

Issue: May 2019

# FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association  
& Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

## WRAP UP...

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### FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



#### gwangal moronn

season of honey bees - autumn  
(late march to june)

#### Sunrises, Bees and Flocking Birds

Autumn (the season of native  
honey bees or gwangal moronn) is  
when the country starts to cool  
down after the summer heat.

We got through Easter and the School Holidays. But don't think things are quietening down...

The Grape Escape 4-5 May, Biggest Morning Tea on 23 May and Run the Gap 26 May.



Along with regular activities in town and the region including petanque, every Saturday from 2pm, Grampians Film Society on 22 May at Centenary Hall, Pomonal Market on 26 May and the many activities at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

Halls Gap rubbish bins/cockatoos issue has had a lot of traction in social media. Try to follow this up in the next issue.

**Don't forget this is the time to get your Flu shot.** Contact Budja Budja Medical Centre on 5356 4751.

## STATS BY CHAS...

### April 2019 - Rainfall

14.5mm for April bringing the progressive total for 2019 to 66.5mm. This compares to the same period last year of 35.0mm for April with a progressive total 99.0mm.

As of the 24th of April Lake Bellfield is holding 53,560ML or 68% full compared to the same period last year of 62,020ML or 79% full. The total system is holding 194,350ML or 34.69% full compared to the same period last year of 261,700ML or 46.71% full.

As of the 30th of April Mount William received 35.8mm. This compares to the same period last year of 61mm. The highest temperature of 22.9 C was recorded on the 16th of April and the lowest of 0.5 C was recorded on the 27th of April.

The highest wind speed of 98 km/h was recorded on the 21st of April.

## 2019 Anzac Dawn Service





It is still so dry, but the garden is coping quite well. There has been a slight delay in the arrival of the furniture for the shade shelter, but it should be soon. Saturday May 4 is the National Australian Botanic Gardens Day. We are not doing anything special as it is the Grape escape weekend, but we may put up a poster or two inviting people to take a look at us.

**The next working bee is Wednesday 8 May**

## FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD NEWS



Archeologist Ben Gunn led us on another fascinating excursion to view Aboriginal Art sites on April 13th. It is a real privilege to have someone with his expertise explaining rock art to us.

As well as learning much about the art, there was much discussion about the management of art site protection, including with a representative from a responsible climbing organisation (Cliff Care), who was of the opinion that most climbers would respect the cultural art if they knew more about it, and specifically where it is. She herself is a caring respectful climber, but acknowledges that there is a minority who couldn't care, even if told.

Unfortunately our next planned activity has had to be cancelled. On Saturday May 11 we were to be having a working bee to tidy up the Red Gum walk in the Victoria Valley but we have decided instead to have the cleanup day as our May activity. Then on Saturday 15th June we plan to meet at Hollow Mountain Carpark and explore Summerday Valley, followed by a visit to Golton Gorge and inspection of new walking track.

## PROJECT PLATYPUS NEWS

### Project Platypus Plantout 2019

**PROJECT  
PLATYPUS**  
UPPER WIMMERA LANDCARE



### Looking for Volunteers:

Sunday 7th July - Pomonal  
Sunday 14th July - Halls Gap  
Sunday 21st July – Jallukar

**Contact Al Stephens [manager@platypus.org.au](mailto:manager@platypus.org.au)  
or 53584410**

Project Platypus is also currently looking for revegetation projects for 2020. Suitable projects will be supplied with trees and guards and planting organised by Project Platypus during July 2020. A fencing incentive payment may also be available to cover the majority of cost for stock exclusion fencing if required for your project. If you have plans for a revegetation corridor or block on your property please get in contact with **Al Stephens [manager@platypus.org.au](mailto:manager@platypus.org.au) or 53584410**



This year's dates are September 28, 29. Put them in your diary now. Some exciting things planned. We have a planning meeting on **Thursday June 6**

### FIRST AID

Some of us attended a refresher course recently at Budja Budja, and discussed defibrillators, which make an enormous difference in the outcome. But do we know where they are, so we can start before an ambulance person arrives? Are any accessible after hours? Should there be a list on the community website? Where would be a suitable place to put an after hours one?



