

Issue: July 2019

FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

WRAP UP...

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Hope everyone is coping with the cold weather.

Find somewhere warm and enjoy this winter edition of Fill the Gap.

Happy Reading.

STATS BY CHAS...

June 2019 - Rainfall by Chas

170.5mm for June bringing the progressive total for 2019 to 395.5mm. This compares to the same period last year of 124.5mm for June with a progressive total for 2018 of 345mm.

As of the 26th of June Lake Bellfield is holding 53,490ML or 68% full compared to the same period last year of 61,850ML or 79% full. The total system is holding 195,750ML or 34.94% full compared to the same period last vear of 258,300ML or 46.10% full.

Mount William received 153.0mm for June. The highest temperature of 11.1 C was recorded on the 7th of June and the lowest of -1.1 C was recorded on the 22nd of June. The highest wind speed of 113 km/h was recorded on the 10th of <u>June</u>.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



season of nesting birds - early spring (late july to late august)

Nesting Birds and Changeable Weather Early-spring (season of nesting birds or larneuk) is usually the wettest time of the year with rivers running high. It is a time of dramatic weather changes, with up to six seasons in one day.

DEBUTANTES PRESENTED AT HALLS GAP BALL



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



BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap 3381

PH: 03 53564751

JULY 2019	AUGUST 2019	SEPTEMBER
Dr Carol Head 2,3,4,5	Dr Julie Van Andel	Dr Carol Head
9,10,11,12	1,2	3,4,5,6 10,11,12,13
Dr Terence Heng	Dr Carol Head	17,18,19,20
16 ,17,18,19	6,7,8,9	24,25,26,27
23,24,25,26	13,14,15,16	
	20,21,22,23	
Dr Julie Van Andel	27,28,29,30	
30,31		



Book in for your GP Management Plan Today

A **GP Management plan** (GPMP) can help people with chronic **medical** conditions by providing an organised approach to **care**. ... identifies your **health** and **care** needs; sets out the services to be provided by your **GP**; and lists the actions you can take to help manage your condition.



VOICE TREATY TRUTH 07-14 TRUTH JULY 2019 Let's work together for a shared future.

When: 12 July 2019

Time: 11am

Where: Stawell Neighbourhood House



11am Acknowledgement of Country, Smoking Ceremony and Dancers



12:30 Lunch and Activities

















HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

FILL THE GAP - JUNE

On Friday the 7th of June the whole school went down to the Community Garden and we met Chris, Miss Wilkinson's fiancé, and a ute full of manure! They got the manure from fifty horses at the Stawell racing club. We did a bit of a tidy up around the garden and pulled out the some weeds. Our last job was to fill the garden beds with manure.

Thursday the 13th of June Brady and Johnno helped out with cooking the BBQ lunch, the whole school had 1-3 sausages each. There was coleslaw, sauce and onion we had to collect our bread, then our sausage, our toppings and finally it was EATING time! Yum!

In class this month, the Grade 4, 5, and 6's have been writing procedures and learning about imperatives (commands). Mr Edge brought avocado, tomato, ham, salami, onion and chicken for the class to make toasted sandwiches. A lot of people mucked up their procedure commands by saying 'stand your bread up' and 'hold your bread and put ham on your bread' without putting the bread down. The toasties were really nice in this cold weather

The Thanks for all the parent volunteers that came to help at the market. We hope you all had fun at the market.

By Estelle Flannery (Grade 6) & Euan Clark (Grade 5)





Budja Budja Neighbourhood house has had a busy month with RSA, Food Handlers, First Aid, Playgroup, Yarn Group, Tai Chi, Yoga. As well as other regular groups.

The Book Exchange is going well. Remember if you need a book to read drop by and pick up a book or two.

New program for second semester will be out early July.... Watch this space or check out Facebook...

School Holiday program is out and filling fast so contact Alison or Lee-Anne on 5356 4751.



Friday from 9.30am to 11am during school terms

Term 3 Dates & Venue

Fun Activities @ Pomonal Primary School Friday 19 July, 2, 16 & 30 August & 13 September 2019





© Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Friday 26 July, 9 & 23 August, 6 & 20 September 2019

For more details contact Jess Mackley on 0428 317 752

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MAKING A MURAL
PART 1 & 2
WEDNE DOAY 3RD &
16TH JULY
16AM-12NGGN
\$2 PER CHILD



