

September 2017

FILL THE GAP

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& Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



petyan

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

Wildlife and Wildflowers

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

WRAP UP...

And just like that Spring is here!

If anyone has been out and about recently you will have noticed the wildflowers starting to appear. Why not send us some images to include in next months newsletter? Who can get the most interesting find??

Not quite sure how all the runners survived the weather last weekend for the Wonderland run but they did— wind, rain, hail and snow!! Well done to all the locals that took part, and from all reports the school BBQ was a great success.

What's coming up for Spring? How did your recent event go?? Get in touch and let us now. Don't forget to upload events to the community webpage :-)

STATS BY CHAS...

213.5mm for August bringing the progressive total for the year to 720.5mm. This compares to the same period last year of 116.0mm for August with a progressive total for the year of 764.5mm.

As of the 30th of August 2017 Lake Bellfield is holding 69,780ML or 89% full compared to the same period last year of 54,410ML or 69% full.

The total system is holding 347,500ML or 61.92% full compared to the same period last year of 214,770ML or 38.27% full.

Mount William recorded 228.0mm for August 2017. The maximum temperature of 13.0 C. was recorded on the 14th of August and the minimum of - 2.5 C was recorded on the 27th of August.

Step back in time...

Tennis Stars!



● Halls Gap premiers L-R (back) Jordan Newton, Colin Winter, Andrew Winter, Chris Graham; (front) Candice O'Callaghan, Kristy Evans, Jayden Evans.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS GAP

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

hallsgapcommunity.org.au

Don't forget we have a refurbished website. Do take a look at it. It has information on groups in Halls Gap, links for shire and emergency information etc., local news items, and most importantly a **calendar of events**. Music, markets, special events

If you have an event in mind, you can see if anything else is planned then, and upload your information. It takes just a day or two for the administrators to post it.

And you facebook fans, don't forget to put your news up on the website and FTG. Not all locals are part of the facebook community!

Jill has not been a Halls Gap resident for many years now, but it is appropriate that we as a community acknowledge her huge achievement as she moves on from this role.

JILL MILLER RETIRES AS CEO OF GRAMPIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH

Jill founded GCHC in 1986 when she lived here with her first husband John, who was the first ranger appointed to the newly proclaimed Grampians National Park, and for over 30 years has guided the organisation as it has grown from a tiny beginning to around 150 staff in Stawell, Horsham and Ararat.

Jill was instrumental in starting the medical clinic at Budja Budja back in 2001. But well before that, she was one of the team who started this newsletter, I think in the early 80's...

HALLS GAP RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the HGR&RA will be held on Wednesday September 6 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of the Hall. You are welcome to come along to contribute your thoughts, raise matters that concern you, or simply to meet other members of the HG community as we work together for the benefit of the HG community

KEL'S CONFECTIONARY CELEBRATES A MILESTONE

Narelle and Andrew Pearce hosted a party last week to thank the dedicated folk who have helped in the care of Kellie as well as the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the acquisition and ongoing training of Libby, Kel's companion and alert dog. People who pack, help Kellie deliver the tasty sweets (have you eaten the roo poo or the possum pellets?), collect the money and more.

The amazing total of \$10,000 has now been reached. Certainly a time to celebrate. The campaign will continue as the costs do continue.

HALLS GAP COMMUNITY MARKET

We had a great market this month with 26 stalls & 11 new stall holders coming to join us.

The money from this month goes to "Craig's Cause"

We have a great range of local foods, handcrafts, plants, homemade products & our market café with Espresso Coffee.

We would also like to thank the Halls Gap Bakery for the help with the food in the kitchen.

We have 45 stalls booked for the September market & are looking forward to seeing you.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook Halls Gap Community Market.

Wishing all our stallholders who were unable to join us a speedy recovery & we look forward to seeing all soon.

The Morris Dances were back in Halls Gap with an impromptu performance opposite the shops. They were on a tour from Adelaide - Melbourne — Canberra. The folk dance from country English villages dates back to 1448



Grampians Wildflower Walkabout

The Community Association of Halls Gap with the support of the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is again running our Wildflower Walkabout Weekend in Halls Gap.

What's planned:

- Wildflower display in the Halls Gap Hub Building
- Art work on display from John Tiddy and Lynn Stone
- Guided walks through the Botanic Gardens
- Night Walk Saturday Night
- Self drive/tag along Wildflower Drive



When: October (7 & 8), from 9.30 am to 5pm on Saturday and 9.30 to 4 pm on Sunday.

The entry charge will be \$2, which covers the entry to the display and the garden walks. There is also a charge of \$2 for the printed guides, and of \$5 per head for the tag-a-long tours.

