

Issue: July 2018

FILL THE GAP

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WRAP UP...

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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



The Winter season is depicted by cockatoos, fungi .

This season incorporates the following:

Bleak mists, freezing winds and rain.

Animal breeding – Antechinus, Phascogales and Echidnas. Laying of eggs by Powerful owls.

Yellow - tailed Black Cockatoos on the move - tear at wattles for moths.

Blooming of fungi and winter orchids. Flowering of Heath and Correa providing flashes of colour.

Return of Aquila constellation (Bunjil).

Well we can tell it is Winter!!

After good rainfall last month we have ended June with some frosty mornings that have also brought some lovely sunny afternoons - perfect for getting out and enjoying our wonderful National Park!

Many thanks to our contributors this month. It seems that with the school holidays, colder weather and shorter days many locals have headed off in search of warmer, sunnier climates! Lucky them!

Just a reminder that you can send articles to Lee Anne (leeannel@budjabudjacoop.org.au) at any time before the end of the month. There are lots of great and interesting things that happen in our community and we would love you to share your events and photos with us.

Stay warm everyone!

STATS BY CHAS - June 2018 Rainfall

A good 124.5mm for June bringing the progressive total for 2018 to 345.0mm. This compares to the same period last year of 12.5mm for June with a progressive total of 347.0mm.

As of June 27, Lake Bellfield is holding 61,850ML or 79% full compared to the same period last year of 63,850ML or 81% full. The total system is holding 258,300ML or 46.10% full compared to the same period last year of 296,658ML or 52.95% full. Lake Lonsdale is holding 17,660ML or 33% full compared to the same period last year of 32,850ML or 62% full.

As of June 30 it is recorded that Mount William received 0.2mm of rain. Unfortunately the weather station on Mount William has not been recording since June 2! 2017 rain for Mount William was 47.4mm



SENIORS IN "CAROUSEL"



FROM THE HISTORY ROOM

"1985 - Do you recognize some local beauties."

FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD



Fungi Walk

July 15 at 2pm

FOGG invite anyone interested to join us on a fungi walk. Dave Munro will lead us. The actual site of this walk will be decided closer to the date as it will depend on the weather leading up to this event.

Contact: Rodney 0427 836 366; or 5383 6247

Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group

GOLTON GORGE - NEW TRACK

The last working bees that had to be postponed have now been rescheduled.

We are now at the stage of benching, or actually forming, the track, and there is plenty of work to be done.

The new dates are **FRIDAY, 6th JULY** and **SATURDAY, 7th JULY**, meeting at 9.00 am at Golton Gorge.

Please let me know if you intend to be there:

Tel: 5356 4300 or email: david@witham.net.au

David Witham

New Electoral Division

Following the announcement of the AEC Federal redistribution of Victoria, Halls Gap from the 13th July will become part of the electorate of Wannon, represented by Mr Dan Tehan. Mr Tehan can be contacted at the address below.

190 Gray Street, Hamilton VIC 3300
M: 0408 564 232

HALLS GAP POLICE

There has been a recent theft of frozen food from both the Quarry Restaurant and the Rec Reserve Pavilion. It appears that someone is doing the rounds of local businesses/buildings by breaking in and helping themselves to a large amount of frozen meat goods. Can we just remind you to ensure that you keep garages/sheds/ out buildings etc locked and secured at all times and to make sure that windows to premises are secure when vacant. Also it's probably a good time to encourage local businesses and home owners to invest in installing CCTV cameras (they are chip as chips on eBay). And just to top it off, if anyone sees or hears of anything suspicious around the area, we encourage people to call '000' day or night(even if it is just for someone walking/driving around acting suspiciously). If non urgent and if we are not available, we also encourage people to leave a message at our front door or on the Halls Gap Police station phone (5356 4411) and we will return the message at the first available opportunity.

Kellie HARRIS Leading Senior Constable



There are TWO significant July birthdays (that we are aware of!)

Long time Halls Gap resident but now living in Stawell, **Betty Sargent** turns 90 on July 12.

And

Ken Woodcock turns 90 on July 14.

Congratulations to you both and many thanks for all the ways you have contributed to our community over the years.

RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS Association

We have been assured that School Road will be upgraded for pedestrian safety and extra parking only. All traffic will ideally travel through the main street for now, as it currently is. So – School road is safe from heavy vehicles for now.

Have residents noticed any increase in the number of articulated trucks travelling through Halls Gap? Some residents think that there is and are wondering why.

