Family Violence \$8.00
Halls Gap Community Hub \$40.00

HALLS GAP RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

TOTAL \$232.00

Who are we?

People who live in and care about Halls Gap and our community.

Meetings are held on a week night, 4 times a year. These meetings provide an excellent forum in which to propose ideas, discuss events and to meet others who care about our community. It also provides an opportunity for discussions with our local Council member, Cr Jason Hoseman who is generally in attendance.

The next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room of Centenary Hall on Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 7.30pm.

New picture book about the Grampians.
Selected as one of the children's books of the year. Come on older children, please review it for us.



Friends of Grampians Gariwerd held a very successful information talk on deer and goats in our National park and surrounds.

Local expert Daryl Panther showed us how to distinguish the three deer varieties by their antlers, their shape and their preferred habitat. There were so many samples of antlers to look at and handle. We talked about changes in the law allowing land owners to shoot deer on their properties (not inside the township of course), and the challenges facing Parks in reducing the numbers in the park. Goats ,pigs and foxes were also discussed.

Our next activity is another talk by a local expert. Denis Crawford will give us a presentation on insects of the Grampians area. Some of you may be listeners to his segment on ABC radio. At his talk we will also be able to view many of his superb photos.

So do come along to the Mural Room at the Parks Office on Friday August 11 at 5pm.

All welcome.

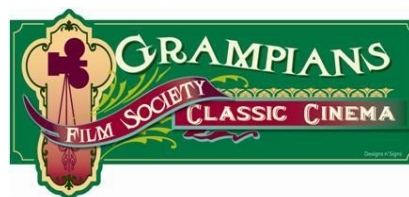
Jazz Blues Festival 2017

The Jazz Blues Festival will take place this year on 27-29 October and local businesses are being asked to support the event again (or for the first time) by advertising in the programme, which will list all the bands and the venues and times of their performances.

Shortly an email will be sent to all the businesses that advertised last year to give the necessary details, such as rates, which will remain the same. There will be a deadline for copy and payment by the end of August.

We encourage any business that did not use this opportunity last year to help sponsor this major event on our calendar. The more events that are held in Halls Gap and the bigger they become the more the community and its businesses will prosper.

Please register your interest with
Janine McDonald tel. 5356 4424
email. dougjanine@bigpond.com



Looking for new members

The Grampians Film Society has been going for 10 years.

It is a great night out.

The Grampians Film Society evenings are held at the Centenary Hall, Grampians Road, Halls Gap. 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 be 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.

2017 Screening Date	Film
23 August	Far from Men – 2014 French - Drama
27 September	The Belier Family – 2014 French
25 October	The Pianist – 2003
22 November	Picnic at Hanging Rock – 1975 Australia

PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



*Healthy Parks
Healthy People*

It has been a busy couple of months here in the Grampians National Park. The Grampians Peaks Trail (GPT) is in full swing with a current focus on completing the Cultural Heritage Management Plan. This process has seen Parks Victoria staff working alongside Archaeologists and Traditional Owners to assess cultural heritage, such as rock art, scatter sites and scarred trees along the entire unconstructed alignment from North to South. The team are also working with contactors to upgrade the Lake Wartook Lookout Walk on the eastern half of Mt Difficult Road and clearing a 9km section along the Mt Difficult Range as part of the trail's development. Work continues to occur on Mt William and the Major Mitchell Plateau, with stone steps and steel boardwalk being constructed.

In the Wartook Valley area, the park has been working alongside Horsham Rural City Council to establish directional and interpretive signage along the Wartook Valley "Back Track" from Rosebrook on Northern Grampians Road to Zumsteins Picnic Area. This signage will help promote a continuous trail from Wartook Valley to Mackenzie Falls and provide an important link into the area.

Resurfacing and Trailhead works have now been completed for the Balconies Walk at Reed Lookout. This work saw the patchy and eroded bitumen along the start of the walk be replaced with compacted gravel. Large boulders have also been placed at the Trailhead to assist with walking traffic flow and provide seating.