Get on it! Early Bird Tickets go on sale September 2nd....!!

Lock the dates away in your calendar, invite your friends and family and get ready for a big weekend. GMF is big mountains, huge sounds!

GRAMPIANS
MUSIC FESTIVAL
2-4 Feb 2018
www.grampiansmusicfestival.com

Early bird tix | 4 Sept
Full-price tix | 2 Oct
Line-up announced | 2 Oct

HALLS GAP CFA



Even though we are in the quieter part of the year, Halls Gap Fire Brigade members continue to work on recruitment, training, maintenance and to raise funds through fire equipment maintenance (FEM) program. The brigade has five new members currently completing their minimum skills training. A 2016-2017 year report was presented to the brigade at our recent general meeting. The report provides a breakdown of incidents attended, membership, strategic planning, training, equipment, FEM, community engagement, finances, brigade management and volunteer commitment.

Whilst it is still very wet and cold it is now time to begin preparing properties for the coming fire season.

Before burning off

- Check and follow local regulations or laws set down by CFA or your local council.
- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn.
- Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards.
- Check the fuel moisture conditions.
- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
- Make sure there are enough people to monitor,
- contain and extinguish the burn safely and
- effectively.

REGISTER YOUR BURN-OFF

All burn-offs should be registered with ESTA on 1800 668 511.

Please provide the following information about your burn-off when registering:

- Location
- Date and expected start and finish times
- Estimated size
- What you intend to burn

Unregistered burn-offs can cause brigades to be called out unnecessarily.

If you are interested in joining the Halls Gap Fire Brigade please contact Brigade Captain Colin Andrews on 5356 4618 for further information.

The above information plus additional advice is available at <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off/>

CERT



While John and Jennifer are away we have managed to keep the CERT services running. It provides an opportunity for our new members to keep their skills fresh in their minds. It's not just the First Aid that we have to get our heads around, it's the radios, map reading and paperwork! Our new members are Braeden, Nicole, Crystal, Paul and myself, along with John, Liz and Ros.

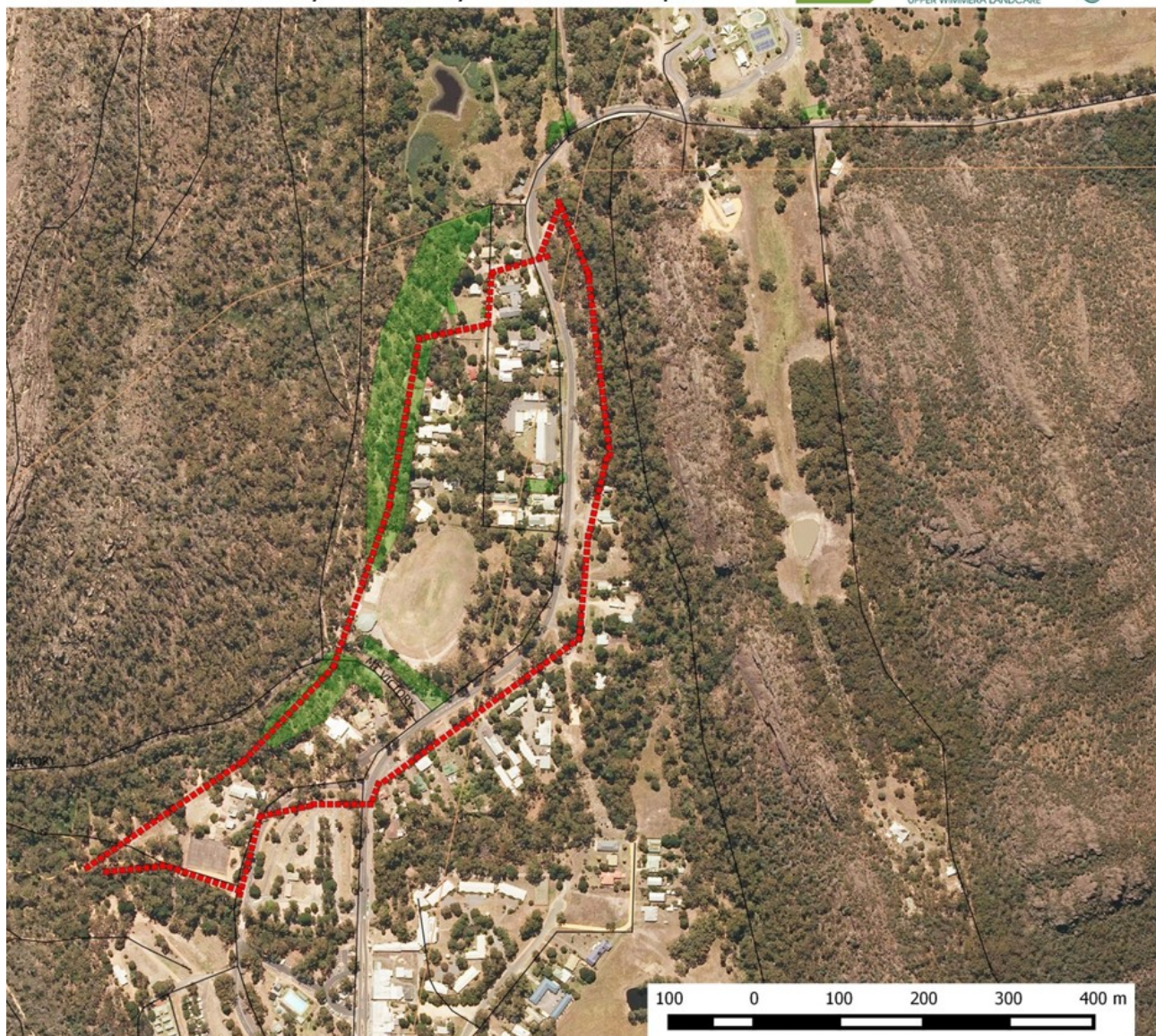
It has been a quiet couple of months with only a handful of jobs that we have been called to. Some of our members have been travelling into Stawell Ambulance Branch to work as an extra with the Paramedics. It always seems to be quiet when they go into Stawell, but we have the opportunity to run through scenarios with the Paramedics. We are thankful to 'our boss' Kim who regularly holds training nights and keeps us up to date with our skills and the professionalism that is Ambulance Victoria.