WINTER WCGLLIES FUN THURSDAY 4TH JULY 16AM-12NGGN \$2 PER CHILD

> SAND ART THURSDAY 11TH JULY 16AM-12NGGN \$2 PER CHILD

CGGKING FUN FRIDAY 5TH JULY 16AM-12NGGN \$2 PER CHILD



CLD SKCCL GAMES TUESDAY 9TH JULY 1CAM-12NCCN FREE

CELEBRATING NAIDGE WEEK FRIDAY 12TH JULY 11AM-2PM

AT STAWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



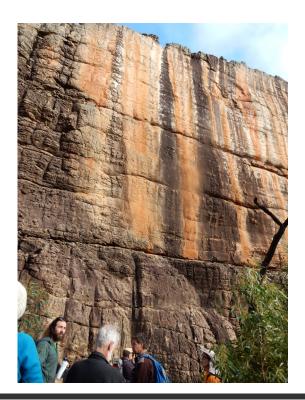
CONTACT LEE-ANNE OR ALISON ON 5356 4751
OR EMAIL:
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & BUDJABUDJACOOP.ORG.AU

HALLS GAP BOTANICAL GARDENS



Pleased to report that we have installed the furniture in the shelter in the Botanic Garden. We now have a wheelchair friendly table setting, a table for working bees and other group events and two bench seats. Thanks to the team who assembled it, and to the Shire and Bulgana Windfarm for the major grant, and Pomonal APS for the top up help.





FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD - FOGG

Clean up Australia Day 2019—take two. Great work everyone involved.



Summer Day Valley outing









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

July we have a mid Winter Casserole Night starting at 6pm.
Bring either casserole or sweets to share.
Screening commence at 7.30pm.

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.

Wednesday 24 July 2019 Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

When prostitute Delilah Fitzgerald (Anna Thomson) is disfigured by a pair of cowboys in Big Whiskey, Wyoming, her fellow brothel workers post a reward for their murder, much to the displeasure of sheriff Little Bill Daggett (Gene Hackman), who doesn't allow vigilantism in his town.

Two groups of gunfighters, one led by aging former bandit William Munny (Clint Eastwood), the other by the florid English Bob (Richard Harris), come to collect the reward, clashing with each other and the







Budja Budja NAIDOC community flag raising and luncheon was held on 2 July 2019. We had over 50 participants from the Ararat, Stawell and Halls Gap Aboriginal Community as well as staff from the medical centre and neighbourhood house. Tim Chatfield, Djab Wurrang Elder welcomed everyone to the Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali country. The children helped Tim to raise the Aboriginal flag.

See page 5 for details of NAIDO celebrations on Friday 12 July 2019 at the Stawell Neighbourhood House.

POLICE

Halls Gap Police and Regional Roads Victoria have been working in collaboration to improve road safety on Mt Victory Road.



Over the next few weeks you will start to see "Drive on the left" signage and white large directional arrows painted on the road at various locations along Mt Victory Road from Halls Gap township to **Falls** McKenzies turn off.



The project has

been initiated after an increase in collisions along this road with the main contributing factor being tourist's confusion regarding the "Drive on the left" in Australia rule.

The Great Ocean Road has experienced similar issues in recent years and they've achieved great



success in improving road safety by using this effective strategy.

We are expecting similar success along Mt Victory Road!

Acting Senior Sergeant Karen Bain Halls Gap Police Ph. 53 564411

AMBULANCE VICTORIA

As a First Responder one of the things that you can do to help us and other Emergency services to



get to you quicker is look at your house number - is it clearly displayed with large numbers, is it reflective? A lot of our jobs are at night time so put as many lights on as possible, even car hazard lights are useful. Seconds and minutes do matter in an Emergency.

Also making sure that we have safe access to your house or property in an Emergency. That may mean moving things in doorways, driveways or even securing your pets. We need to get the Ambulance as close as possible to the scene to allow for safe access and egress.

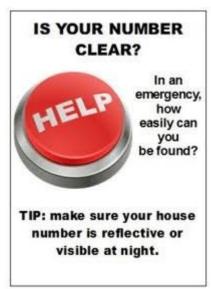
Another thing that we have been discussing this week is AEDs (heart defibrillator) and that we need one in a central location with 24hr access. I am aware that there is a lot of AEDs around town but they are locked up and seconds do matter in a cardiac arrest. You may have seen AEDs around other towns in a box with an alarm on it. I know that there is one in town like this but we need one down the main street. If you have any ideas on how you could help with funds or a shop front that you don't mind putting it on please contact me.

Take care and stay safe,

Kerry Linke

Halls Gap Ambulance Team Leader

0457795405



POMONAL NATIVE FLOWER SHOW

Pomonal **Native** Flower Show is presented by the Australian Plants Society Grampians Group. The show is held over two days, with flowers picked from



private local gardens. Many beautiful native flowers will be on display and this year the theme of the show is 'Native Gardens for Wildlife.' There will also be lots of native plants as well as botany, gardening and natural history books for sale and refreshments available.