## 2019 Community Clean Up Australia Day Grampians National Park

# Rescheduling of cancelled 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 May 19th 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/](http://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/)

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





## BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap 3381

**PH: 03 53564751**

[www.budjabudjacoop.org.au](http://www.budjabudjacoop.org.au)

MAY 2019	JUNE 2019
<p><u>Dr Diana Jefferies</u></p> <p>1,2,3,4</p> <p>7,8,9,10</p> <p>14,15,16</p> <p>17,21,22,23,24 TBA</p> <p><u>Dr's Stephanie and Ian Partridge</u></p> <p>28,29,30,31</p>	<p><u>Dr David Appleton</u></p> <p>4,5,6,7</p> <p>11,12,13,14</p> <p>18,19,20,21 TBA</p> <p>25,26,27,28 TBA</p>





## BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

April was very busy for us at the Neighbourhood House with our school holiday program and our involvement with Active April activities such as the Stawell Amazing Race, running a first aid course. As well as our regular programs such as Sewing class, Tai Chi, Yoga, Story Time, Walking Group and Yarn group.

**Need your RSA or Food Handlers book in before the 21st May to secure your spot.** Refer to details on our poster right.

May is another busy month. Our major event is our **Biggest Morning Tea** to be held on Thursday **23 May 2019 from 11-1pm**. We are asking people to bring along something yummy to share. Tea/Coffee etc will be supplied. There will be activities, raffles and a wonderful way to catch up with friends and make new ones all for a gold coin donation. (Check out the flyer on page 8 for more details)

Cheers

Lee-Anne & Alison



## RSA (SITHFAB002)

**Date:** Friday 14 June 2019

**Time:** 6pm -10pm

**Venue:** Budja Budja Neighbourhood House,  
20-22 Grampians Rd, HALLS GAP

**Cost:** \$105



## Food Handlers (SITXFSA001)

**Date:** Saturday 15 June 2019

**Time:** 10am -2pm

**Venue:** Budja Budja Neighbourhood House,  
20-22 Grampians Rd, HALLS GAP

**Cost:** \$105

Enrol before 21st May 2019 by calling Lee-Anne or Alison on 5356 4751 or email: [neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au](mailto:neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au)



Budja Budja  
Neighbourhood  
House



You're  
invited to

## Pomonal & Halls Gap Playgroup 2019

Friday from 9.30am to 11am  
during school terms

### Term 2 Dates & Venue

**Fun Activities @ Pomonal Primary School**  
**Friday 26 April, 10 & 24 May, 7 & 21 June 2019**



@ Budja Budja  
Neighbourhood House

**Friday 3, 17 & 31 May, 14 & 28 June 2019**

For more details contact Jess Mackley on 0428 317 752

Pomonal Primay School, Ararat- Halls Gap Road Pomonal  
Budja Budja Neighbourhood House, 20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap



## SEWING CLASSES AT BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

## Basic and Up-cycling Sewing with Jodi

Always wanted to know how to  
sew and/or how to up-cycle  
your wardrobe - this is the  
course for you.

**From 12 February 2019**  
**Every second and forth Tuesday**  
**10am - 12noon**  
**Gold Coin donation**  
**BYO own sewing machine**

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## VLINE HALLS GAP VALLEY BUS SERVICES

For over 15 years I have been advocating for improved V Line Bus Services in and out of Halls Gap to the rest of the world. It has been a long and rewarding experience.

Last June I decided to approach the Minister of Transport, Jacinta Allan directly to put the case for improved services. I also had the support of the Secretary for Treasury and Finance, Daniel Mulino. Both Offices were very supportive which resulted in an announcement 4 months later from the Minister for Transport that 2 daily services would be servicing Halls Gap from Stawell each day of the week. This was a major break through where the Government saw the need for improved services.

I was surprised at the speed with which this was announced after fierce lobbying from myself. The NGSC also met with the Minister. In October 2018 after the announcement I realised that an improved service could service Halls Gap, Pomonal, Lake Fyans, Stawell Horse Racing Club and Stawell. This could be implemented immediately for little extra cost compared to the direct route from Stawell to Halls Gap along Grampians Road. I wrote to the Minister for Transport whose Office was supportive. They advised Transport for Victoria to convene a meeting with NGSC and to invite me as an interested stake holder. I had made it clear to local councillors and others that I was very keen to push the alternative route via Pomonal. I was never invited to the meeting so the route along Grampians Road was adopted.

