

Issue: January 2020

FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

WRAP UP...

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It has been a very smoky start to 2020. Here is our January edition full of interesting and fun activities here in our beautiful Grampians.

Of note are some great holiday activities for families. Check out:

- Parks Victoria Guided Walks and Junior Rangers program
- 2. Budja Budja Neighbourhood House School Holiday Program
- 3. Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Move It Move It program for the older Australians.
- 4. Friends of Grampians activity on Saturday 11 January 2020.

Stay safe and summer smart over January.

STATS BY CHAS...

December 2019 - Rainfall

9 mm for December bringing the progressive total for 2019 to 840 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 106.5 mm for December with a progressive total of 942.5 mm.

As of the 25th of December Lake Bellfield is holding 55,680ML or 71% full compared to the same period last year of 63,590ML or 81% full. The total system is holding 216,980ML or 38.72% full compared to the same period last year of 261,040ML or 46.59 % full.

Mount William received 19.4 mm for December. The highest temperature of 36.1 C was recorded on the 20th of December and the lowest of -0.2 C was recorded on the 2nd of December. The highest wind speed of 91 km/h was recorded on the 2nd of December.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



ballambar

season of butterflies - early summer (mid november to late january)

Warmth, Butterflies and Wetland Plants
With the onset of summer heat.

With the onset of summer heat, the land dries and the weather stabilises. This is the season of butterflies or ballambar. 1st Semestar Program 2020 Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Out Soon

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BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

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The Budja Budja Medical Clinic will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2020.

From Monday 6th January the Centre will be open 5days per week.

JANUARY

Closed

1 public holiday

<u>Dr Amanda Gibbons</u>

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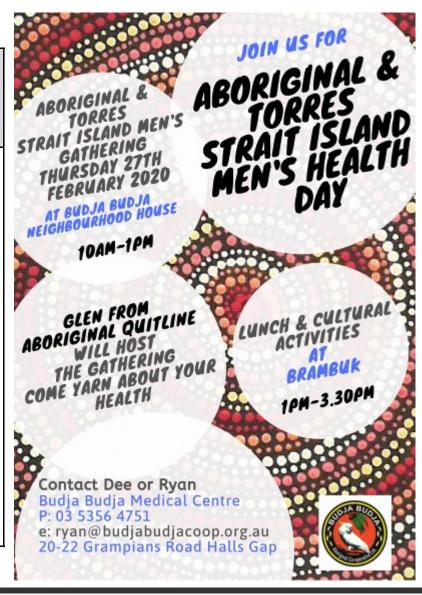
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20,21,22,23,24

28,29,30,31

Closed

27 public holiday





Ptilotus erubescens Monitoring Weed Orchid removal

When: Saturday 11th January

Where: COOINDA BURRONG Scout Camp

3075 Mt Victory Road, Wartook—through the gate east side.

Time: 10.30 - 2.pm

Bring; Sunhat, Sunscreen, lunch, water, trowels and gloves.

We encourage car pooling—please RSVP if you have spare seats

secretary@friendsofgrampiansgariwerd.org.au 0428399441



Cancelled if Total Fire Ban





 We were very pleased to have some unexpected help recently. We have sent this note to the Stawell Times News but it hasn't appeared yet.

Melbourne Students interact with Halls Gap Grampians Flora Botanic Gardens

A group of young Out Beyond's students from Melbourne recently visited the Halls Gap Botanic Gardens as part of their nature based cultural experiences.

The young students under the auspices of local volunteer Graham Parkes, donated several hours of very valuable time, moving two cubic metres of special river sand and repairing some of our tracks and paths in the Botanic Garden, as well as some much needed weeding amongst some of our precious local indigenous plantings.

Graham said they were a lovely friendly and energetic group to work with, and willingly helped with all that was required.

Some of the students enjoyed their first ever visit to the Grampians, and would like to come back and explore more cultural things in the future, when they have completed their studies.

As Halls Gap Botanic Garden is totally run by volunteers many of whom are ageing, this help was gratefully appreciated, and a big thank you to them all.

- Our new plants from Jallukar Landcare are going to need some TLC over the summer.
 Our thanks to those who are helping with the hand watering while we continue to struggle with leaks in our drip system.
- 3. We are planning to change our working bee date in 2020 to a Friday. We would love some new volunteers as a couple of us are facing real health problems.