For some time the gateway to Halls Gap has been discussed. The Shire's preference is for a bridge at the end of Heath St. as the main gateway to Halls Gap but it will take time to gain the funding required and is definitely a long term plan.

The Shire hopes to have all the improvement works to the main shopping precinct, funded by the State Government grant, finished by November i.e. before the tourist season starts.

The ebikes continue to raise issues with both tourists and residents, particularly when driven at speed along the shared path.

The current shared pathway is having maintenance work done and then signage will be painted on it to advise all ebike riders to be more aware of pedestrians.

Keep your eyes open for notification that our garbage collection day will change from Friday to Mondays. Council are yet to advise us when this will commence.

Paul Turner President HGRRA



Competition winners and judges L-R HRCC engineer, John Griffiths, Marcus Wilkinson, Brayden Scherger and Rikki McIntosh and HRCC engineer, Rob Jory.

From the
History Room.

"Only 13 years
ago..."



Every two years CFA brigades elect new leadership teams. The Halls Gap brigade held its AGM in June and will appoint a new team on 1 July with Peter Hilbig as Captain, Darren Linke 1st Lieutenant, Roy Clapp 2nd Lieutenant, Will Hudson 3rd Lieutenant, Marilyn Andrews Secretary/Treasurer, Justin Cozens Health and Safety Officer, Tina Baker Community Safety Coordinator and Judy Hilbig Communications Officer. The Brigade and community thank Captain Colin Andrews for his leadership over the past two years and Luke Parry for his role as Communications Officer. We are pleased that other members of the leadership are continuing.

The Brigade has also established the first Wednesday of each month as the evening for regular training. Interested community members are welcome to join a training session to find out more about volunteering as a fire fighter or supporter – please contact Peter or Roy sometime beforehand so we know you are coming.

As we would hope and expect there have been few call outs through winter so far with support for rescue more likely than fires. The routine of exercising vehicles and maintaining equipment continues, as well as the Fire Equipment Maintenance Service we undertake in local business for fundraising. Members who have been trained in fighting structure fires have been fitted for specialist protective clothing to improve safety at incidents. We are also preparing for the official hand over of our Ultralight Tanker which was delivered late last year.

Remember that even outside the fire restriction period all planned burns should be advised to VicFire on 1800 668 511 . For further details see <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off>.

Judy Hilbig

Community Safety Coordinator



CERT



AmbulanceVictoria

Community Emergency Response Team volunteers: Halls Gap

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

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

A suitable local applicant must be able to demonstrate:

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

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



PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



*Healthy Parks
Healthy People*

Fire Recovery:

A number of contracts have started or are set to commence in the coming weeks including:

- reinstatement and upgrades to Ngamadjidj carpark and walking track;
- upgrades to Stapylton Loop walking tracks; redesign and upgrades to Coppermine bush camps to 1x 4x4 camp and 1xhikers camp.
- Track upgrades to Longpoint for hikers camp upgrades will commence after winter.

Flood Recovery:

There are also a number of road and track upgrades underway or scheduled to commence in coming weeks. It is best that you look up the latest road report for any closure and access updates. Repairs will also be carried out on Mackenzie River walk, Brambuk precinct tracks and Stapylton Loop.

Visitors and Community

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

The final planning report is almost complete for the **Ararat Trails** project. This will hopefully see the formalisation of existing (illegally built) mountain bike trails and the creation of new trails (both mountain bike and walking tracks) as part of a planned approach to recreation development for the park and for the Ararat community.

Environment and Heritage:

Final planning for a number of environmental programs is under way with budget and grant announcements due early in the new financial year.

Works continue on many of our Art sites with vegetation removal and protection. The regrowth of vegetation in and around the shelters carries a very real risk of irreversibly damaging the ochre used in the art. This has been a highly successful program and we are learning more about these significant cultural sites as we go.

Golton Gorge works have been postponed until detail around Cultural Heritage Protection is clarified.

Research & Training:

Two fantastic research projects are in the pipeline for the park which will help piece together some of its ethno heritage and ecological past.

The Paleo-Ecological reconstruction will research the past environmental conditions of stable wetlands within the Gariwerd/Burrunj landscape. Through this research a greater understanding of fire history, climate and ecosystems changes will be gained.

The second research proposal will investigate the Archaeological stories of Gariwerd and Burrunj. Trained archaeologists will work together with community representatives to investigate Cultural Stories of Place. This project would commence early next year.

