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FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

WRAP UP...

Thanks for all the articles for this month. It is such a busy time for everyone and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

A few activities happening early in the month are:

- Sunday 3 March Parks & FOGG Clean up Australia day— page 9
- Friday 8 March-International Women's Luncheon - page 4
- Sunday 10 March—HG Primary School Labour Day Weekend market-Page 6
- 16-21 March—Grampians Texture—page 10
- Saturday 23 March HG Comedy Festival - page 2

Enjoy what HG has to offer and if you have an event you would like to highlight in the next edition get it in to us by the 24 March.

STATS BY CHAS...

February 2019

36.0mm for February bringing the progressive total for 2019 to 40.0mm. This compares to the same period last year of 20.0mm for February with a progressive total of 37.0mm.

As of the 27th of February Lake Bellfield is holding 59,440ML or 76% full compared to the same period last year of 67,100ML or 85% full. The total system is holding 220,720ML or 39.39% full compared to the same period last year of 293,690ML or 52.42% full.

Mount William received 32.4mm for February bringing the progressive total for 2019 to 35.0mm. This compares to the same period last year of 33.8mm with a progressive total of 57.0mm.

The highest temperature of 33.6 C was recorded on the 3rd of February and the lowest of 2.3 C was recorded on the 13th of February. The highest wind speed of 91 km/h was recorded on the 12th of February.

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koovana season of eels - late summer (late january to late march) A Parched Landscape Late summer (season of eels or kooyangl is the hottest and driest time of the year. The risk of bushfire (Piikorda) is high.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR

Streams dry up.

Step back in time...

Yes! Halls Gap used to have a train service operated by the family of Mr **Bruce Young back** in the 60's



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS

This is an "umbrella" organisation for the Botanic Garden, the Wildflower Show, the Film Society, the Walking track Support Group, the website, as well as supporting Run the Gap, the Community Garden, Landcare, plus having funds available to help other causes.

The next meeting is on March 4 and we would welcome new folk. We lost our treasurer Kayleen Urqhart when the family moved to Horsham. We have someone acting, but would love to have a replacement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Association of Halls Gap

* Treasurer

Budja Budja Neighbourhood House

 Volunteers to help with activities and staffing the House when Alison and Lee-Anne have to attend meetings etc

Halls Gap Community Garden

Volunteers to help water, plant and weed

Botanical Gardens

Volunteers for 2nd Wednesday Working Bees

If you would like to volunteer please contact us at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House on 5356 4751 or email us at:

neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

REMINDER

Please remember we have a Halls Gap Community webpage. 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 make sure you 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.

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

HALLS GAP RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

change of date

Due to a clash of venue bookings the HGRRA has changed the date of its first meeting and AGM for 2019.

Please note that the scheduled March meeting has been postponed and will now be held on Wednesday April 10 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of Centennial Hall.

The general meeting will be preceded by the AGM. Pop the new date in your diary and come along to see what issues are of interest to your fellow residents and/or ratepayers.

AUSTRALIAN HEARING BUS VISITING HG



Australian Hearing will have a bus outside the Halls Gap information centre Thursday 7 March from 9am to 3pm conducting free hearing checks. It is great this service can come to our community. So if you are in town access this service.

Aaron

E: Aaron.Schultz@hearing.com.au

The Australian Hearing Bus is coming to town!



HALLS GAP POLICE

Hoping everyone has had a good break over the holiday season and now the kids are back at school let's get down to business..

Once again, deer shooters/poachers are on the rise around town and given the dry seasons we are having and lack of feed we are seeing big numbers of deer hanging around town over this summer. This is attracting deer 'trophy' hunters to our area. As some of you may be aware, one of our locals was out for his morning walk a few weeks ago when he came across a male shooting at deer into the bushland about 50 metres in front of where he was walking. There was also another report last week of a car load of males dressed in full camo clothing eyeing off deer next to the Kookaburra Restaurant in the middle of the night. As you are all aware we cannot be everywhere all the time and we are asking local residents to assist us by keeping an eye out for any vehicles driving slowly around the area and acting suspiciously mainly after dark or early hours in the morning. We strongly recommend people do not approach these hunters as they generally are in possession of firearms. Mobile phones are a great source of capturing registrations plates or helping us to identify vehicle makes/models. If you believe someone is acting suspiciously, please contact '000' asap. If you don't feel comfortable contacting '000' our door is always (well most of the time) open 7

We don't know what happens around town if nobody tells us.....

