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# FILL THE GAP

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## FROM THE GARIWERD



### chinnup

season of cockatoos - winter  
(June to late July)

#### Cold, Cockatoos and Early Wildflowers

Morning frosts, bleak mists and freezing winds make winter (season of cockatoos or chinnup) the coldest time of year.

## WRAP UP...

Winter has arrived! With a cold blast. Good time to rug up with a great hand made knitted/crochet rug, good book and your choice of a hot beverage (Alison's is hot chocolate).

We have just celebrated 20th National Reconciliation Week. Check out our article on what it means to all Australians on page 8 and a great picture to colour in on page 9.

The Halls Gap Primary school is slowly coming back to life with the Prep-2 making the return first. Lots of noise and running about. Check out what they have been up to on page 10.

Budja Budja Neighbourhood House is carefully and slowly opening up to more programs see page 5.

Due to popular demand we have Bear back showing what he has been up to over the last three weeks.

Enjoy Alison & Abbie

## STATS BY CHAS...

### May 2020 - Rainfall by Chas

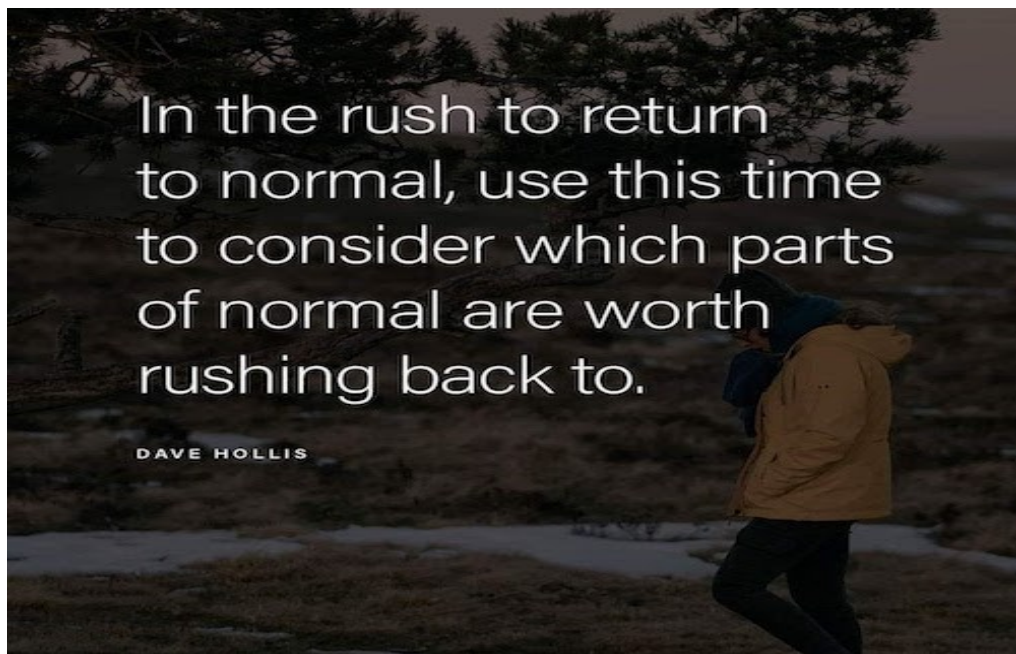
111.5 mm for May bringing the progressive total for 2020 to 350 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 158.5 mm for May with a progressive total of 225 mm.

As of the 27th of May Lake Bellfield is holding 46,980ML or 60% full compared to the same period last year of 52,940ML or 67% full. The total system is holding 165,960ML or 29.62% full compared to the same period last year of 191,610ML or 34.20% full.

Mount William received 116.2 mm for May 2020. The highest temperature of 13 C was recorded on the 7th of May and the lowest of - 0.6 C was recorded on the 10th of May. The highest wind speed of 117 km/h was recorded on the 7th of May 2020.

In the rush to return to normal, use this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to.

DAVE HOLLIS





Another month of isolation has passed, but fortunately quite a bit has been done over the last few weeks. The garden is big enough that several people can work together at the same time quite safely, and I for one have found it very relaxing and therapeutic to work in such a beautiful spot. Joy R has done her usual raking and mowing work and has also worked on landscaping several other areas. The new seat beside the Sullivan memorial has arrived and been installed. Soon there will be a plaque on the memorial explain why we want Daniel Sullivan to be remembered and we'll put more in the shade shelter when the noticeboards arrive. Yes, the grant money from the Shire has arrived to put a set of glass fronted noticeboards inside the shade shelter. And we are now following up on the quotes.

In less cheerful news, we are not sure when Spriggsy will be coming to work on the dangerous trees. When he does come we will have to close the garden for a few days again. In the meantime, do visit our garden during your exercise walks and enjoy our plants and the views up to the cliffs above. Beautiful.