Special features will be talks on both days by:

AB Bishop author of 'Habitat: A practical guide to creating a wildlife-friendly Australian garden'. This was 2018's No.1 selling gardening book in Australia.

Denis Crawford author of 'Garden Pests, Diseases and Good Bugs' which is the ultimate illustrated guide for Australian gardeners.



Displays will include:

An art display by the local art group as well as photos of fauna attracted to native flowers.

A people's choice floral arrangement will be ready for your vote.

Local market stalls will be present

Local primary school composting competition

Dates: Saturday 5th October 9am to 5pm

Sunday 6th October 9am to 4pm

Entry Adults: \$5 Children: Free



Native Flower Show

Special feature this year: Native Gardens for Wildlife Pomonal Hall

Sat 5th Oct 9:00 - 5:00 Sun 6th Oct 9:00 - 4:00 Entry \$5, Children free



Flowers Galore! Plant Sales Book Sales Refreshments Information Advice





The Grampians Wildflower Show will be over the last weekend of September - Saturday 28th from 9.30 am to 5pm and on Sunday 29th from 9.30am to

More details in next months edition.

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

Grampians National Park Newsletter

Early June to Late July 2019



In Aboriginal culture, the Grampians National Park and the surrounding landscape is known as Gariwerd. Within this landscape, six distinct weather periods are recognised. These are known as the Gariwerd Six Seasons.

This is the Chinnup (cockatoo) issue. Chinnup is the season of morning frosts, bleak mists and freezing winds - the coldest time of the year.

More information on the six seasons can be found at http://www.brambuk.com.au/gariwerdsixseasons.htm

Put on those winter woollies!

The season of Chinnup is a dynamic time of year - wet, windy and cold weather will define the next few months. The changing of the seasons has already seen an increase in rainfall; waterfalls are coming back to life, snow has fallen on the mountains and the landscape is rejuvenating after a long dry summer.

Chinnup is a vibrant and refreshing time of year to be out in nature. So, with the right clothing, planning and understanding your own limitations, you don't need to stay indoors.

The parks seasonal waterfalls should be first on your bucket list – easier walks to Silverband or Clematis Falls close to Halls Gap, or Beehive Falls in the Roses Gap are great places to start. If you have a little more energy the 9.6km Wonderland Loop from Halls Gap following the picturesque Stony Creek to Wonderland Carpark and then onto the Pinnacle is fantastic; passing small cascades and waterfalls.



Be safe, be prepared

Before you head out in the park this winter here are a few important things you should think about:

- ☑ Weather and sunset: keep track of the winter weather and avoid putting yourself in an uncomfortable situation. With short days it is also wise to check what time the sunsets to avoid being caught in the dark. Weather forecasts can be found at: www.bom.gov.au
- Clothing and equipment: a rain jacket, rain pants and warm layers are essential. Don't forget the beanie and gloves! Take food high in energy and even though it's cold, still take plenty of water. As always, pack a first aid kit, a paper map and a fully charged phone.
- Know your limitations: Do you have the right equipment, fitness and experience to be undertaking that walk? An easy walk can become very challenging if you are under prepared.
- ☑ Let someone know before you go: Make sure you let someone reliable and independent of you know where you are going and when you intend to return. Let them know when you are back so if you don't get in touch with them, they know to raise the alarm.

News and updates

Grampians landscape management plan

In partnership with Traditional Owner groups, Parks Victoria is preparing a new management plan for the Grampians landscape, an area that covers the Grampians National Park and adjacent parks and reserves. It will underpin strategic planning over the next 15 years to ensure that the precious environmental and cultural values of this iconic landscape are preserved for future generations.

Input is sought from local communities, recreational groups, tourism bodies and other stakeholders through a variety of engagement opportunities over the next 12 months.

This is a chance to be part of shaping and conserving the Grampians landscape for the future. More>> https://engage.vic.gov.au/grampians-management-plan.





Volunteer champions

The Grampians team would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have spent time in the park over the first half of 2019. To give a snapshot:

Volunteer groups have spent over 200 hours restoring Golton Gorge Walking Track, 160 hours collecting rubbish, and facilitating educational presentations.

School groups have spent 100 volunteer hours oiling timber infrastructure, 200 hours removing Sallow Wattle and 80 collecting rubbish.

Volunteer Sherpas have spent over 100 volunteer hours helping people with limited mobility get out into the park. 12 new Sherpas have also been trained.