Thanks for all your help Karen & Kellie Halls Gap Police

HALLS GAP COMEDY FESTIVAL

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Seriously funny, world-class, live comedy in Halls Gap







AND MORE TO COME...

Where: Halls Gap Centennial Hall, Grampians Road When: Saturday March 23rd

Time: Show starts 7pm;

Festival Bar: Open from 5.30pm

Tickets: available at EventBrite
"Halls Gap Comedy Festival"

Shuttle bus available from Stawell and Pomona check Eventbrite website for details

brought to you by





The comedy festival is back on this year, 7pm on Saturday 23 March.

This year has fantastic acts on again and it is a wonderful night out. Angeline has got buses for transport organised as well this year. There will be a couple more acts which will be announced later. In addition, Angeline has put the call out for any local people that want to try and do a 2 minute stand up act. Angeline said "I think that will be fun if I get anyone brave enough:-)"

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Angeline at the motel or on her mobile 0412 354 933.

Website "Halls Gap Comedy Festival" the link is https://hallsgapcomedyfestival.weebly.com/

Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite. The link is https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/halls-gap-comedy-festival-2019-tickets-56955609762

BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

So much is happening at the Neighbourhood House in March.

Drop in check out our new program or check it out at the https://hallsgapcommunity.org.au

Highlights:

- * International Women's Day Luncheon
- * Get to know your IPAD & Mobile
- * After School Club—Thurs from 3.30
- * Pomonal/Halls Gap Playgroup Story Time
- * Sewing & Upcycling
- Yarn Group Gathering
- * And so much more

Contact Lee-Anne and Alison on 5356 4751 neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au



9-11am HLTAID 001 CPR - \$65 9-3pm HLTAID 002 Provide first aid - \$155 29th April Book by 23rd April





6-10pm SITHFAB002 RSA - \$105 Friday 14 June 10-2pm SITXFSA001

10-2pm SITXFSA001 Food Handlers \$105 Saturday 15th June Book by 21st May





Numbers limited bookings essential

House





BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap 3381

PH: 03 53564751

www.budjabudjacoop.org.au

MARCH 2019

Dr Emily Harrison 5-8

Dr Emily Harrison 12-15

Dr Susan Lewis 19-22

Dr Susan Lewis 26-29

Be SunSmart



Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70.

The good news is that using <u>sun protection</u> will cut your risk of skin cancer at any age, no matter if you are 6 months or 60

Slip

Slop

Slap

Seek

Slide











HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL





Today Hannah and Kaylie from Parks Victoria came to Halls Gap Primary. They helped the whole school in Clean up Australia Day. Then we all walked up to Venus Baths picking up

rubbish. We had fun knowing we were helping the environment. We would like to thank Hannah and Kaylie, all the teachers and five parents that helped us make Halls Gap a better place.



In the past fortnight we have been walking up to the pool every day (except Wednesdays) and been having swimming lessons with Ange. The swim teachers taught us all very important skills to staying alive in the water. On the last day of swimming, we did a survival race. We did 10 laps of survival strokes and 5 minutes of treading water all in heavy clothes. Also, we have one student who is representing Halls Gap in the regionals swimming which is Arlo Hastings.

学校

Finally, we have a new Chinese teacher Miss Ling who is already doing a fantastic job in teaching the students new and exciting things about the Chinese culture.

By Matilda Tobin-Bain and Johnno Baker



Don't forget the Halls Gap market will be held over the long weekend.

This outdoor market features home grown, home made arts, crafts, clothes and produce. School parents serve hot and cold refreshments along with a barbecue featuring delicious egg and bacon rolls. All proceeds go to the Halls Gap Primary School.

Come and support your local Primary School with this wonderful market.



BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

The next step with our fountain is to do the paving surrounding it, but that will have to wait for a few weeks until the volunteer responsible has some time available. In the meantime we will start on buying and then installing the furniture for our shade shelter in March or April, thanks to a grant from the Bulgana Windfarm group.