LANDCARE—NATIONAL BUSHCARE DAY

BUSHCARE DAY - Invasive Plant and Animal guided walk.
 Identification of local problematic species and distribution
 - Watsonia - Blackberry - Arum Lily - Bluebell Creeper -



**PROJECT
PLATYPUS**
 UPPER WIMMERA LANDCARE



Come and Celebrate National Bushcare Day with Halls Gap Landcare and Halls Gap Botanical Garden group.

What : Join us on a guided walk looking at Invasive Plants and Animals found around Halls Gap, past control work and the plant distribution.

When: Sunday the 17th September

Time: The walk will depart at 2.30 from the tennis courts, through the Botanical Garden, behind the school, through to the oval and then back to town along the bike path.

Please wear clothing appropriate for the weather on the day, some sturdy and enclosed boots/shoes, a drink bottle and bring a keen eye to help locate and identify weeds.

The walk should take around an hour to an hour and a half. We will end up at the hall where you can have a cuppa and find out more about the Halls Gap Landcare group, and how you can get help with attacking weeds at your place and nearby roadsides.

PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



Healthy Parks
Healthy People

With winter officially over and Spring (or Petyan) finally here, the Grampians National Park is starting to put on its annual wildflower show. Here's a few finds from the Northern Grampians recently.



Greenhood Orchid and Thryptomene.

Flood recovery

Works were recently completed on the Stapylton and Asses Ears Flood Recovery Packages. Cultural heritage inspections and preservation works have been an important part of the process. After final inspections and gate removals, Asses Ears and early September, along with a number of other roads in the north.

This means that the only roads that remain closed (pending further culvert and crossing works) are Redman and Mitchell roads and the annual seasonal closures (until Nov long weekend).



Fire Recovery

The Zumsteins cottage interpretation project is in progress with consultants undertaking background research to gather themes and local stories. Contractors removed a small amount of asbestos from the site which means repair and conservation works will start on ground at the beginning of October.

The Sallow wattle management program continues in the northern Grampians with the assistance of contractors and volunteer school groups. We've seen a fantastic recovery of the Large Leaf Ray Flower in areas where the wattle has been removed.