There is a lot of local support for the Halls Gap to Stawell route via Pomonal. I am pushing on with this option and expect it to be implemented sooner rather than later. I have letters of support from the Ararat Rural City Council, Pomonal Progress Association, Eastern Grampians Tourism Association, Lake Fyans Holiday Park, WAMA Foundation, Halls Gap Zoo, Wimmera Development Association, Wimmera Mallee Tourism, Grampians Tourism, Community

Association of Halls Gap, Halls Gap Residents and Ratepayers Association. Many individual residents have also expressed strong support. I encourage you now to write to me at [tim@timsplace.com.au](mailto:tim@timsplace.com.au) if you support this idea. I will present all Letters of Support to the Minister for Transport.

I had collected these Letters of Support to show at the meeting to which I was never invited. I apologise to my supporters for this but I have instead sent them to the Minister of Transport, Melissa Horne, the CEO's of Ararat Rural City Council and NGSC.

The CEO of Ararat Rural Shire Council, Tim Harrison and I had a very productive meeting yesterday. He has decided to invite the Minister for Transport to Ararat and to show her first hand the route and explain all the benefits of this concept. Tim Harrison is to be commended for his strong leadership on this issue.

This new route will become the Grampians Silk Route moving people and creating social and commercial wealth for the local communities of Stawell, Lake Fyans, Pomonal, Halls Gap and Lake Bellfield. You can only imagine the potential movement of people to work and social events, older residents and tourists along the route to places of interest of which there are many.

What is our goal? We will aim to have 3 VLine services each day of the year running along the route. There will be low floor buses to move people with wheel chairs or difficulty with movement.

**For your information if you have a person who requires a wheel chair and wishes to travel along this route now then you can ring Sandlant's Bus Company and advise them that a wheel chair bound person needs transport.**

**At the moment the low floor buses are not in use but they will arrange for a wheel chair friendly taxi to come out for the same price as the bus ticket to take the person to their destination. Please ring in advance and they will co ordinate to the bus time of departure.**



Graeme Sandlant and I plan to meet Lake Bellfield residents at the Grampians Adventure Golf cafe within 2 weeks to explain these new services, consider Bus Stop options and even discuss school bus topics. Please contact Denise at the Adventure Golf Course or Tina Baker, a Lake Bellfield resident to register your interest in attending.

After 15 years of lobbying as a Public Transport Advocate I am now very confident of an excellent outcome on this new route. It has the support of local Government, Contractors, Local residents and Businesses, Tourism Leaders. I have been advised through the Wimmera Southern Mallee Project Control Group for Tourism of which I was a member for the last 15 months that the Minister for Transport is also supportive. Any questions please call me 53564288 or email your Letters of support.

Kind Regards Tim Walsh, Tim's Place

## NEW VLINE TIMETABLE

TRANSPORT FOR VICTORIA

VLine

For more information visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)  
or call 1800 800 007

PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT  
VICTORIA PT

### Vline Halls Gap Valley Bus Services - Operates 3 times each day – 7 days a week

From Grampians Garden Caravan Park, Pomonal / Ararat Road through Halls Gap Township along Grampians Road to Brambuk, Lakeside Caravan Park and Lake Bellfield.

#### Time Table

Bus Stops	Monday to Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trip	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trip	1 <sup>st</sup> Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trip	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trip	1 <sup>st</sup> Trip	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trip	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trip
	Start	Start		Start	Start		Start	Start	
Grampians Garden Caravan Park Pomonal Rd	8:15am	1:15pm		7:30am	12Noon		8:45am	12Noon	
Recreation Reserve	8:19am	1:19pm	Start	7:34am	12:04pm	Start	8:49am	12:04pm	Start
Halls Gap CBD Information Centre	8:25am	1:25pm	3:05pm	7:40am	12:10pm	2:15pm	8:55am	12:10pm	2:15pm
Brambuk	8:29am	1:29pm	3:09pm	7:44am	12:14pm	2:19pm	8:59am	12:14pm	2:19pm
Lakeside Caravan Park	8:33am	1:33pm	3:13pm	7:48am	12:18pm	2:23pm	9:03am	12:18pm	2:23pm
Lake Bellfield	8:35am	1:35pm	3:15pm	7:50am	12:20pm	2:25pm	9:05am	12:20pm	2:25pm
Brambuk	8:41am	1:41pm	3:21pm	7:56am	12:26pm	2:31pm	9:11am	12:26pm	2:31pm
Halls Gap CBD Information Centre	9:30am	1:45pm	3:25pm	8:10am	12:30pm	2:35pm	9:30am	12:30pm	2:35pm
Recreation Reserve	9:31am		3:26pm	8:11am		2:36pm	9:31am		2:36pm
Grampians Garden Caravan Park Pomonal Rd	9:35am		3:30pm	8:15am		2:40pm	9:35am		2:40pm