Next working bee Wednesday March 13. Put it in your diary now! There's to be a wedding the following weekend so we want it looking good. We were pleased to be able host the Australian Plant Society members for a picnic tea last week and are very happy to see the garden used and appreciated.

We would welcome more people to join us, either

at our regular 2nd Wednesday of the month working bees, or on their own at a time that suits you. Come regularly or occasionally, every little bit helps. Or give us a donation. Donations over \$50 or equivalent entitles you to a charming certificate to display.



Halls Gap Botanic Garden by Joy Robson

FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD

FOGGS started the year with a bird walk at Brambuk, led by Neil Macumber, followed by a presentation of his photos of birds and animals of our area. It was good to see many local visitors.

Almost all of our activities are open to non members and you can find out more about us on our website. http://



friendsofgrampiansgariwerd.org.au/

Then on March 3 we will be joining in with Clean Up Australia Day. See poster

HISTORY ROOM

when it comes to our roads in the centre of town. When early settlers began to build their homes in what is now called Halls Gap, Stony Creek was not where it is today. A little over 100 years ago it flowed out of the gorge, across the back of where

This is the story of why Halls Gap has a headache

where it is today. A little over 100 years ago it flowed out of the gorge, across the back of where the School and the Police station now stand, over the oval area and along the back of Tim's Place, Gariwerd Motel and the telephone exchange. It then joined Fyans Creek north of the present Delleys Bridge.

Enter one Freddy Paasch, a Danish sailor who "jumped ship" up north, headed south, found little-known Halls Gap and decided to stay. He settled on land close to where the present Stony Creek stores now stand and planted an orchard. Being some distance from a good water supply, Freddy decided to dig a gutter from Stony Creek, where it left the gorge, down to his orchard. All was fine until the inevitable downpour caused the creek to flood. Rather than the floodwaters spreading out across the valley floor, they headed off down the gutter, which eroded away and became the new (and permanent) Stony Creek.



Main Street Halls Gap, looking north prior to the Halls Gap Public Hall and Stoney Creek Bridge being built in 1956.

Prior to this disaster happening, the then Shire of Stawell council had surveyed the road system for the town. This allowed for two roads to pass through the main part of town.

Heath Street was to be the main thoroughfare (which is why its easement is wider than that of Grampians Road) and what is now called School Road followed the line of the early bush track at a higher level. After Stony Creek had carved out its new course, a ford and then a bridge was built where the new Stony Creek cut through School Road.

Shops were built in the same area where they are today. They were accessed from School Road through what is now the main parking area. It was not until 1956 with increasing traffic that Stony Creek Bridge was built to provide better access to the shops.

So that is why the present main road is no wider than a service road!

PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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







Parks Victoria's 2019 Active April

Grampians National Park

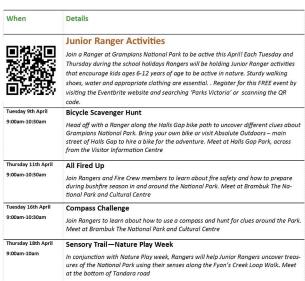
Move for You... Move for your Health...



When	Details	
	Active walk with a Ranger	
	Join a Ranger to walk trails surrounding Halls Gap every Wednesday for the month of April. Getting out and active in nature has proven benefits for our mental and physica wellbeing. Parks Victoria are encouraging visitors this April to get out and get active in Parks around Victorial Sturdy walking slotes, water and appropriate oldthing are essential. Register for this FREE event by visiting the Eventbrite website and searching 'Parks Victoria' or scanning the QR code.	
Wednesday 3rd April 9:00am-10:30am	Chatauqua Peak	
	5.6 km Circuit. Meet at the Halls Gap recreation oval	
Wednesday 10th April 9:00am -10:30am	Splitters Falls	
	4 km return. Meet at the trailhead to Venus Baths at the Botanical Gardens	
Wednesday 17th April 9:00am-10:30am	Sundial Peak	
	4.2km return. Meet at Sundial car park	
Wednesday 24th April 9:00am-10:30am	Boronia Peak	
	6km return. Meet at the trailhead at the bottom of Tandara road	



Premier's Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It's free, it's fun and it's part of the Victorian Government's commitment to get nore people active and healthy. Start small – remember every little bit counts.



