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FILL THE GAP

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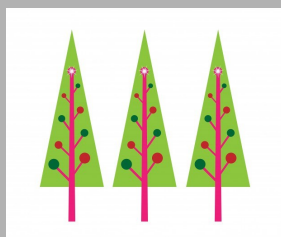
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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR

Ballambar



Season of butterflies: Early summer (mid-Nov to late Jan)

Warmth, butterflies and wetland plants: With the onset of summer heat, the land dries and the weather stabilises. This is the season of butterflies or ballambar. The warmth energises plant growth in streams and wetlands.



Welcome to our last edition for the year. Please

note we are not having a January edition.

Many thanks to our regular contributors and committee members, you have been a great help through out the year. A big welcome to new arrivals to our town, both the summer invasion of temporary workers & those who plan to become permanent members of our community.

A special welcome to our new Ranger in Charge at the Grampians Gariwerd NP, Rhonda McNeil, maybe that should read "Welcome Back" as some of you may remember that she started her career here last century! We wish you and your excellent team a great year ahead.

So Gappers, that's it for 2018. Have a great Christmas and best wishes for 2019

STATS BY CHAS... November 2018

75mm for November bringing the progressive total for the year to 836mm. This compares to the same period last year of 41mm for November with a progressive total of 952mm.

As of the 28th of November Lake Bellfield is holding 64,540ML or 82% full compared to the same period last year of 72,230ML or 92% full. Lake Lonsdale is holding 13,760ML or 26% full and Lake Fyans is holding 14,310ML or 78% full. The total system is holding 270,730ML or 48.32% full compared to the same period last year of 351,851ML or 62.80%.

Mt William received 74.4mm for November compared to the same period last year of 66.6mm. The maximum temperature of 23C was recorded on Nov 23 and the minimum of 0.1C was recorded on November 22. The highest wind speed of 107km/h was recorded on November 22.

Step back in time... Anyone recognise these faces???



Gumleaf Market Halls Gap - Market Update

We are coming into a busy time with the Market in Halls Gap.

Our next Market/s are as follows:

November 18th

December 9th - Book Festival & mini Market

December 16th

January 20 2019

8:30am -2pm

Halls Gap Hall

We will update you in January for the dates for 2019.

For our Market in November we have 30 stalls with a variety of handmade crafts, scrapbooking supplies, plants, seasonal veggies, preserves, books, upcycled bags, treats for the home & lots more.

We have also introduced our new Book Festival. This will be a quarterly event held in the Hall. Featuring books of every kind & a mini market. Starting December 9th (same times as the Market)

Our Market Cafe is also open for both Stallholders & Guests to enjoy breakfast & a light lunch.

A few people to say thank you to this year:

We would like to say thank you to everyone in Halls Gap who has supported the Market during 2018.

Thank you to the team at Halls Gap Bakery for the supplies for the Cafe as well as The Halls Gap General Store.

We would also like to say thank you to the Community Association for the loan of the tables for the Market & to Chas for helping us to get them out & away.

Until next time stay safe & we look forward seeing you soon.



Clive & Lillian
Gumleaf Market Halls Gap

Halls Gap Community Garden



The Halls Gap Community Garden was at risk of being demolished but has been rescued thanks to a dedicated few.

This is a call out to community members that may have an interest in gardening and volunteering some time to make it beautiful and productive once again.

A Community garden contributes to a healthy life-style by:

- * Providing fresh, safe, affordable herbs, fruits and vegetables
- * Helping to relieve stress and increase your sense of wellness
- * Getting people active, which improves overall physical health

Kellie Soule from the Grampians YHA has volunteered to co-ordinate the Community Garden. For all enquiries, contact her on 5356 4544 or 0448 371 189 or at grampians@yha.com.au

Updates and events will be posted on the Halls Gap Community Watch & Events Facebook page.

Grampians Tourism

♪ I hear the train a comin'
It's rolling round the bend ♪ ♪

The Great Southern Rail is coming to the Grampians. A new train is set to launch onto Australian tracks late next year, linking Adelaide and Brisbane for 16 departures in its much-anticipated inaugural season. The two-night, three-day journey from Adelaide to Brisbane features opportunities to step off the train to experience the spectacular Grampians National Park, the nation's capital Canberra, and the stunning northern New South Wales coast.

Shire businesses and events recognised at Victorian Tourism Awards

Northern Grampians Shire businesses and events have been recognised at the weekend's RACV Victorian Tourism Awards, with Halls Gap luxury accommodation Golton in the Gap taking out top billing in the Self Contained Accommodation category.

The modern architecturally designed home has three large bedrooms which can accommodate up to eight guests and is surrounded by stunning views of Grampians National Park.

In the same category, Halls Gap's Hemley House was also a finalist, while Grampians Pioneer Cottages took out the silver prize in the Unique Accommodation category and in the Festivals and Events category. Grampians Grape Escape was also named as a finalist.

Botanic Garden News

Not a great deal to report. The fountain project is taking longer to complete than we had hoped, but is making steady progress.