Environment and Heritage Team

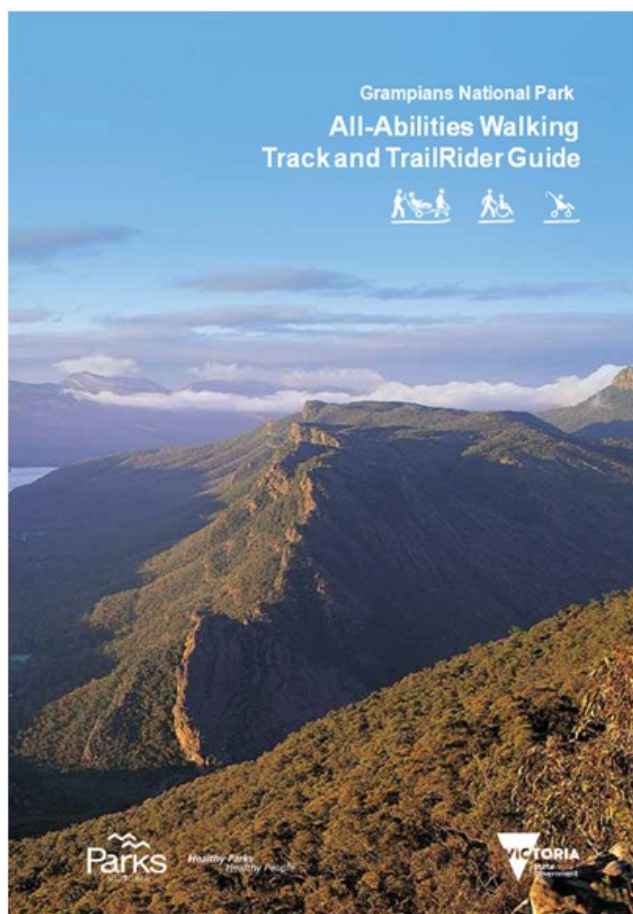
Heathland 'small Patch' mosaic burning has continued along the Wannon River in the Southern Grampians this winter. Deakin university students are using images captured from the 'supergrid' of 170 cameras to monitor habitat and predators of the Long Nosed Potoroo and Southern Brown Bandicoot. It is hoped that over time the mosaic of small burns of varying age classes will support healthy populations that are protected from the impacts of fire in what is a very fiery landscape.

Parks Victoria, Monash University researchers and traditional owners met recently to establish a 'palaeoenvironmental' reconstruction of vegetation and fire history of the Grampians landscape. This research will help inform bushfire history and humans use of fire in the Grampians landscape. More details to follow over coming months.

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

Spare a thought for the contractors who have been working in freezing conditions on the Major Mitchell Plateau recently. Battling through rain, sleet, sub-zero temperatures and snow falls, the team has moved over one kilometre of locally made steel boardwalk panels and other materials ready for installation over the coming months, as well as completing a huge amount of stone work.

Stage two track upgrades continue at Mt Sturgeon and Lake Wartook and further track upgrades will begin in spring on the Flat Rock to the Mt Stapylton Summit, Mt Difficult Eastern escarpment, Chataqua Peak near Halls Gap and Mt Abrupt track at Dunkeld. Check our website for details.



Did you see that Parks Victoria in partnership with the Wimmera Regional Sports Authority, Friends of Grampians Gariwerd and Grampians Walking Track Support Group recently reproduced the “All Abilities Walking Guide”?

This time round, we have included detailed information on the All terrain Trailrider and Volunteer Sherpa program; there’s really clear maps and grade descriptions for a variety of accessible walking tracks, including those for prams.

Getting out in nature is good for body, mind and soul... With the Trailrider those who thought they’d never be able to reach the top of a mountain, or get off the bitumen now can. Purchase a copy at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre or download a copy to find out more:

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM— GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK



School holidays are only a few weeks away...Plan ahead and get involved in some awesome citizen science!

Come join our Park Rangers for some fun and educational activities about the fascinating plants and animals of the Grampians National Park.

- September 26th: Junior Ranger ‘BioQuest’ at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre. 10am-12pm
- Oct 3rd: Climate Trail Discovery at Venus Baths. 10am—12pm.

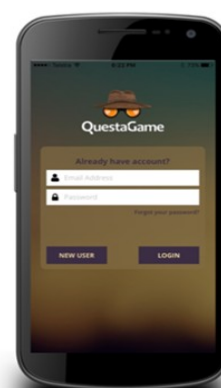
Did you know the Grampians National Park has its very own Earthwatch Institute Citizen Science Climate Trail, and you can help us monitor our species over time?? If not, come along to our guided walk and discover how you can get involved.

Download the Climatewatch app, go for a stroll at Venus Baths and start recording species—it’s that simple. (See details over page or visit Brambuk NPCC for further information.

September is Biodiversity month, and Parks Victoria is offering kids the chance to go on ‘bio quests’ to discover the insects, birds and plants that live in our parks. Using the QuestaGame app, kids will be heading out on these quests to earn points and prizes during this Spring school holidays .

To Join—Download Questgame onto a smartphone, create an identity, join the parks Victoria Clan, grab your ‘supplies’ and you’ll be on your way... You can even go head to head with park rangers to find the most species in your area!!

go to www.juniorrangers.com.au for further info





VENUS BATHS TRAIL

Rising abruptly from the surrounding Western Plains, the Grampians (Gariwerd) is a series of rugged sandstone mountain ranges and forests rich in plants and animals, some of which are found nowhere else.