Free - Limit of 15 Junior Rangers per program, please register for this event















This year for Clean Up Australia Day, we are seeking helpful volunteers and groups to assist with removing windblown rubbish from Grampians National Park and surrounding reserves.

Are you a community member or visitor of Grampians National Park? Would you like to volunteer this Clean Up Australia Day to help remove rubbish from the National Park? Parks Victoria along with community groups FOGGs, Cliff Care and Wimmera 4WD, will be hosting the community Clean Up Australia Day and invite you to join us on the day!

When: Sunday March 3rd 2019

Meet: Halls Gap Park (near the pool)

Time: 8:30am - 1pm Followed by a free BBQ lunch to say thank you!

Things to bring: Gardening gloves, hat, water bottle and weather appropriate clothing. Some safety gear will be provided

Register: Visit the ParkConnect website below and search 'Clean Up Australia Day' in Grampians National Park or follow the QR code. www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/

Contact Hannah Auld at Parks Victoria for more information (03) 8427 2787 or one of the volunteer groups













The annual Grampians Texture is about to start. If you are interested in textiles and art there are many things to see.

There is are small number of workshop vacancies still available, check our website out for more information: www.grampianarts.com.au

5 - 7 pm —Saturday 16 March

Grampians Texture Twilight Makers Market where students and tutors sell their wares. This should be a busy evening as the market is being advertised extensively locally. *The market will be at the GrampianArts Market Place at the Halls Gap Community Centre*

8 am—5 pm Sat 16—Thur 21 March GrampianArts Market Place:



Halls Gap Community Centre
A large number of specialty art and textile

supplies: expect to find books, threads, fibres, vintage buttons, designer fabrics, yarns, supplies for felt making, supplies for dyeing, silk scarves, hand dyed treads and fibres, vintage kimonos and much more. Not all sellers are there every day.

Alan Hobbs 0 4 6 8 3 3 3 8 6 6



* SCISSORS

* KNIVES

Will be at GrampianArts Market Place Sunday and Monday

Artist in residence:

This year we have Victorian Surf Coast basket maker/sculpture Caroline Hawkins as our artist in residence. Call in and say hi, pull up a chair and start making. She will be in the



GrampianArts Market Place area working with plant materials, fabric and wool remnants and found materials.

Special Exhibitions in Halls Gap for Grampians Texture



Kookaburra Hotel: 125—127 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap

Exhibition open daily except Monday. 16 March - 30 April

STITCHED OUT: artist Glen Mast Stitched and painted textile work on paper and fabric



MOCO Gallery: 475-481 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap.

Exhibition open daily 10–5. & Fri/Sat evening. Monday 5
March - to Saturday 21 April 21, 2018

MOCO Gallery serves great coffee and is a nice place for lunch or to catch up after class.

EARTHLINES: Artist - Strata Art Collective

Fire, Water, Earth, Air. Five local Artists come together with their own interpretation of the Grampians, using the four elements that have shaped our surrounding environment. Come see contemporary works using the mediums of glass, metal, encaustic wax, paintings and fabric.



Halls Gap Estate Winery. 4133 Ararat – Halls Gap Road Halls Gap.

Open 11 - 5 Wed/ Sun. 11 am - 5 pm. 17 March - 30 April

WANDERINGS IN A SACRED LAND – Artist: Wayne Dickson

A sculptural exhibition. With a deep value in recycling and promoting the impurities within discarded metals, Wayne has been able to assemble organic forms with a natural approach which enhances the recycled metals.

For more information:

textures@grampianarts.com.au / 0428825971 www.grampianarts.com.au

GRAMPIANS TEXTURE



The Grampians Texture annual workshop series continues to grow from strength to strength. Each year sees some of your favourite tutors return along with new tutors offering workshops to entice you to explore different mediums, techniques and processes. We aim to offer a diverse workshop program led by Australian and international textile tutors. Workshops are suitable for beginners to experienced artists.

Set in Halls Gap in the stunning Grampians National Park, (western Victoria) 2 day (Sat/Sun) and 4 day (Mon-Thur) and 6 day master classes (Sat - Thur) workshops are available.