And Parks Victoria is excited to be working with FedUni TAFE to initiate Indigenous Traineeships. While in its early stages this program could provide a fantastic platform for the growth of local Indigenous knowledge, education and jobs. We are sure to hear more details of this upcoming program in the near future.



Healthy Parks
Healthy People

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A thankyou from Area Chief Ranger Dave Roberts, who has departed the Grampians and Parks Victoria to work with DELWP in the Otways as District Manager Land and Fire.

The Next Chapter.

It's been an honour and a privilege to have worked in the Grampians National Park over the past 8 years and with Parks Victoria for over 18. The things I've learnt, from the people I've met has been brilliant and humbling. Your collective experiences, story-telling, observations and perspectives have ensured that the Grampians Gariwerd landscape is conserved and managed for the future and for the right reasons. Like with all things good, it is often about the people you come across. Just like the Grampians communities, I've been very fortunate to have worked alongside and lead an amazing team of people who tirelessly put everything into keeping this place as good as it can be – often under the radar. The Grampians Team have been so generous to me through really challenging time, and are a true example of what being resilient is all about. Through fires, floods, pestilence and the aftermath, these professionals just keep turning up and starting again. Their hearts are in the job and they are invested in the mountains. You have been and will continue to be well served by these fantastic servants. My next chapter is with DELWP in the Otways, where I'll buy a new pair of Gum Boots and survey the scenes from a different perspective. But these mountains are magnetic, and I'll be drawn back to the long views and the glowing escarpments. I look forward to returning as a visitor and look back fondly on all that I was able to achieve with my team of committed people.

Thanks Dave Roberts

50 years ago -from the Stawell HS Inc

Sundial Peak in the Grampians was named by early settlers who noticed that the mountain always received the first and last rays of the sun each day. But, until late in 1968 there had never been a sundial at the spot.

Under the guidance of Stawell Technical School Science teacher Mr Ralph Sinclair* and with the approval of the school Principal Mr John Kennedy, Mr Sinclair's Form 5 maths students set about putting things right. The school Art master, Mr Bob Henderson assisted with the artistic design of the sundial.

Vehicular access to Sundial Peak ceased at the car park some 2000 yards from the peak which caused a problem. How were the finished sundial and all the necessary materials for the installation going to be transported to the peak?

A lightweight carrying frame was constructed by Mr Les Blackmore of the sheet metal department to carry the three hundredweight slab of solid black granite over the distance.

The boys were all thrilled with the result of their work, as were Mr Sinclair and Mr Kennedy. A number of civic dignitaries and newspaper men joined the boys, Mr Sinclair and Mr Kennedy for the official opening when the technical details of the sundial were handed over to the Wonderland Committee.

*Please note—Mr Ralph Sinclair was a former Australian Champion in Boomerang throwing.

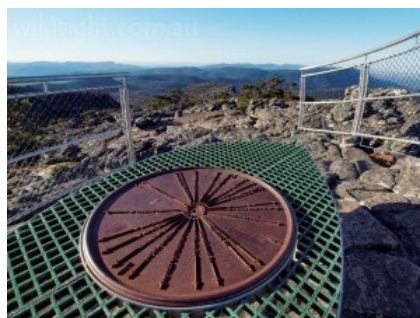


Photo taken from wildsight.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: THE RSA AND FOOD HANDLING COURSES WILL NOT GO AHEAD AS THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS. THEY WILL BOTH BE RESCHEDULED AND OFFERED LATER IN THE YEAR.



Budja Budja Neighbourhood House



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

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CPR & 1st Aid Course

Thursday August 16

Starting at 9.30am

Contact Lee-Anne ASAP to confirm numbers.

For cost and requirements we
MUST have numbers by August 11.



HG & G Historical Society

We have recently purchased three display frames (thank you for your work Steve Field) and have been busy making backing boards for them. They are now finished so watch out for some additional new displays in our History rooms over the next few weeks.

A special 'Thank You' to John Pearson for coming into our rooms and hanging our two newly framed Henrietta D'Alton paintings. They look fantastic!



Our next meeting (AGM followed by a General) will be held on Monday July 9 in the History Room at Centenary Hall, commencing at 1.30pm. Come along and find out what else our group have been up to and the plans we have for the coming months.

Family Fun Day

Flag Raising will begin the family fun day at 10:30am in recognition of this years NAIDOC week. Then after that activities are going to be run for the day and a lunch is provided.