#### Where To Buy Tickets:

- VLine ticket agencies
- Halls Gap Information Centre
- On Bus from the driver

#### Valley Bus Service Fares:

- \$1.20 Concession fare Single ride
- \$2.40 Concession fare Day Return ride
- \$2.40 Full fare Single ride
- \$4.80 Full fare Day Return ride

For further information regarding Public Passenger Transport contact Graeme Sandlant - 0408 508 371 or - 0408 503 149

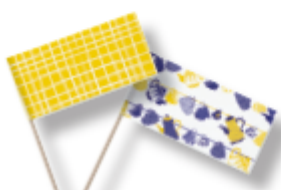
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## Hello EVERYONE

You are invited to an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together, enjoy some tasty treats, and together, we can support those impacted by cancer.

Host	Lee-Anne & Alison
Where	Budja Budja Neighbourhood House
Date	Thursday 23rd May 2019
Time	11 to 1pm
Details	Gold coin donation, bring along a plate to share and catch up with friends
RSVP by	Tuesday 21st May 2019
Phone/Email	5356 4751



Paper scissors rock brew co. opened its doors on Saturday 27th April. They had a chance to party and thank their families, closest supporters, business partners, tradesman, and tourism partners with a small function on the Friday before opening. Good with your new venture in town.



Around 120 people attended the fourth Folk for Refugees, held at Grampians Pioneer Cottages on Saturday 27th April. Those in attendance were treated to live music from local bands and artists, as well as some who had travelled a bit further.

The surprise last minute inclusion of a group known as the Global Collective, from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) in Melbourne, was a definite highlight, with three Ethiopian musicians and their Melbournian drummer delighting crowds with their catchy world beats.

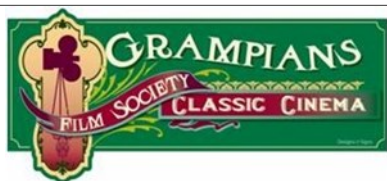
Organiser Corinne Leahy was really pleased with the smooth running of the evening and the overwhelmingly positive feedback she had received from attendees. She would like to express her sincere gratitude to those who bought tickets and the many hands that helped make the event a success. The total funds raised was \$4000, which will be donated to the ASRC.



**Pomonal Village Market** on the last Sunday of the month - 26th May 2019 from 10am to 2pm, Pomonal Community Hall.

If you are interested in becoming a stall holder please contact Alison Bainbridge, Market Coordinator on 0417 883 445.





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.

**Try before you buy and come along as our guest.** 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 22 May 2019 at 7.30pm

**Screening Venue:** Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap  
**Film:** Whisky Galore, UK 1949 -Comedy



Whisky Galore! Ranks among the most popular and best-loved of Ealing Studio's comedies, included on the British Film Institute's list of the 100 Best British films of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

When a ship carrying 50,000 cases of whisky runs aground, the inhabitants of a Scottish island cannot resist the temptation to replenish their depleted supplies. Only an English Home Guard captain, brilliantly played by Basil Greenwood, stands in their way.

## Trees for Mum

The project is supported by funding through the Victorian Government's Victorian Landcare Program



### Stawell Urban Landcare

is again giving away free plants  
as a living legacy to mums

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

**at Mother's Day Classic**

North Park, Stawell

[www.treesformum.com](http://www.treesformum.com)





## HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Halls Gap Primary school has roared back into life for the beginning of Term 2. Students and Teachers alike returned from their Easter sojourn with fresh minds eager to learn.

Over the Easter holidays the school held its annual Easter Market which was a rip-roaring success. The support from visitors to Halls Gap and the local community alike meant that all the helpers were kept very busy for the day. The school is very appreciative of the support of our dedicated volunteers who spent the day selling sausages, egg and bacon rolls and helping sell raffle tickets on Easter Sunday. We couldn't do a day like this without you!