The park has recently put together a new and updated All-Abilities Walking Track and TrailRider Guide. This new guide covers 25 tracks in the park suitable for people in wheelchairs, with children's strollers, using a TrailRider (all terrain wheelchair) or just looking for easy and accessible walks. The guide will be available in hardcopy for a small fee and downloadable for free from the Parks Victoria Website. A launch date is expected to occur in August or September.

The next couple of months will involve the planning and delivery of a number of projects. Road works to repair damaged sections are expected to begin soon on Asses Ears Road and in the Stapylton Area.

The fire recovery program is continuing to work on plans for the Mackenzie Falls precinct, the new Dead Bullock Creek Campground to replace Troopers Creek Campground and Ngamadjidj Shelter Walking Track and Trailhead. We are also working on new interpretive signage for Heatherlie Quarry and establishing a ClimateWatch trail along the Venus Baths walking track.



Completing Cultural Heritage Assessment with traditional Owners and Archeologists



Ecological planned burning in the Victoria Valley heathlands.



Upgraded Walking Track at Boundary Gap on the Mt. William Range.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

I will be in your town soon and I look forward to meeting with you to hear your concerns or ideas on how we can make your community a better place.

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2017

Pomonal Grampians Store - 11:45 am

Halls Gap Livefast Lifestyle Cafe -12:45pm

If you're unable to meet at this time, please contact my office on 5382 0097.



Emma Kealy

Member for Lowan

Halls Gap Landcare Group

Halls Gap now has a Landcare Group!! So what does this mean? There are 11 other Landcare Groups (LCGs) across the Upper Wimmera covering areas of farming as well as local townships. Halls Gap LCG was successful in obtaining funding to start the group and increase membership, as well as carry out control works for invasive plants and animals in the area.

During September Project Platypus will be working closely with the group, landholders and Parks Vic to identify, map and treat escaped garden and ornamental plants like Blackberry, Watsonia, Arum Lily and other broadleaf plants.

But this isn't the limit of the group!

Other Landcare groups have created their own identity and delivered a range of projects with their members and volunteers like planting days, community events and various conservation and environmental work. Members of the LCG can tap into useful resources, expertise and funding to strengthen their community, create healthier environments, build local capacity and fund projects of importance.

So if you are interested in becoming a member please contact Angeline 0412 354 933 or

Margo 0429 201 139.

Botanic Garden Update

Thanks to those of you who have been doing useful stuff in the garden. It's looking pretty good and there are some photos up on the facebook page. We will be getting some money (\$120) from Clive's market last Saturday which will be very useful as we have a couple of projects in the pipeline. . The Botanic Garden is one of the groups stallholders could choose to support.

Over the next couple of months we will be busy getting the garden ready for the wildflower show in early October.. Our next working bee is Wednesday 9 August. I think these winter days we should shift our time to the afternoons. What do you think? 1.30 pm start?

Wildflowers

Wildflower Walkabout October 7,8 is fast approaching. Our next planning meeting is on August 1, in the Super Room at Centenary Hall, (so just too late for this edition). But we need help in all areas and will be putting a list of how you can help in the next Fill the Gap. But in the meantime, put it in your diaries, invite your friends and let's make this oldest Halls Gap event continue to be a success.

Women's Bible study group.

A small group of women from different churches meet for Bible study and chat every Tuesday afternoon. We would welcome new members, particularly as two have moved away from the town.

More information Vonne 5356 4622
Margo.0429 201 139.

HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the classrooms of Halls Gap Primary School

We were very lucky to have the Royal Flying Doctors Simulator come to our school. There were two men named Tom and Campbell. They told us about what the royal flying doctors do. They come to help you when you're hurt and there's no hospital nearby. You would call them on your radio. The whole school got to go into the simulator. They also let us hold aeroplane landing lights. We all learnt about the twenty dollar note because it had a story of the royal flying doctors. Everyone really enjoyed the visit.