But we hope to have more good news. We are eligible to apply for a large grant from the State government designed to support smaller Botanic Gardens and we are certainly going to try to get some major works done. Our first priority is to get electricity to the site. What else would you like to see in the garden? Please send us your suggestions asap. Later we'll be asking for your support letters as well please. Either as individuals or as businesses.

And of course, we'd welcome your help with looking after what we already have.

**Margo**

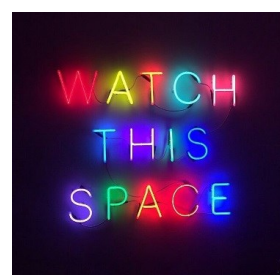


FOGGS (Friends of Grampians Gariwerd) are planning to carefully restart some of our activities while making sure we do not endanger any attendees. Our April newsletter is now up on our website. You can join FOGGS

via our website and help us in our support of our great National Park.



Will there be a Wildflower Show this year? We haven't quite decided, but will be making one in the next couple of weeks. There are some major problems to overcome, but on the other hand it would be good to have a celebration of the local beauties before the end of the year. The Pomonal flower show are facing similar questions and we are talking with them. It should be clear by the next issue of *Fill the Gap*.





## BEAR'S ADVENTURES FOR MAY

It's so cold that Bear decided to make some veggie soup



Another selfie From Bear, "Yes MacKenzie Falls are open, but it's a long way back up when you have little feet **like** mine."

Bear is ready to welcome the prep-2 students back today at the Halls Gap Primary School



Oh ! What difference a day makes, healthy Bear one day then Mr Happy Bear the next. Beautiful

vanilla slice from the Halls Gap Bakery...mmm.. I wonder what next week ?

Bear had a lovely drive to Dunkeld yesterday, and enjoyed the hot chips



## HALLS GAP CFA



It was good to see many landholders taking advantage of free burn permits from the Northern Grampians Shire during the first half of May. Now is the time to clear and clean up while it is cool and damp, but not too wet. Hopefully Council will agree to more free permits before the next fire restriction period.

Each year the Halls Gap CFA is asked to identify priority fire prevention works in our locality. For the last few years we have identified the Grampians Road corridor from the Fyans Creek Road intersection through to Bellfield. We have been pleased to see works carried out on both sides of the road between the Halls Gap Hotel and Delley's Bridge and would like to see this extended in both directions along the road reserve, the bicycle/ pedestrian path and other neglected sections of adjoining bushland. It would be great if private landholders could share this responsibility by managing properties adjoining the road reserve and potentially clearing up debris from the road edge as several property managers already do. This provides clear and visible presentation and access to the road, as well as reducing the fuel load.

With COVID-19 restrictions progressively easing, the Brigade will soon develop a new training regime to learn and maintain skills. Safety is always our highest priority so training will begin again with this in mind. We have five new recruits who will be keen to get started!

Northern Grampians Shire is currently advertising for a full time Project Officer – Emergency Planning who will have a specific responsibility for the Halls Gap Community Preparedness and Resilience Project. Originally due in May, the closing date for applications has been extended to 8 June. See <https://ngsc-external.applynow.net.au/jobs/NGSC00033-project-officer-emergency-planning> Remember, whether or not you need a permit, you must **REGISTER YOUR BURN** by calling 1800 668 511 so the fire brigade is not activated when a helpful citizen telephones the emergency call centre. See <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off>.

For information about volunteering with the Halls Gap CFA call Peter on 0437 524 716.

## AMBULANCE VICTORIA



Hello, I hope that you are all well and surviving with the COVID restrictions. It has definitely been a challenging time for everyone!

Halls Gap Ambulance has been quiet over the pandemic time. We have been able to assist at other branches around the area and catch up on our yearly training requirements.

As restrictions start to ease a bit more we are heading into the unknown and hope that a 'second wave' of Coronavirus doesn't impact our Community of Halls Gap.

Keep yourself up to date with what is happening, the recommendations are still there - Stay home and Stay Safe to protect our health care system and save lives.

Practice good hygiene by washing your hands for at least 20 seconds and drying them properly.

Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth - if you do wash or sanitize hands again!

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue use upper sleeve or elbow area.

Also social distancing 1.5m from people.

If you are unwell, stay at home.

Continue good habits, get some sunshine while it is still around, go for a walk (but take care) drink plenty of water and get some sleep!

The Coronavirus hotline through DHHS is great 1800 675 398 (24hrs). If you are worried and want to get tested call your local GP for details or there is a COVID clinic that does testing daily in Horsham at Wimmera Healthcare.

Take care and look after each other.

Kerry Linke

Halls Gap Ambulance Team Leader





Hello and hope you are well. Please see link to our latest Tourism Update that provide some really important information to help local businesses to prepare for re-opening FYI. <https://bit.ly/2A7UIUm>

Marc Sleeman

### HALLS GAP RESIDENTS & RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION (HGRRA)

Despite the easing of some restrictions it has been decided to postpone the scheduled June Residents and Ratepayers meeting. The next meeting is proposed for Wednesday July 8.