Start your walk by passing through the Botanic Gardens before following the Venus Baths trail along the north side of the creek. As a citizen scientist with ClimateWatch, your role is to record your observations of animals and plants on the trail, and learn how climate change is affecting our wildlife. By helping us monitor the biodiversity in the Grampians, you will be part of the largest phenology project in the Southern Hemisphere and shape our country's scientific response to climate change.

Field guides and maps are available at the Visitor Centre and at www.climatewatch.org.au. Download the ClimateWatch app to start recording. The 2.3km trail takes approximately 30 minutes, though you might well spend much longer if you get caught up in ClimateWatching!

This trail was developed by Earthwatch Institute in partnership with Parks Victoria.



Healthy Parks
Healthy People



Education
and Training

GRAMPIANS WALKING TRACK SUPPORT GROUP



Who we are

The Grampians Walking Track Support Group was formed by our convenor, David Witham, in 2003 to attract and coordinate volunteer interest in maintaining and improving walking tracks within the Grampians National Park.

We operate under the broad umbrella of the Community Association of Halls Gap which also undertakes other activities such as the Wildflower Show and Halls Gap Botanic Garden and provides support for Run the Gap, Halls Gap Landcare Group and the Jazz Festival.

What do we do?

In partnership with Parks Victoria, we carry out vital maintenance on popular walking tracks, such as trimming vegetation, cleaning water runoffs and clearing fallen timber.

Most of our works are carried out through the efforts of walking clubs:

- Grampians Bushwalking Club – Heatherlie and Beehive Falls Walking Tracks
- Warrnambool Bushwalking Club – Mount Abrupt and Chimney Pots Walking Tracks
- Melbourne Bushwalkers – various tracks
- Victorian Mountain Tramping Club - tracks

Over the last two years these clubs have contributed 61 person days to our program.

Recently the Wimmera Bushwalking Club has joined our program and will undertake works on the Mount Zero and Mackenzie River Walking Tracks over the next few months.

Other activities

Our work with Parks Victoria extends to other initiatives. We provide advice on the planning and development of the Grampians Peaks Trail, such as investigating track alignments.

Two years ago we assisted Parks Victoria with funding for improved track access into Summer Day Valley in the Northern section of the Grampians.

Just recently we provided funding for the publication of the All-Abilities Walking Track and TrailRider Guide covering walking tracks in Grampians National Park.

We install, maintain and service a number of donation boxes situated on various walking tracks and the funds are always spent in the interests of the National Park.

We also have links with Bushwalking Victoria and promote our activities through this organisation.

Opportunities

Our group is working with Parks Victoria to restore walking access into Golton Gorge. The original track on the north side of the creek was badly damaged in the 2014 Northern Grampians Fire. Our new alignment on the south side of the creek is undergoing a number of planning checks, including cultural heritage assessment. Our aim is to commence the development of the new track later this year.

We also see the opportunity to assist in other ways, such as gathering information on the condition of tracks that can be used by Parks Victoria when planning works.

Would you like to assist?

If you would like to help, there are a number of ways that you could be involved:

You may belong to or know of an organisation or group of volunteers who would like to “adopt a track” and help maintain our great walking track network.

We will be seeking interest from volunteers to build and maintain the Golton Gorge track, once final approvals are complete.

Leaders are needed for each project, someone to meet and greet volunteers and provide direction and local information. Or you may wish to help out every now and then on a particular working bee.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like more information or would like to help.

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Email: david@witham.net.au

Graham Parkes Phone: 0429 839179

Email: graham@grahamparkes.com.au

HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting this term Mrs Hilbig has been teaching the 4-6 students sculpture work. For pottery Mrs Hilbig taught us how to make pinch pots. We had to make the pots and draw a pattern then cook it. After we cooked it, we removed all the bits that stuck out, glazed them, then cooked it again. The next project we did was double pinch pot fish. We made the fish and painted it then we put it on display in the hallway. Right now we are working on plaster dogs. First we shaped a dog out of newspaper, tape and wire, then we plastered it (which was really messy but fun) and painted it one colour except for black. Now most people are ready to design a tattooed pattern on the painted dogs. AND THAT'S OUR ART!

One of the Grades 4 to 6's projects this term is to research a past and present prime minister. For this we had a random draw from a cup to find out which prime minister we would research. Some of the things state in our project are early life, life after politics and in office. By end end of the project we will have a timeline. It's very interesting.