HALLS GAP CFA



December was a busy month for volunteer firefighters in Halls Gap. We are pleased to welcome two new members who have just completed training, but it would be great to have more people involved to improve our turnout capacity. Not all volunteers need to be firefighters, so we welcome anyone interested in communications, logistics or maintenance as well. The CFA suggests a community like Halls Gap should have 25 trained and active firefighters, but currently we have only 17. Halls Gap CFA has two fire trucks, both designed for a crew of five to provide maximum efficiency, so a turnout of ten members for an emergency would be ideal. Our average turnout this summer is only five. On selected Total Fire Ban days we also identify a 'strike team' of three or four firefighters and a tanker to be available if a fire in a neighbouring area escalates, so it would be good to bring the number of firefighters up to the recommended minimum of 25. Contact Peter Hilbig if you are interested in becoming involved, 0437 524 716 or 5356 4365.

We recently celebrated the long service of several of our volunteers: Firefighter Darryl Tonkin (5 years), Firefighter Will Hudson (5 years), Lieutenant Darren Linke (20 years), former captain Firefighter Colin Andrews (25 years), Brigade Member Max Clark (25 years) and former captain and Life Member David Burkhill (40 years). These are significant milestones and we congratulate our members on their years of voluntary service. Commander Ian Morley, who has also served as captain of the Halls Gap Brigade, presented the medals and certificates at the Fire Station after our December training session.

While the fire season prevails and many summer days are hot and windy, residents and visitors should monitor the Vic Emergency website for advice and warnings. The recent power failure should remind us all to keep a battery operated radio handy because the internet and other means of communication cannot be relied upon when the electricity supply is interrupted.

We are mindful of the very serious fire situation in eastern Victoria and other states of Australia. Our thoughts are with communities and volunteers as they confront damaging and terrifying bushfires and we extend our condolences to those impacted by loss of life under tragic circumstances.

We look forward to continuing to protect lives and property throughout 2020.



The Pomonal Progress Association has decided for both of our January Pomonal Village Markets all the fees, book sales, donations and sales from our Community table will be donated to the VIC Bushfire Disaster Appeal.

So far from our 5 January 2020 market we have donated \$1,000. Thanks for all those that donated goods and money at the market.

Our next market will be on Sunday 26th January 2020 from 9am—1pm.

More information can be found at:

https://

www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/make-a-donation/



That we are looking for someone to help rake up leaves and clean out the Gutters at home in Halls Gap

Please contact Eve at 0408518883



Air-conditioned space

SES Stawell is located at:

33 Sloane Street Stawell

Phone: 0408 501 918

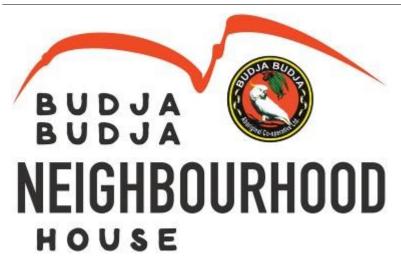
If there is a power outage on a hot day this summer

SES Stawell will be opening it's depot.

Everyone is welcome to come and stay cool.

Pets welcome





Move It Move It Program

At Budja Budja Neighbourhood House

Commencing 7 January 2020 All programs Gold Coin donation

Come along to these gentle programs designed for those wanting a little more exercise in their day.

Gentle Exercise Class with Jo Brown

Tuesdays from 1:30pm Jo will tailor your exercise program

Tai Chi for beginners

Wednesday 10:00-11:00am

Gentle Yoga with Nicole

Day and Time to be confirmed

Social Walking Group

Fridays 9:15am

Finiska for fun

Fridays 1-2pm Don't know what Finska is? Come along and find out its lots of fun

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The Move It Move It program is available through the support of Active Neighbourhoods for Older Australians (ANOA). The aim of the program is to encourage over 65s to enjoy physical activity and improve overall wellbeing.

Not over 65 but would like to participate please feel free to join us.