All classrooms spoke about the significance of ANZAC day. Students spent time reflecting on why we commemorate and remember those who served for our country. Many students attended ANZAC services in the local community or took the chance to watch

the ANZAC march on TV.

Students have been sweating it out on the oval in preparation for the upcoming Athletics carnival. All grades have been eagerly preparing for their track and field events. We have been practicing our marching every morning in preparation for the opening ceremony of the Athletics carnival as we look to retain our marching crown.

By Mr Edge's Grade 4,5 and 6 Class

***Good luck to all the schools  
with the Athletics Carnival  
day on Friday 10 May –Ed.***







# ÁINE TYRRELL

'Return To The Sea'

# CLAIRE ANNE TAYLOR

'All The Words'

## DOUBLE ALBUM LAUNCH

Pomonal Community Hall, Pomonal (VIC)

FRIDAY MAY 10

DOORS  
6 PM

TICKETS:  
[www.claireannetaylor.com](http://www.claireannetaylor.com)  
[www.ainetyrrell.com](http://www.ainetyrrell.com)  
[www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)



New Albums  
Out Now

## Halls Gap Action Plan: Stage 1

### Project Plan -Construction update for Council 10 April 2019

#### Deliverables & Timing

The project designs commenced 31 May 2018 when the funding was announced by the Minister for Regional Development.

Project Deliverables as specified in the [Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund submission](#)

Construction timing is still on schedule for the Grant works, but has been delayed by months due to holdups with the survey work, Consultants designs, and delays with VicRoads, Committee of Management / DELWP, Building permit and other approvals. The resignation of the overall Project Manager has also meant a loss of background knowledge on various project components, as well as community consultation / meetings on hold pending her replacement. Considerable time has been spent on obtaining suitable / alternative suppliers of some of the Consultant specified materials at costs within the limited budget. The project was held up with the late inclusion of the Artwall into Project 5-the Southern Entry Statement work.

See following works update as at 10 April 2019:-

#### PROJECT 1: STONEY CREEK BRIDGE AND BOARDWALK

No plans have been located for the existing pedestrian bridge and this had to be measured up and new sketch plans made. Hansen Consultants were not able to carry out the upgrade work and a local Structural Engineer was engaged to carry out a preliminary inspection and report on the existing Vicroads pedestrian and road bridges. That report recommended several options for the pedestrian upgrade, however Vicroads conditions meant that we could not proceed as planned. Vicroads has now agreed to hand back ownership of the pedestrian bridge to Council which will allow the design work to proceed as a separate structure. Unfortunately, no structural work will be able to be carried out to the existing road bridge, which will affect the overall aesthetics. It is proposed to proceed with the final design, but that the bridge works be deferred until the other works are completed. This should not affect the adjacent path and boardwalk works to any degree as the deck levels will be fixed. It is also proposed to save design costs by using a similar new pedestrian bridge design for the west side, plus next to the School Rd bridge, if future funds could be obtained.

#### Project 2: Peaks Trailhead Connection

While this project is not part of the currently funded works, an application has been made for funding under the Australian Heritage Grants program. If a grant is not announced by the Federal election cut-off date, then timing will remain unclear. Both the School Rd and Grampians Rd works have been designed and are being built to accommodate the future connection at each end. There has been a very noticeable increase in GPT users with many leaving their cars in the School Rd carparks. Carparking needs to be flagged as an emerging issue for Halls Gap and be included in any future strategic planning and /or developments.