Snow in the Grampians

Snow has already fallen on some of the parks highest areas, including Mt William and Boroka Lookout. Excited visitors came from as far as Horsham and Hamilton to experience the magic of a winter wonderland, with many making the steep and slippery walk to the summit of Mt William.



More snow is likely over the winter months, so remember, if you do venture out, make sure you drive slowly, as snow and ice can make driving treacherous.

Also note it will only snow if the temperature is below zero degrees celsius. To keep up to date with mountain weather, visit the Bureau of Meteorology's Mt William weather station website:

http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDV60801/IDV60801.9 4833.shtml

Harrop Track and Red Rock Road upgrades

Major upgrade works are currently occurring on Harrop Track and Red Rock Road in the Victoria Range Area. This important work will replace old bridges and causeways, providing reliable creek crossings into the future. While this work is occurring access to several visitor sites will be temporarily affected, including Buandik Campground and Picnic Area, Billimina and Manja Shelters. Stay updated by checking the 'Change of Conditions' section on the Grampians National Park page of our website:

www.parks.vic.gov.au

Autumn planned burning

A successful Autumn planned burning season has concluded. Six target areas in the national park were treated as part of the program - reducing the future impact of large scale bushfires. Local crews were assisted by taskforces from as far away as the Victorian Alps. The upcoming winter planned burns program will focus on heathlands, creating a mosaic of burnt and long-unburnt vegetation to promote growth and provide habitat for wildlife.



Park program focus: Learning in Nature Connecting people with nature is fundamental to the work of Parks Victoria, and Learning in Nature is the strategy developed to help facilitate this connection.

In Grampians National Park we have a large range of community programs that align with this strategy. These include Dunkeld and Stawell bush kinder, the Venus Baths ClimateWatch trail, secondary school student work experience program removal of sallow wattle, general park maintenance, environmental education programs and seminars, Junior Ranger school holiday activities and ranger guided walks.

It is a busy schedule, so the park has a dedicated Ranger (Hannah Auld) who manages these programs year-round. Other Rangers also assist, and over summer, Seasonal Rangers join in to boost our capacity.

To find out more about *Learning in Nature* programs across the state head to https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/learn



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Seasonal Flora Species

Flame Grevillea (Grevillea dimorpha)

Classified as rare in Victoria, Flame Grevillea grows up to 2.5 metres high and occurs ir and forest between Halls Gar from 2-20mm wide and are u silvery underneath. Flowering flowers are spider-like, bright re



Seasonal Fauna Species

Gang-gang Cockatoo (Callocephalon fimbriatum)

The Gang-gang Cockatoo is a commonly occurring bird in south-eastern Australia. They grow up to 35cm, are predominantly grey in colour with some lighter scalloping, and the male has a distinct red/orange head. Gang-gangs pair for life and usually return to the same tree every year to breed. They seasonally migrate, spending summers in high altitude tall forests and woodlands, and winters in low and warmer eucalypt forests and woodlands. Boasting a distinct call, it has often been described as sounding like a squeaky gate.



Do you want help identifying species in the field? Download Museums Victoria Field Guide App:

https://museumsvictoria.com.au/apps/field-guide-app-to-victorian-fauna/

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

Stage two of works on the Grampians Peaks Trail are well underway. For the latest information on the project visit:

https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park/plans-and-projects/grampians-peak-trail

Upcoming Events and Activities

For upcoming events and activities in the park please see the *What's On* section on the Grampians National Park page at www.parks.vic.gov.au

Self-Guided Activities

- Venus Baths Climate Watch Trail. Visit http://climatewatch.org.au/trails/grampians-national-park-venus-baths for more information.
- Junior Ranger Activity sheets. Pick up from the Junior Range Stand at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre or download off https://juniorrangers.com.au/

Volunteering

Volunteering with Parks Victoria is a great way to contribute to conserving Victoria's special places and help others do the same. To find out more visit:

https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/get-involved/volunteer

Grampians National Park Programs:

- · Campground Host
- Volunteer Walking Track Ranger
- Sherpa Volunteer Program (TrailRider wheelchair)

Further Information

To stay up to date with the latest park information:



Call 13 1963



Visit Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre, 2.5km south of Halls Gap. Ph: 03 8427 2258.



Go online at www.parks.vic.gov.au. Be sure to check the weekly road report and monthly park access update on the Grampians page.



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JALLUKAR LANDCARE



The Jallukar Landcare group's area covers the Mt William catchment. It extends from the Jallukar forest from the South, Mt Drummond and Lake Lonsdale to the North, Pomonal and surrounds to the West and to the foothills of the Black Range to the East.