In the last couple of weeks we have been going to the Halls Gap oval and learning how to play golf. There were three clinics over two weeks, they were run by Tony from Golf Victoria. He showed us the basics of golf like the grip and how to hit the ball. He also mixed in a couple of golf games. Tony chose a few students to form teams of four. They will go to a golf tournament to compete against other schools. These students are very excited to go to the tournament.



Last Friday the whole school celebrated book week. The junior school council organised fun activities for everyone. It included acting out popular picture story books (Granny-saurus, The Cow Tripped Over the Moon, There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Mozzie, My Uncles Donkey And The 3 Kangaroos Gruff And More Popular Books) and we made fabulous book marks! Everyone had lots of fun including junior school council. We all can't wait for next year book week!

During the Wonderland Run a lot of our families were involved in a BBQ which raised over \$1000. We are always so thankful to any of the volunteers that help with these fundraising activities. This money and the money we raise through the Halls Gap Market is so important for our school.

Our fundraising money goes towards: the grade 3-6 camp, an excursion for the P-2 students, the English budget, cost of busses and activities for cluster days, iPads and computers, a book presented to every student at the end of the year, graduation gifts for grade 6 students, school concert cost, bark, sand, plants etc for grounds and maintenance, and readers and assessments programs. Whew! That is a lot! Please always support our fundraising, particularly the Halls Gap Market.



Halls Gap Primary School
is hosting a
community morning tea
Under the Sea!



Time: 10.30am



Date: Wednesday the 20th of September

Place: Halls Gap Primary School

Everybody is welcome to come and
see what the students have been up
to, meet some of our new families and
catch up with old friends!



TAKE ACTION ON WEEDS AROUND HALLS GAP

Please look at the list on our Halls Gap website where there are more pictures and details of the recommended treatments for how to get rid of these weeds.

Blackberry (*Ubus fruticosus*) . We haven't bothered with a photo!

Distribution notes: Spread as a food plant in colonial times is mainly restricted to waterways. Sometimes found in paddocks away from watercourses but favours damper areas.

Control options: Slashing and burning are not complete control options. Hand removal of plants and cutting stems and applying neat Glyphosate herbicide are very effective for isolated plants and small infestations. Timing is critical with Blackberry so only spray when actively growing from November through to the end of March for best results.

Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)

Distribution notes:

Found right across the upper Wimmera, Bridal Creeper was once planted in gardens for its attractive foliage. A real problem environmental weed able to invade areas of native vegetation without the need of soil disturbance (fire or machinery baring the soil) for it to become established. Birds carry the seeds after eating the fruit and excrete them out in their droppings, plants are usually found under trees or a fence line where birds have perched. Underground rhizomes (bulbs) make it difficult to kill with herbicide often requiring a number of years of sequential control.



Control options: Isolated plants can be dug up and the rhizomes left on the soil surface to dry out in warmer weather. The foliage dies off in early summer, reshooting in May – June . Plants can therefore be difficult to locate once the foliage has died off. Repeat spraying may be necessary in subsequent years as some rhizomes lay dormant each year and produce foliage a year or two later.

Bluebell Creeper

(*Billardiera heterophylla*)

Distribution notes:

A highly invasive climber native to



south western WA, Bluebell Creeper has been planted as an ornamental native perennial plant. Highly viable seeds are spread by birds eating the fruit and depositing seeds in their excrement. Isolated infestations on the south western side of Lake Fyan's in bushland reserve. Seed viability: < 3 years

Time to reproductive maturity: 2 years

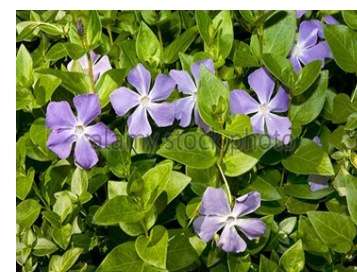
Control options: Small individual plants can be dug out and disposed of (bag the plants for disposal to stop the spread of seed if fruit are present) or burnt on site. Larger mature plants can be cut off at the base and the stump immediately painted with neat glyphosate herbicide. If the plants have climbed other shrubs / trees simply cut off at the stump, paint with neat herbicide and leave the plant hung up. Spray when actively growing between August and December for best results. Fruit will be present on plants from late summer through Autumn so time control work prior to fruit set to eliminate another years seed production with all leaf material totally removed from the stump. Paint the stump as soon as possible with neat Glyphosate herbicide.

Blue Periwinkle

(*Vinca major*)

Distribution notes:

Another garden escapee that can be found associated with old house



sites, rubbish tips and roadsides. Seed viability in soil: Unknown Time to reproductive maturity: Spread by stem fragments *Control options:* see our website.