There will be a Twilight Market on the Saturday at the Stony Creek shops in Halls Gap.

Join other students and tutors for evening meals, exhibitions, bushwalks and more.

A full program of activities will be forwarded to enrolled participants in February. Partners, family and friends are welcome at all evening activities. There will be a selection of textile traders selling all manner of textile related products in Halls Gap.

Grampians Textures is a project of GrampianArts, a not for profit organisation that strives to provide opportunities for artists to extend their skills and showcase their work. It is supported by Halls Gap Tourism & Northern Grampians Shire Council.

Explore new skills and be inspired!

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ALL THOSE ZUCCHINIS

We have been donated zucchinis at the Budja Budja Neighbourhood house. After discussing our favourite receipts to use up the glut of zucchinis I was requested to share a good friend of mine (no longer with us) recipe—So here it is...

Jess Howards recipe for Zucchini Chocolate Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- 1½ cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- ½ teaspoon salt

Method:

Cream oil, eggs, sugar, vanilla & milk
Add dry ingredients then grated zucchini
Pour into a greased 9"X13" (23cmX33cm) pan.
I used 9"X9" (23cmX23cm) cake tin
Sprinkle top with chopped nuts and chocolate chips (this means no icing!)
Bake 350°f (180°c) for 45minutes to 1 hour
Leave in tin to cool, then slice.

Store in refrigerator.

This cake freezes well. It is good made with wholemeal flour. Jess has used melted margarine in place of oil.

Happy eating

Alison Bainbridge



Send us your favourite Zucchini recipe for the next edition of FTG



The Grampians Film Society evenings are held from January to November. 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.

Membership is only \$45 annually, \$25 half-year or \$15 for three consecutive months. Contact Janet Witham 03 5356 4300 or Alison Bainbridge 0417 883 445 for more information.

Come along and enjoy viewing, being entertained and discussing the merits of films we screen. We endeavour to cater for a variety of tastes as well as have a fun social night.

Screening Date: Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7.30pm

Screening Venue: Stawell Neighbourhood House, 42 Sloane Street, Stawell Film: The Zookeeper's Wife, 2017, Drama based on a true story

When Germany invades Poland, Luftwaffe bombers devastate Warsaw and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals killed, or stolen away to Berlin, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski begin smuggling Jews into the empty cages.

As the war escalates Jan becomes increasingly involved in the anti-Nazi resistance. Ammunition is buried in the elephant enclosure and explosives stored in the animal hospital. Plans are prepared for what will become the Warsaw uprising. Through the ever-present fear of discovery, Antonina must keep her unusual household afloat, caring for both its human and animal inhabitants - otters, a badger, hyena pups, lynxes - as Europe crumbles around them.



Screening Date	Film	Venue
23 rd January 2019	White Lion - South African 2008 - Drama	Halls Gap
27 th February 2019	A Man Called Ove, Swedish 2015 Comedy/ Drama	Halls Gap
27 th March 2019	The Zookeeper's Wife – 2017 Drama based on a true story	Stawell
24 th April 2019	Brooklyn – UK 2015 - Drama	Halls Gap
22 nd May 2019	Whisky Galore – UK 1949 – Classic Comedy	Halls Gap
26 th June 2019	The Imitation Game — UK 2014 — Drama based on a true story	Stawell
24 th July 2019	Unforgiven – USA 1992 - Western	Halls Gap
28 th August 2019	Women on the 6th Floor — French 2011 - Comedy	Halls Gap
25 th September 2019	A Street Cat Named Bob – UK 2016 – Drama based on a true story	Stawell
23 rd October 2019	Fences – USA 2016 – Drama	Halls Gap
27 th November 2019	Ali's Wedding – Aust. 2017 - Comedy	Halls Gap

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Jenny, Alison and Tammy
Please email your articles and photos to us
by the 25th of each month to:

neighbourhood.house@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



Out of the mouths of children....

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," instructed the teacher during a lesson. One small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.
"Sure," said the young boy confidently. 'It means carrying a child."



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
- Budja Budja Neighbourhood House check the program at the house and online
- Check Social Coffee catch-ups at Brambuk
 11am on the first Tuesday of the month.
- 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.