Last term we had another cluster day at Pomonal. At the start of the day we got split into grades. The prep/Ones went to a Silly Science, the two/threes did soccer drills and team activities while the Fours to Sixes did art using science and problem solving activities. During the day we all rotated around to ensure we got to do all of the activities. We are definitely sure that every student at Halls Gap had lots of fun and they made lots of new friends.



Four of our students: Aleisha, Jaala, Marissa and Isobel were very happy to be part of the Grampians Small School Cluster Soccer Team. We played on a very cold day in Ballarat. The Grampians Small School Cluster lost the first two rounds of soccer but they tied on the last round. For the whole day we only scored one goal but us girls were still happy and proud that we got to regionals. We all hope we can go next year, because every-one was a good sport on the day.

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In our first week back this term, we went to Tunnel Road to plant trees for Project Platypus. We started the day by creating the guards for the trees as well as having hot chocolate. We headed off to plant the trees, it was very wet and muddy. We planted for

about two hours with 700 to 800 trees planted. We finished the day off with a BBQ and soup, cooked for us. The reason we did this was to



reinhabit the area. We had a couple of laughs along the way with people getting stuck in the mud.

We are still working really hard on our iMaths *investigations*. The whole school has about 6 investigations going on at the moment. It's really busy! Some of the investigations involve data and graphs and some involve FOOD!!!! One of our groups got to have a Pikelet day and another one made fruit cups for their buddies. The investigations are really interesting and involve lots of problem solving and group work.



Written by the students of the senior classroom



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Budja Budja
Neighbourhood
House

August

1,2,3	Dr John Hough
4	Dr Megan Helper
8,9,10	Dr Susan Lewis
11	Dr Megan Helper
15,16,17	Dr Susan Lewis
18	Dr Megan Helper
22,23,24	TBA
25	Dr Megan Helper

Budja Medical Clinic is pleased to have GP Registrar Dr Megan Helper joining our team!
Dr Helper will be consulting at Budja every Friday until the end of 2017!!

Please phone reception to make an Appointment PH: 53 564751

CPR & 1st Aid

Tuesday 18th August



Course

2017

Starting at 9.30am-3.15pm

Costs CPR \$75

First Aid \$170

If interested in course please contact

Lee-Anne asap to confirm numbers,

Need to have numbers by 11th August 2017

for course to go ahead

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

(behind the Medical Clinic)

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www.facebook.com



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17-22ND
MARCH
HALLS GAP
(WESTERN VIC)

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.

Tutors

MAUDE BATH - felting
LEE BETHEL - paper
DANIEL ESSIG (US) - book making
VICKI ESSIG (US) - book making
LIZ EVANS - print & weave
PAM DE GROOT - felt
MARY HETTMANSPERGER (US) - jewellery
EVA AND JONIAN IVY NARGOODAH - bush dyeing
KEITH LO BUE - assemblage
ANNE LEON - indigo & print
SHARIT MEER (Netherlands) felt
KATIA MOKEYEVA (US) - felt
CATHERINE O'LEARY - felt
JULIE PATERSON - draw & design
HILARY PETERSON - print & stitch
WILMA SIMMONS - collage and dolls
JUDE SKEERS - knitting
SANDY WEBSTER (US) - construction
ILKA WHITE - stitch & braiding

W: www.grampianarts.com.au
PH: 0428 825 971

SHANKS & SHIRAZ

Halls Gap Hotel

\$25pp



Every Thursday from 6pm

Come along and enjoy a delicious slow cooked Lamb Shank with root vegetable gravy, potato mash and steamed greens.
Including a glass of beautiful Grampians wine, Bests Bin 1 Shiraz

2262 GRAMPIANS RD HALLS GAP

PH: 53564566

BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED LIMITED SEATING
AVAILABLE IN THE BAR

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Tammy, Lee-Anne, Margo, and
Jenni

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

leeannel@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Like our Halls Gap Community
Watch and Events Facebook Page

Upload your community
events details to the
Community Association
webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

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.
- 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.