Sallow Wattle (*Acacia longifolia* var *longifolia*)

Infestations of Sallow Wattle are mainly found in the north of the Grampians National Park. Scattered localised infestations can also be found along roadsides and areas of native bushland between the Grampians and Stawell.



The local Sallow Wattle is a hybrid between Sydney Golden Wattle (*Acacia longifolia*) and Coastal Wattle (*Acacia sophorae*) which is highly invasive and vigorous, able to out compete local acacia species particularly after fire where it forms dense thickets. Like other acacias, Sallow Wattle seed is stimulated to germinate after fire or soil disturbance. Individual juvenile plants can be pulled out by hand. Larger plants to the size of small saplings can also be pulled by hand or with the aid of a tractor. Larger mature bushes and trees need to be cut off as close to ground level as possible with all leaf material totally removed from the stump. If an area has been burnt, a mass seed germination will occur which can be a good opportunity to deplete the seed stored in the soil by hand pulling all seedlings before they get to about 18 months in age and the first opportunity to flower and set seed.

Watsonia (*Watsonia meriana*)

Distribution notes: Found near old house sites, cemeteries and neglected land. **Increasingly in Halls Gap itself and one we really need to target.**



Control options: Metsulfuron Methyl 600g/kg at a rate of 15g + penetrant (Consume, Pulse etc) + dye per 100 litres of spray mix. Glyphosate 450g/kg at a rate of 800mls + penetrant (Consume, Pulse etc) + dye per 100 litres of spray mix is also effective but will kill surrounding grasses and other plants.

South African Weed

Orchid (*Disa bracteata*)

Rapidly spreading through the upper Wimmera catchment and a huge problem at Pomonal, African Weed Orchid is becoming an ever increasing problem with each passing year. The plants are small and difficult to find during the spring when actively growing amongst other herbs and annual rapidly spreading through the upper Wimmera catchment and a huge problem at Pomonal.



The plants are small and difficult to find during the spring when actively growing amongst other herbs and annual grasses. The seed stem which grows to about 250mm high makes the plant easier to see but at this stage there is a very short window for chemical control until the spores mature.

The spores are very fine and dust like and can be spread by the wind / water movement, the transport of soil on vehicles / tools or by animal traffic. Under-ground corms (bulbs) remain in the soil to re-shoot the following year. South African Weed Orchid is easily confused with native onion / leek orchids so be sure to identify plants for sure.

Control options: Individual plants can be dug out by hand but be sure to get both bulbs (2 per plant, sometimes more). Plants and corms can be burnt or left in a sealed plastic bag in the sun to destroy the plants and seed stem. If plants have been allowed to mature to the point where the seed stem is drying off it is best to leave the plant alone as any disturbance at this stage will spread the spores into the air and onto clothing, gloves and tools. After completing control work or changing to another location, sterilise digging tools and clean off all soil from shoes and gloves to avoid spreading the spores. If you don't have the capacity to dig up all of the plants then at least mow off the flower heads by about mid-October so that the seed cannot ripen.

At present there are very few if any in Halls Gap, so it is vital to destroy any that do appear so we don't allow them to take over.

POMONAL ART SHOW & FESTIVAL

SAT SEPT 2 10-4 ART SHOW

6:30 PM AUCTION NIGHT AT THE POMONAL HALL
\$10 INCLUDES SUPPER & ENTRY

SUN SEPT 3 11-4 FESTIVAL DAY

ART EXHIBITION WITH GUEST ARTIST - STACEY REES
LIVE MUSIC FEATURING **T BONES** & MANY LOCAL MUSICIANS
CELEBRATE FATHERS DAY | LOCAL **STALL MARKET** HOLDERS
ASSORTED FOOD VENDORS | **JUMPING CASTLES** & OTHER
KIDS ACTIVITIES | LOCAL **GRAMPIANS WINES**

COST: \$3PP ART SHOW EXHIBITION. \$10 AUCTION NIGHT WHICH INCLUDES SUPPER & ENTRY. DRINKS AT BAR PRICES. DONATIONS APPRECIATED FOR FESTIVAL DAY. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE POMONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



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GRAPHIC DESIGN & ART STUDIO



Special Exhibitions and activities in Halls Gap for Grampians Brushes:

Halls Gap Community Hub

Makers Market. Friday 8 Sept 5—7 pm Buy direct from the artist

Artist in Residence. Over the week of Brushes Abi Thompson will be working at the Halls Gap Community Centre - painting the Grampians! Call in and see her at work.