Operating Hours

Open

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
from 9am to 3pm
Thursday from 9am to 4pm

Closed

Monday

Need your First Aid or CPR
Here are the dates for 2020

Ring Alison or Lee-Anne to book your place on 5356 4751 option 3

First Aid& CPR

dates for 2020

DATES:

Saturday 1st February 2020 Saturday 9th May 2020

Saturday 1st August 2020

Saturday 7th November 2020

Time: 9am to 3pm

Cost: CPR HLTAID 001 \$65

First Aid HLTAID 002 \$155

BYO: Lunch

Book now to ensure your place

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FIRST AID



At Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Limited Numbers - bookings essential

Paper Collage

with Mason & Alison
Wednesday 15th January
10am-12noon
\$2 per child
5-18yrs

Sand Art

with Mason & Alison
Thursday 16th January
10am-12noon
\$2 per child
5-18yrs

Macrame

with Alison
Friday 17th January
10am-12noon
\$2 per child
5-18yrs

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Nature Play

with Mason & Alison

Wednesday 22nd January

10am-12noon

\$2 per child

5-18 yrs

Cooking

with Alison
Thursday 23rd January
10am-12noon
\$2 per child
5-18yrs



PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



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GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK RANGER GUIDED WALKS PROGRAM

These free events are suitable for fit and healthy walkers of all age. Ensure participants wear enclosed shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. Bring sunscreen and water. Sign-up available from December at the <u>Visitor Information Centre</u> or <u>Brambuk the national park and cultural centre</u>.

When	Details				
8 th January 2020 9:30am-11:00am Heatherlie Quarry, Mt Zero Road	Heatherlie Quarry – a walk through time (approx. 2km Join a ranger to explore the historic site of Heatherlie Quarry and learn about the European history. Home to a great variet of plants, this ranger walk and talk will also satisfy those with keen interest in plant identification.				
15 th January 2020 9:30am-11:00am Reeds Lookout, Mt Victory Road	Balconies walk – the creation of Gariwerd (2km) Take a walk to the famous Balconies, a fantastic and iconic trail that showcases the spectacular Grampians/Gariwerd landscape. Learn about the geology and the processes that created the landscape as well as an interpretation of the Indigenous creation story for the area.				
22nd January 2020 9:30am-11:00am Halls Gap Recreation Reserve Corner of Mt Victory Rd and Grampians Tourist Rd	Chatauqua Peak – walk and talk (5.6km) Join a ranger for a walk to Chatauqua peak to learn about the surrounding landscape including town history and the story behind the Chautauqua movement. There will be plenty of opportunities for viewing a diversity of vegetation as well as spectacular views and photo opportunities.				

For more school holiday activities scan the QR code or visit the website https://iuniorrangers.com.au/_to book or find out more.







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JUNIOR RANGERS



GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Join a Ranger and get involved in a fun and educational outdoor activity these school holidays! These activities are suitable for children aged 6-12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.

Please bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent, and wear enclosed shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather.

31st December 2019	Minibeast discovery: Pick up a magnifying glass and learn about the				
9:30am - 11:00am	weird and wonderful world of water bugs. Join a ranger to determine				
	the health of the wetland by taking a close look at some of its unique				
Brambuk the National Park	and special residents.				
and Cultural Centre	•				
2 nd January 2020	Compass challenge: Junior Rangers will put their skills to the test				
9:30am - 11:00am	with a fun and adventurous compass challenge. They will learn				
	basic map reading and compass skills and get the opportunity to				
Brambuk the National Park	further explore the natural environment.				
and Cultural Centre	further explore the natural environment.				
3 rd January 2020	All fired up: Join the special team of rangers and fire fighters who				
9:30am-11:00am	help to manage fire in the national park.				
- 111 2 1-1	Learn all about fire safety and how to prepare during bushfire season.				
Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre	Participants will become Junior Ranger Firefighter Accredited!				
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4 th January 2020	Bush detective: Become a bush detective and learn about the				
9:30am-11:00am	different tracks and traces animals leave behind!				
	Discover fascinating features of the secretive creatures only seen by				
Brambuk the National Park	true bush detectives!				
and Cultural Centre					
7 th January 2020	Flora explorer: Learn about the fascinating lives of plants and the				
9:30am-11:00am	amazing diversity found in the Grampians.				
	Junior Rangers will learn the basics to plant identification and be able				
Venus Baths Trailhead –	to name a number of iconic plant species.				
Botanic Gardens					
9 th January 2020	Bird brain: Look at the world from a birds point of view!				
9:30am-11:00am	Learn about birds and their role in nature and how we can identify				
Brambuk the National Park	them, even when we can't see them.				
and Cultural Centre					