#### Project 3: Raised Pedestrian Crossing [Grampians Rd]

The consultants design for the main crossing and associated works had been held up and has required Council staff to redesign the levels and some of the paving elements, plus the electrical lighting design and plan is still to be finalised. Their cost estimate was considerably over the budget and staff are currently reviewing all aspects of the design and materials to try and cut it back to the available budget, without compromising the overall concept plan. eg/. The crossing lights are over \$36K, the granite pavers for the main crossing have been quoted at \$31k [and 3 mths delay], the granite tactile tiles each side have been quoted at \$18k, not including delivery and installation costs. Materials are currently being ordered and arrangements made for final Vicroads approvals. The western side carpark changes, the paving, bike path changes, drainage upgrades and associated works will be completed by Easter, except for 2 x pram ramps near the rotunda which need to stay in place until the very end of works. The number of car bays has been increased in the new design. Consent has been obtained from the adjacent landowner to store materials and to use the vacant lot for the eastern part of the footpath works and the main works compound will be shifted across from the carpark before Easter, freeing up the carpark and altered bike path for immediate use. Due to the above delivery problems, the main crossing concrete slab and pavers will be delayed by around 3 months, however this will allow all of the east side kerb and path works to commence in the week after Easter. The project will be complex to construct, with changes to traffic movements required and pedestrian access to be maintained to all businesses at all times. A considerable amount of community and business consultation will be required throughout the works. The consent has been obtained from the owners of the Stoney Ck shops for part of the works to extend onto their land adjacent to the Ice Creamery. The footings for the north entry statement have been installed, waiting for the signs to be fitted. The 2nd crossing at the VIC has been designed ok and its installation was always going to depend on any funds remaining after the other projects were completed.

#### PROJECT 4: HEATH STREET UPGRADES

The full site survey was completed and the concept plan for the new Stoney Ck road bridge completed by an external consultant with an application made for Federal funding with the full support of Vicroads and other organisations. If a grant is not announced by the Federal election cut-off date, then timing will become unclear. The above concept plan included a prelim design of Heath St and the intersections at each end. At this stage no further work will be carried out on this project pending funding being confirmed. It is assumed that if funding was secured, then Vicroads would take over the project for the final design and construction phases. It will require a Cultural Heritage Management Plan, a Planning Permit and offsets for removal of Native vegetation as well as various other approvals.



## Halls Gap Action Plan: Stage 1

### Project Plan -Construction update for Council 10 April 2019 cont.....

#### PROJECT 5: SOUTHERN GATEWAY

This project is basically completed except for the final landscaping, lighting of the crossing and erection of the entry statements. The addition of the Artwall to this site complicated planning and approvals, and held up other works but is now basically complete. Due to the changed site, the rear of the wall will be painted a neutral green colour by a local painter next Sunday. The Artists Collective wish to apply for a separate grant to add a more attractive mural type wall at the rear in due course, so that the rear paving has not been installed. The entry statement footings have been installed and the signs are being fabricated in Ballarat, for installation in about 2 weeks time. The caravan park entry works are complete except for line marking. The park lessees have also upgraded their front nature strip and gardens to good effect. Landscaping and the lighting can only be installed when designs are finalised. The smaller VIC crossing will only proceed if funds remain after all other works completed and funds available.

#### PROJECT 6: SCHOOL ROAD UPGRADE

This work is basically complete with line marking and signs to be installed shortly. The main carpark near pool will be remarked and extra bays included. The new dual use path has been completed for nearly 600m with an initial emulsion seal applied. Hotmix and line marking will be arranged in conjunction with other hotmix works on Grampians Rd. The dual use path each side of the Stoney Ck bridge has been designed to accommodate a future separate dual use bridge on the west side of the existing bridge. That work would require separate funding at some future date. The school crossing TAC grant has been acquitted.

#### PROJECT 7: REAR LANEWAY COMMERCIAL EXPANSION

The site survey has been completed and the proposed creation of the rear laneways is underway. The original subdivision format and process as planned had to be changed due to overly restrictive Bushfire Management Plan requirements that would have been triggered with a conventional subdivision. Consent has been obtained from all landowners and works are being carried out to allow better use for car parking on the Council owned lot. With the agreement of the main landowners, the rear fences have been removed and re-erected on the new rear boundary lines. Services have been located and associated preliminary works carried out, including delivery of pipes for a new drainage line to be installed along the main laneway. This will allow future development of the vacant lots to proceed. The access road design will commence shortly, and while there are no current funds for their full construction, it is hoped to at least get the basic earthworks and main drainage line installed with the current funding, to allow public use of the access lanes pending further future funding. Additional car parking, traffic and pedestrian signs will need to be installed as soon as the laneways become legal rights of way.