Traders Seniors Art Supplies, Redrock Books with a selection of art books, Fibreworks with beautifully hand dyed yarns and Beautiful Silks selling eco dyed clothing – for the weekend only -with some great bargains! All traders will be open from 4 pm on Friday 8 Sept and daily from 8 am – 5 pm.

Kookaburra Hotel/Restaurant. Halls Gap

Artist - Abi Thompson

Layered in Time: An exhibition which expresses the ancient landscape of the Grampians. Its layers are revealed in its' emerging escarpments, the rock formations, and the waterfalls that create this landscape. The palette has been eroded by flood and fire and regenerates to reveal another layer. Open daily except Monday from 4 pm. 8 Sept - 10 November

MOCO Gallery. Halls Gap

Artist - Peta Adamson

An exhibition of prints. These images were inspired by the 2014 Grampians & Laharum fires. Saddened by the eerie beauty of the landscape, especially the simplicity of the blackened eucalypts & wattles and the artist wanted to capture the images as a lasting impression of a time in our areas history. Open daily 10—5 pm 8 Sept - 10 November

Halls Gap Estate Winery

Artist: Horsham Artists' Society

Rhythms of Life in the Wimmera This exhibition of paintings reflects the amazing contrasts in the Wimmera landscape and climate and how our painting lives are impacted by where we live – searing summer heat, brown dusty roads, golden cereal crops, spring and summer rains, sometimes floods, sometimes fires, damaging frosts, idyllic autumn days followed by a westerly change that can be easily foreseen in our “big sky”. 8 Sept - 20 October. Open Wed—Sunday 12—4

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HISTORIC HALLS GAP



BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap PH: 53 564751

GP DATES

SEPTEMBER 2017	OCTOBER 2017	NOVEMBER 2017
Dr Megan Helper 1 Dr John Broderick 5,6,7 Dr Megan Helper 8 Dr Diana Jefferies 12,13,14 Dr Megan Helper 15 Dr Diana Jefferies 19,20,21 Dr Megan Helper 22 Dr Diana Jefferies 26,27,28	Dr Karen O'Brien 3,4,5 Dr Jim Thomson 10 Dr Siobhan Reddel 11,12 Dr Megan Helper 13 Dr Susan Lewis 17,18,19 Dr Megan Helper 20 Dr Susan Lewis 24,25,26 Dr Megan Helper 27	Dr Susan Watson 31,1,2 Dr Megan Helper 3 Dr Susan Watson 8,9 Dr Megan Helper 10 Dr Susan Lewis 14,15,16 Dr Megan Helper 17 Dr Susan Lewis 21,22,23 Dr Megan Helper 24 Dr John Hough 28,29,30

Seasonal Influenza—it's not too late to vaccinate!

Chief Health Officer Advisory

Key messages

- Seasonal influenza rates are up, with the overall number of confirmed influenza cases in Victoria up 81 per cent, compared to the same time in 2016.
- It's not too late to vaccinate to provide protection against the top four circulating strains of influenza.
- Most reported cases are type A (78 per cent) but the national trend is towards more type B.
- Influenza is a Group B disease that must be notified in writing within 5 days of laboratory confirmation.

What is the issue?

Influenza is an acute respiratory disease. 2,851 cases of influenza have been reported to the department in the year to date. There is plenty of vaccine available and it's never too late to vaccinate.

Who is at risk?

Severe disease from seasonal influenza is more likely with advanced age; infancy; chronic conditions, such as heart or lung disease, renal failure, diabetes and chronic neurological conditions; immuno-compromise; obesity, pregnancy and smoking. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people also generally experience more severe illness.

Severe disease may also occur in otherwise healthy children and young adults. Annual attack rates in the general community are typically five to ten per cent, but may be up to 20 per cent in some years.

Symptoms and transmission

Symptoms include fever, headache, myalgia, lethargy, coryza, sore throat and cough. Infections in children may also be associated with gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Croup is a common presentation in children.

Most symptoms resolve within seven days, although the cough may persist for longer. Complications of influenza include middle ear infections, secondary bacterial pneumonia and exacerbation of underlying chronic health conditions.

****VACCINES STILL AVAILABLE AT BUDJA PLEASE CONTACT RECEPTION 53564751**

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

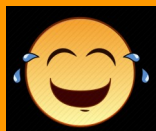
Upload your community events details to the Community Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

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Why is the letter A like a flower?



A bee (B) comes after it!

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RSA—Responsible Serving Alcohol



Monday 18 th September 2017

6.00 - 10.00pm

Costs \$100

If interested in course please contact

Lee-Anne asap to confirm Numbers. enrolment and payment closing date

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Food Safety



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Starting at 10.00am - 3.00pm
Costs \$105

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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 Harvest 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.