We won't start on the furniture for the shade shelter until the new year. Many thanks to the band of volunteers working away each week. If your group would like to hold an event in the garden please just check with Margo 0429 201 139 so we don't double book

Carols at Pomonal



Pomonal Hall Committee together with the Community Uniting Church are pleased that we again will be holding our annual carol night on Sunday 9th December. Starting with a barbecue outside at 6.30 (gold coin donation and BYO chair), then moving indoors at 7.30.

Pomonal singers, community choir, Stawell Brass Band and more. Donations to the Christmas Bowl appeal for families in need are welcome and for helping families across the world, we are selling goats, chickens and toilets.

Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group

Did you know that a hard working group of volunteers is building a new track at Golton Gorge? There have been quite a few working bees on the new Golton Gorge track since work started at the beginning of June. The construction is now complete from the creek crossing to about 30 metres before the top lookout. This last section will require a fair amount of shifting rocks to make some steps and will probably now be left until the height of the summer is past.

The mulching machine that they purchased is wheeled by hand, which means that the volunteers are able to press ahead with chipping the vegetation that was originally cut and putting the mulch on the track surface without Park staff needing to be there all the time.

We hope to have another session next week, the last one prior to Christmas.

The group would welcome more volunteers. If you are interested contact David Witham on 53564300.

Halls Gap webpage

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

It has all sorts of useful information and links, and it's where you can find previous issues of Fill the Gap. Not everyone in HG is on Facebook, so if you are planning an event do put it up on the website. And if you need to make changes to information about your group, or find errors, please let the administrators know.



BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

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DECEMBER 2018	JANURARY 2019	FEBURARY 2019
<u>Dr Karen O'Brien</u> 4,5, <u>Dr Megan Helper</u> 6,7,11,12,13,14 18,19,20,21 <u>Closed</u> 25/12/2018– 2/01/2019	<u>Re—open</u> Wednesday 02/01/2019 <u>Dr Sophie Plowman</u> 8,9,10,11 15,15,17,18 22,23,24,25 29,30,31	<u>Dr Sophie Plowman</u> 1 <u>Dr Barbara Hoare</u> 5,6,7,8 12,13,14,15 19,20,21,22 26,27,28

“The Future of our Dreaming” 27-28 February 2019

2019 National Aboriginal Wellbeing Conference



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

The National Aboriginal Wellbeing Conference also wishes to invite **Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal** organisations or individuals, who successfully deliver programs or services to Aboriginal clients, to deliver a 40-minute workshop to showcase their innovative programs to the conference delegates.

To submit an expression of Interest, please respond to the EOI Questionnaire which can be found on
- www.aboriginalwellbeingconference.com

Please complete and send your submission by the deadline of **30 December 2018**. Decisions regarding successful and unsuccessful Speakers and Workshops Presentations will be announced by mid January 2019.



Thank you for your outstanding volunteer contribution

With International Volunteer Day this week we would like to recognise and thank you for all your efforts in helping us to protect and enhance Victorian parks.

Your amazing efforts, dedication and passion have never been more evident this year when we recorded the highest level of volunteer contributions.

As an organisation, we consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to have 37,200 volunteer visits this year at volunteer activities across the state. You have all played an integral role in contributing to the various operations and activities that occur across the Parks Victoria estate.

It gives me great pleasure to share some exciting news in that Parks Victoria was recently announced as the winner of the Victorian Tourism Award "Outstanding Contribution by Volunteers" along with the Volunteering Victoria "Innovation Award" for our ParkConnect online program. [Watch the video.](#)

Parks Victoria is honoured to have received these two significant awards, which we could not have achieved without your commitment, dedication and willingness to adopt ParkConnect.

On behalf of all the team at Parks Victoria, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for your contributions.

Many thanks

Matthew Jackson
Chief Executive Officer




Budja Budja
Neighbourhood
House

**Budja Budja
Neighbourhood
House**

**Will be closed from
Friday
21st December 2018
Re-open Wednesday
2nd January 2019**

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Safe New Year**

Budja Budja Neighbourhood House operates under an auspice agreement with Budja Budja Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd. ABN 49 923 294 850



Budja Budja
Neighbourhood
House

Lee-Anne and Alison are working hard on the 2019 program for Budja Budja Neighbourhood House. If you have any activities that you would like to see in Halls Gap please call us on 5356 4751 option 2 or email neighbourhoodhouse@budjabudjacoop.org.au

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

Like our Halls Gap Community
Association Facebook Page

Like our Halls Gap Community
Watch and Events Facebook Page

Knock knock
*Who's there?
-Mary!
*Mary who?
-Merry Christmas



Gumleaf Market
3rd Sunday most months
Halls Gap Hall
8:30am - 2pm

Handmade crafts, plants, seasonal veg-
gies, treats for the home, scrapbooking supplies, books,
healthcare & lots lots more.

Market Cafe open from 8am for breakfast.

Come along & enjoy a beautiful day out in The Grampians.
See you there.

To book a stall please call Clive 0400 745 261
Follow us on Facebook facebook.com/gmithonline

Friends of Grampians Gariwerd

FOGG held their AGM on 30 November 2018 in our beautiful
Botanic Gardens. It was a great evening for a BBQ and
meeting, though we had a great interest from the kookabur-
ras.

We have some new faces on our committee



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
- 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.