Jallukar Landcare group members come from a range of diverse back grounds, large farming families, life style landholders and week enders. For 20 years the enthusiastic group have been involved in a range of projects on private and public land to help make the Jallukar Landcare area a more sustainable landscape.

The group have been involved with planting trees for revegetation in nature corridors, saline areas, creek lines and shelter belts. These areas are fenced to protect them from grazing stock. Other projects have been pasture renovation and the restoration and beautification of Millers Creek in the township of Pomonal. For many years rabbits and weeds have been an issue, the group have carried out extensive work to control these pests. The persistence and diligence of the group has resulted in a reduction of problem weed species and pest animals in the area. The group meet every second month (bimonthly). Group meetings are held in member's homes and usually involve a guest speaker or sometimes a tour. Meetings are organised to engage people in a social and friendly atmosphere. One or the most successful recent projects has been the Jallukar Native Grassland Project. If you are interested in being involved please contact Annette May on Secretary on 03 5356 6321 or email a.t.may@bigpond.com

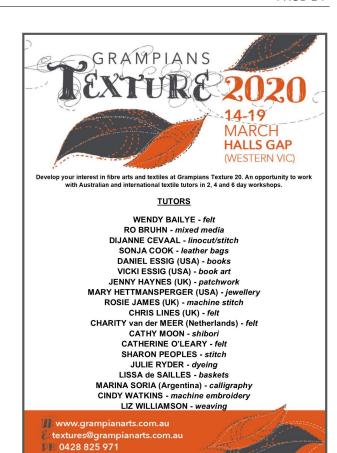




Melbourne Girl's College Visit

In May 2017, 2018 and 2019 we have hosted the Melbourne Girl's College to come along to the Wildflower Nursery at Pomonal for a training day as part of their curriculum for Year 11. The girls have heard how the group started, what we have achieved and what we look forward to achieving in the future. They have learned about Native Grassland species and how prominent they were and important to the indigenous peoples and why it is vital to regenerate. The girls were then divided into two groups to do hands-on seed collection from nursery stock, seed processing and propagation alternatively. The group then visit a site for restoration where the proposed WAMA Wildlife Arts Museum will be. The school have sent a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students.

Condolences to Ian Ivey and family for the passing of Lorraine Rotast on the 15th June 2019.





Write, record and perform your own song with a professional mentor!

> A safe, friendly group for people who experience mental health issues, disability or disadvantage.

Use your NDIS plan If not NDIS funded, \$35 fee per weekend

To register, contact us on 9326 9970 or info@wildatheart.org.au

LIFE IS A SONG

SONGWRITING AND WELL BEING WORKSHOPS AT STAWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

A friendly community space for people who experience mental health challenges or other disadvantage.

Work with professional songwriting faallitators to write your own songs. Across three weekends, build your self confidence, learn skills, express yourself and have a chance to record your song and perform at the Stawell Performing Arts Festivoll

Beginners through to experienced songwriters welcome

"Life Is A Song is better than medicine."

A great chance to meet new people, make friends, work with others and be a part of a a community that supports your well being.

have had. They're happy, making friends, getting out of the house and feeling good about what they have to offer the community.

DATES

Weekend 1 - Sat 27 July 1-4pm, Sun 28 July 11-4pm* Weekend 2 - Sat 10 Aug 1-4pm, Sun 11 Aug 11-4pm* Weekend 3 - Sat 7 Sept 1-4pm + evening gig

* lunch included on Sundays

Stawell Neighbourhood House (42 Sloane St. Stawell VIC)

Your NDIS plan can be used for this program as long as it is self or funds managed. Get in touch to make the arrangements. If not using an NDIS plan, a fee of \$35 per weekend

Contact Wild At Heart to register

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

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

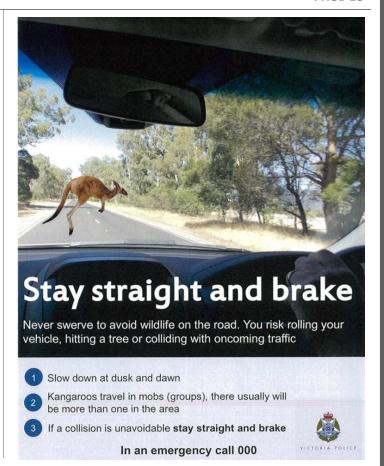
neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

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



Q: Why did the koala fall out of the tree? A: Because he was dead.

Q: Why did the 2nd koala fall out of the tree? A: Because he was hit by the first koala.

Q: Why did the 3rd koala fall out of the tree? A: Because it thought it was a game and joined in.

Joke provided by Nic from YHA

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.