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10 th January 2020 9:30am-11:00am	Mammal mania: Learn about the mammals of the Grampians and
5.50aiii-11.00aiii	join a Ranger to learn how and why we monitor these furry friends.
Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre	Junior Rangers will gain an understanding of pests and their impacts on the natives.
11 th January 2020	Compass challenge: Learn the basics of navigation. Rangers will
9:30am-11:00am	guide you through using a compass and map correctly.
Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre	Then Junior Rangers will put to practice these new skills in a fun and adventurous challenge!
14 th January 2020	All fired up: Join the special team of rangers and fire fighters who
9:30am-11:00am	help to manage fire in the national park.
Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre	Learn all about fire safety and how to prepare during bushfire season. Participants will become Junior Ranger Firefighter Accredited!
16 th January 2020	Bicycle scavenger hunt: Jump on your bike and uncover clues and
9:30am-11:00am	facts about the Grampians National Park.
	Bring your own bike or hire a bike from Absolute Outdoors. Meet at
Halls Gap Park – town centre	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Tidiis dap Fark town centre	the Halls Gap Park, opposite the Visitor Information Centre.
17 th January 2020	Box-ironbark discovery walk: Explore the Deep Lead Nature
9:30am-11:00am	Conservation Reserve. This activity will guide you as you learn about
	the plants, animals and history of this special site. Meet at the
Deep Lead Nature	McCann Dam picnic area, corner of EW and Deep Lead Road, Stawell.
Conservation Reserve	
21st January 2020	Bird brain: Look at the world from a birds point of view.
9:30am-11:00am	Learn about birds and their role in nature and how can identify them
	even when we can't see them.
Brambuk the National Park	even when we can a see them.
and Cultural Centre	
23 nd January 2020	Flora the explorer: Learn about the fascinating lives of plants and
9:30am-11:00am	the amazing diversity found in the Grampians.
Piccaninny Carpark,	Junior Rangers will learn the basics to plant identification and be able
Grampians Road Dunkeld	to name a number of the most iconic plant species.
24 nd January 2020	Mammal mania: Learn about the mammals of the Grampians and
9:30am-11:00am	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre	Junior Rangers will gain an understanding of pests and their impacts native animals

All activities are free but bookings are essential. Scan the QR code or visit the website https://juniorrangers.com.au/ to book.







What is "Accessible for all" in Halls Gap?

Here are a selection of links to Parks Victoria and Northern Grampians Shire websites with Access information for Halls Gap and the Grampians National Park.

Grampians all abilities walking track and TrailRider guide a printed copy of this is worthwhile having.

The Grampians All-abilities walking track and TrailRider guide is now available for download from the **Need to know**/Accessibility section here:

https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park
https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/search?search=Grampians+all+abilities+walking+track

Grampians Visitor guide/map

https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/search?search=Grampians+National+Park+visitor+guide

The Halls Gap Mobility Map can be found here

https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zMwCkvNc4FcU.kdAdf985wmHI or through the Northern Grampians Shire Council Website.

We value your feedback

The Halls Gap Mobility Map was developed through the Grampians Pyrenees Rural Access. As time goes by things change. Please feed-back any changes required to the online Halls Gap mobility map.

Contact Rural Access, C/- Communications officer,

Grampians Community Health ph: 5358 7400

Two return Bus services daily - Stawell to Halls Gap

If you require an accessible transport option to Halls Gap you can request a low floor bus.

Call Sandlants on 53569342 to book a seat.

If you require wheelchair access on this PTV Public Transport Victoria service, you will need to request to travel on the Low floor bus. If this bus is not servicing your departure, Sandlants will book a taxi for you for the PTV fare you would usually pay for a bus. (Aprox \$5 return with Government card, full fare is \$9.20)

PTV have an online site for people to apply for an **Access Travel Pass**. To see if you are **eligible for the Access Travel Pass** follow this link to the application form https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/concessions-and-free-travel/access-travel-pass/

If your carer requires a Companion card, application forms can be downloaded here http://www.companioncard.org.au/downloads/1709008-companion-card-application-form-web.pdf