Allan Ralph

Project Site Manager

10 April 2019

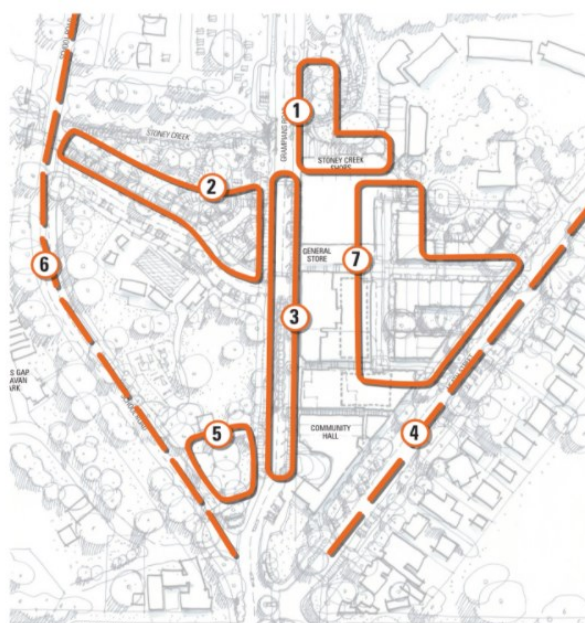


Figure 21: Priority Actions

22 Housien Partnership Pty Ltd in association with Northern Grampians Shire Council

#### PRIORITY ACTIONS

Complementing the Sketch Framework prepared for Halls Gap is an 'Action Plan' of Priority actions and future initiatives. These are the key concepts which should underpin further planning and design work, changes to the Northern Grampians Shire Planning Scheme and future public works. The Priority Actions represent key initiatives which Council can take an active role in pursuing in the shorter term, and which can deliver on the vision established through the framework. These seven Priority Actions are supported by a further eight initiatives which complement these priority actions.

-  **PROJECT 1:**  
STONEY CREEK BRIDGE & BOARDWALK
-  **PROJECT 2:**  
PEAKS TRAILHEAD CONNECTION
-  **PROJECT 3:**  
RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
-  **PROJECT 4:**  
HEATH STREET UPGRADE
-  **PROJECT 5:**  
SOUTHERN GATEWAY
-  **PROJECT 6:**  
SCHOOL ROAD UPGRADE
-  **PROJECT 7:**  
REAR LANEWAY COMMERCIAL EXPANSION

## PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



Healthy Parks  
Healthy People

With the influx of visitors over Easter and the school holidays, and a full schedule of upcoming park operations it is a busy couple of months for the local Parks Victoria team.

### Ranger Guided Activities

During the Autumn school holidays over 40 kids and their families joined Park Rangers on Junior Ranger activities, including a bicycle scavenger hunt, compass challenge, sensory trail and all-fired up. The Victorian Government initiative – Active April was also taking place which saw over 40 visitors join Rangers for an ‘Active Walk’ every Wednesday for the month of April.

### Clean Up Australia Day

Now that the weather has cooled down, the reschedule for ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ is happening on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, hot weather caused the original event to be postponed in March. If you would like to volunteer for the morning with other community groups we will be meeting at the Halls Gap Park (opposite the Visitor Information Centre) at 8:30am. Basic safety gear and a free BBQ lunch will be provided after the morning clean-up of the National Park. If you would like further details please email: [Hannah.auld@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:Hannah.auld@parks.vic.gov.au).

### Bush Kinder

Dunkeld Kindergarten held their first Bush Kinder for the year at a site below the Piccaninny, this is the 8<sup>th</sup> year the Bush Kinder has been running. 12 kids gathered together to climb trees, look for bugs and play outside. They will have the opportunity over the next couple of months to keep exploring the area. Parks Victoria assist Kindergartens to facilitate Bush Kinder in various Parks around the state.

### Planned Burns

With milder Autumn weather Forest Fire Management Victoria with the assistance of Parks Victoria will be undertaking a series of planned burns across the park. Priority target areas include Boronia Track to the south east of Halls Gap, Mt William to the east of Grampians Tourist Rd and the west side of the Serra Range. For more information on upcoming planned burns visit: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/planned-burns>

### Pest Animal Control

During May and June, a pest animal control program will be occurring within Grampians National Park and Black Range State Park. This program will target feral goats and deer and be conducted by professional contractors. While the program is being undertaken roads within the target sectors will be closed for public safety. For more information and maps please refer to the change of conditions section on Grampians page of the Parks Victoria Website: <https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park>



Ranger Hannah Auld identifying species with Dunkeld Bush Kinder



## FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Alison, Jenny and Tammy

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Upload your community events details to  
the Community Association webpage:

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## How Children Perceive Their Grandparents

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."



## 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.