Where:

Budja Budja Neighbourhood house

Date:

Tuesday, 10th of July

Time:

10:30am- 2pm

Flag Raising — BBQ Lunch — Activities



For any enquiries please contact Lee-Anne Lovett at Budja Budja on 03 5356 4751



BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

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JUNE 2018	JULY 2018	AUGUST 2018
 Dr Karen O'Brien 5,6,7,8 TBA 12,13,14,15 Dr John Hough 19,20,21,22 TBA 26,27,28,29 BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 	Dr Megan Helper 3,4,5,6 Dr Megan Helper 10,11,12,13 Dr Diana Jefferies 17,18,19,20 Dr Diana Jefferies 24,26,27	Dr Diana Jefferies 31,1,2,3 Dr Karen O'Brien 7,8,9,10 Dr Susan Watson 14,15,16,17 Dr Susan Watson 21,22,23,24 TBA 28,29,30,31

As Betty Sargent's 90th birthday draws near we thought this poem she penned about the Indoor Bowls that were held in the Hall might bring a smile, particularly to some of our older residents!

Tuesday Night—or what you will

I hurry on down to the local Hall
 And say 'hello' to one and all.
 Put my name in, pay my fee,
 Help set the cups for coffee and tea.

For the raffle some pickles, I bring,
 But to win the fish—that's the thing.
 Next— have a practice cos I need to know
 If the mats are fast, or are they slow?

Teams are up and all is well,
 Ready to start so ring the bell.
 Four versus six, we're on mat one.
 Skippers toss and play has begun.

The super veteran lets out a roar,
 As his first bowl rattles across the floor.
 Now, number two, it's up to you.
 Play the reds, we might score a few.

On the forehand or on the back,
 Just concentrate and get the knack.
 To score the points I know the trick,
 Just turn it in and get a wick.

Dear, oh dear, it was such a pity,
 My lovely bowl just reached the kitty,
 But both rolled on over the end of the mat.
 The opposition scored three points for that!

There are some of us old and some are young.
 We all are champions with talents unsung,
 When we get together for a game of bowls
 It refreshes our minds and calms our souls.

Although we concentrate quite well
 There's lots of talk and yarns to tell.
 In between the laughter and the glee
 At the many fluky shots we see.

So congratulations to the winning team,
 In their bright eyes you will see a gleam,
 The booby prize is my only hope -
 Box of matches, some tissues or a cake of soap.

At night when I lay me down to sleep
 I count the bowls instead of sheep.
 We finish with this amazing score,
 To win the game thirty-eight to four.

And now as another happy year ends,
 To you, all my wonderful bowling friends,
 To wish you all good Christmas cheer.
 See you all again next year!!
 By Betty Sargent



BOOM! Woohoo! We have lease approval! Paper Scissors Rock Brew Co will now officially be joining the fight to bring better beer to the world! As you can see we're super excited, we're ready, and we can't wait to deliver. There is a new hope for all lovers of craft beer. May the force be with us. Cheers Marty, Pat

Halls Gap - THE GRAMPIANS



Coming in 2018



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

- Ro Bruhn – mixed media
- Mahdi Chandler- eco dye/mixed media
- Jan Clark – mixed media
- Teresa Dair - knitting & dressmaking
- Fiona Duthie (Canada) - felt
- Philomena Hali - bojagi
- Pam Hovel -felt
- May Jacobsen Hvistendahl (Norway) - felt
- Anita Larkin – sculpture/felt
- Anna Lizotte – basketry
- Sandra Meech (UK) – machine stitch
- Liz Powell – paper & indigo
- Julie Ryder – natural dyeing
- Angharad Rixon – surface design
- Shona Skinner (UK) – machine embroidery
- Carolyn Sullivan – hand embroidery
- Sandy Webster (USA) – construction
- Liz Williamson – weaving
- Meredith Woolnough – resin/machine embroidery

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FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Jenni and
Tammy

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

leeannel@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Upload your community events
details to the Community
Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

Like our Halls Gap Community
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Q: What did one raindrop say to the other?

A: Two's company,
three's a cloud



HAYLEY DAWSON - NATUROPATHY

NATUROPATH APPOINTMENTS

NOW AVAILABLE IN HALLS GAP

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

I also offer food intolerance testing and other
functional pathology testing

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



Regular Events

- Chas Mangle Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the History Room at the Centenary 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 Centenary Hall is open most days except Tuesday from 1PM - 5PM. Locals and visitors are most welcome and there is no entry fee.