Destination	Weekdays		Saturday		Sunday	
	AM	PM	AM	AM	AM	AM
Depart						
Stawell Railway						
Station	7.45	12.45	7.00	11.30	8.15	11.30
Arrives						
Halls Gap				PM		PM
Information Centre	8.25	1.35	7.40	12.10	8.55	12.04
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Depart						
Halls Gap						
Information Centre	9.31	3.26	8.11	2.36	9.30	2.36
Arrives						
Stawell Railway						
Station	10.08	4.03	8.48	3.13	10.08	3.13

Timetables provided are as of November 2019, please see the PTV website for updated timetables

Where these services connect to a Public Transport Victoria (PTV) Ararat Sandlants bus service you can also book and request to travel on a low floor bus.

Ideally you should be able to travel on a low floor bus (or substitute accessible taxi) from Halls Gap to Ararat and take a connecting train through to Southern Cross station or visa versa.

DESTINATION



BIG MOUNTAINS, HUGE SOUNDS | FEBRUARY 28 AND 29 2020 | THE GRAMPIANS

For

more information go to https://grampiansmusicfestival.com/

We offer a range of ticket packages, and kids under 14 are free*!

Head to Oztix to check out our full range of ticket options!

*CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER MUST ATTEND WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.



BLACK RANGE VILLAGE MARKET DAY (The New Home For Halls Gap Village Market)

Sunday January 19th 8:30am – 1pm Stawell Park Caravan Park (Across From Sister's Rocks) 2 Monaghan Road Black Range 3381

Come along & enjoy our Community Market Day.

Featuring bric-a-brac plants, books, handmade crafts as well as some surprises.

Breakfast & Light Lunch Available

New Stallholders Welcome

To Book call Clive 0400 745 261

GREAT WESTERN HALL

MAKERS MARKET

Make + Bake + Grow

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020

10AM TO 2.00PM

GREAT WESTERN HALL

CRAFTS, JEWELLERY, PLANTS, CANDLES, CARDS, BOOKS, BAKING PLUS MORE

HOME MADE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR MARKET

ENQUIRIES: CHRISTINE: 0408 792 334 EMAIL: gwmakersmarket@gmail.com

HALLS GAP MARKET



The Halls Gap Market was established in 1997 and is proudly brought to you by the Halls Gap Primary School. Located at the base of the Wonderland Range (Grampians) in the magical Halls Gap Primary School

grounds, this truly unique market is a must.

The Halls Gap Market is an outdoor market and boasts a range of high quality stalls offering arts, crafts, fresh produce, plants, fine food, coffee and more. 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. Check the website for information on becoming a stall holder: - http://www.hgps.vic.edu.au/craft.html

The Market Dates for 2020 are:

Labour Day – 8th March (Halls Gap School)
Easter Sunday – 12th April (Halls Gap School)
Queen's Birthday – 7th June (Halls Gap School)



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone



POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET

Pomonal Village Market on the last Sunday or every month from 9am—1pm at the Pomonal Community Hall. Run by volunteers of the Pomonal Progress Association to raise money for the community of Pomonal. Site enquiries: call the market coordinator on 0417 883 445.

The money raised from our two January 2020 markets will be going towards the VIC Bushfire Disaster Appeal. For the 5 January 2020 market we raised \$1000. More information can be found at:

https://www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/make-a-donation/

Market Dates for 2020

5th January, 26th January, 23rd February, 29th March, 26th April, 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 27th September, 3rd & 4th October, 25th October, 29th November, 27th December.

Are You Stuck in the Bush?

Call Glenn on 0419 802 846

Or 0424 619 355...Leave a message if no answer.

Take a photo of this flyer.



On-Board Recovery Equipment

Winches – Front and Rear Snatch Straps Winch Extension Straps Snatch Blocks Shovel Air Compressor UHF Radio Ch 20 Fridge

Hi-Lift Jack
Tree Trunk Protectors
Bow Shackles
Soft Shackles
Rated Recovery Points
Chainsaw
GPS Assistance
Local Knowledge

There are more ways to contact police with the new Police Assistance Line and Online Reporting platform.



fou can report non-urgent crimes and events anytime, anywhere











Call 3 131 444 or visit 🔲 police.vic.gov.au

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Alison and Jenny
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





How can you find a lost train?

Follow the tracks

From Wilari



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.