If you are interested in attending could you either msg or ring Paul 0418 992 510 or Jen 0409 250 848

Jen

#### New Residents

Welcome to Gary and Pip Spooner who are the new owners of the Halls Gap Motel

Gary says they are wanting to become involved in the community, so feel free to drop in and say hello at 153 Grampians Rd. ( next door to me)

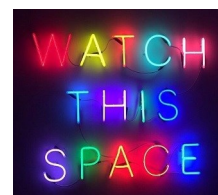
Paul Turner



The Budja Budja Neighbourhood House (BBNH) has been very quiet over the last few weeks. We are opening up slowly in line with government guidelines. When you next visit the BBNH there will be some changes mostly to do with the new cleaning regime that we will have to put in place in order to run our programs.

#### What is happening?

- \* Tai Chi 10am Thursdays - outside only until at least 22 June 2020.
- \* Move It Move It - Finska 1pm Fridays
- \* Move It Move It - walk the Neighbourhood House Network is going strong having managed over 1 million steps as a group in just over 3 weeks.
- \* Yarn Group 1pm Thursday - commencing 11 June
- \* Planning for 1st Aid/CPR August 1st but might run a session in June/July depending on demand
- \* Celebrating World Knit in Public Day Saturday 13th June 2020 - Details to be confirmed
- \* Virtual School Holiday Program - Details will on Facebook & Website.



So far we have been lucky with the weather for our outdoor activities but as winter closes in we are hoping to be able to run these programs inside.

- \* Computers & cooking programs- not available until at least July at this stage
- \* Exercise activities - including yoga not until at least 22 June 2020 depending on government advice.
- \* Visitors to the house - no more than six in the house, 10 in the Community room and no more than 6 in the art and craft room.
- \* Playgroup planned for either 3rd or 4th term subject to government advice
- \* After School Program planned to commence in 4th Term



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**Budja Budja has introduced a New Telehealth Platform (Health Direct)**

**Which allows you to talk and see the doctor from the comfort of your own home.**

**All you need is an internet connection, a phone with a camera or computer/laptop with camera and microphone.**

**Appointments can be made by phoning reception during opening hours, TUE-FRI 9.00-5.00 and every second MON.**

**Reception will provide you with a link to click, on the day of your appointment.**



RunRona is a virtual event that ran over the weekend either Saturday 30th or Sunday 31st. Participants were able to walk or run the event. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-op with Clothing the gap organised this event in this area. Covered Halls Gap, Stawell, Horsham, Dimboola and Donald. The distances were 5km walk/run, 10km walk/run. There was over 100 participants for this virtual event.

RunRona is made up of a collective of Aboriginal Health Promotion practitioners, Personal Trainers and communication gurus from Clothing The Gap and Spark Health Australia.

The RunRona team echo the concerns from health promotion peak bodies such as VicHealth for the rising inactivity levels gripping the country. We too are deeply concerned about the effects this physical inactivity will have on our communities long term while many seem to be bunkering down on the couch with Netflix amidst COVID-19. Social distancing is actually physical distancing; it does not mean 'social' isolation. The RunRona team refer to 'social distancing' as 'physical distancing', as we're aiming to stay as socially connected as possible.



Throughout the current situation, looking after our mental health is really important as it can be left more vulnerable than usual. Keeping up our social support helps to boost mental health and is also connected to our physical health. Getting some time outdoors safely and connecting to the land, Country, does wonders for our well-being too. Body, mind, spirit and Country...it's all connected, Aboriginal people have known this for tens of thousands of years.

This years RunRona coincided with World No Tobacco Day.

Participants were encouraged to pledge or re-pledge giving up on tobacco.







### What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### National Reconciliation Week 2020 Theme

In 2020 **Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years** of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

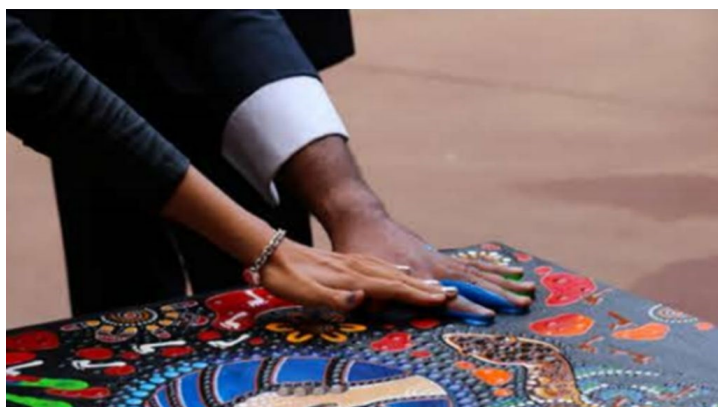
Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution.

2020 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

As always, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and Australians now benefit from the efforts and contributions of people committed to reconciliation in the past.

Today we work together to further that national journey towards a fully reconciled country.

**Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.**

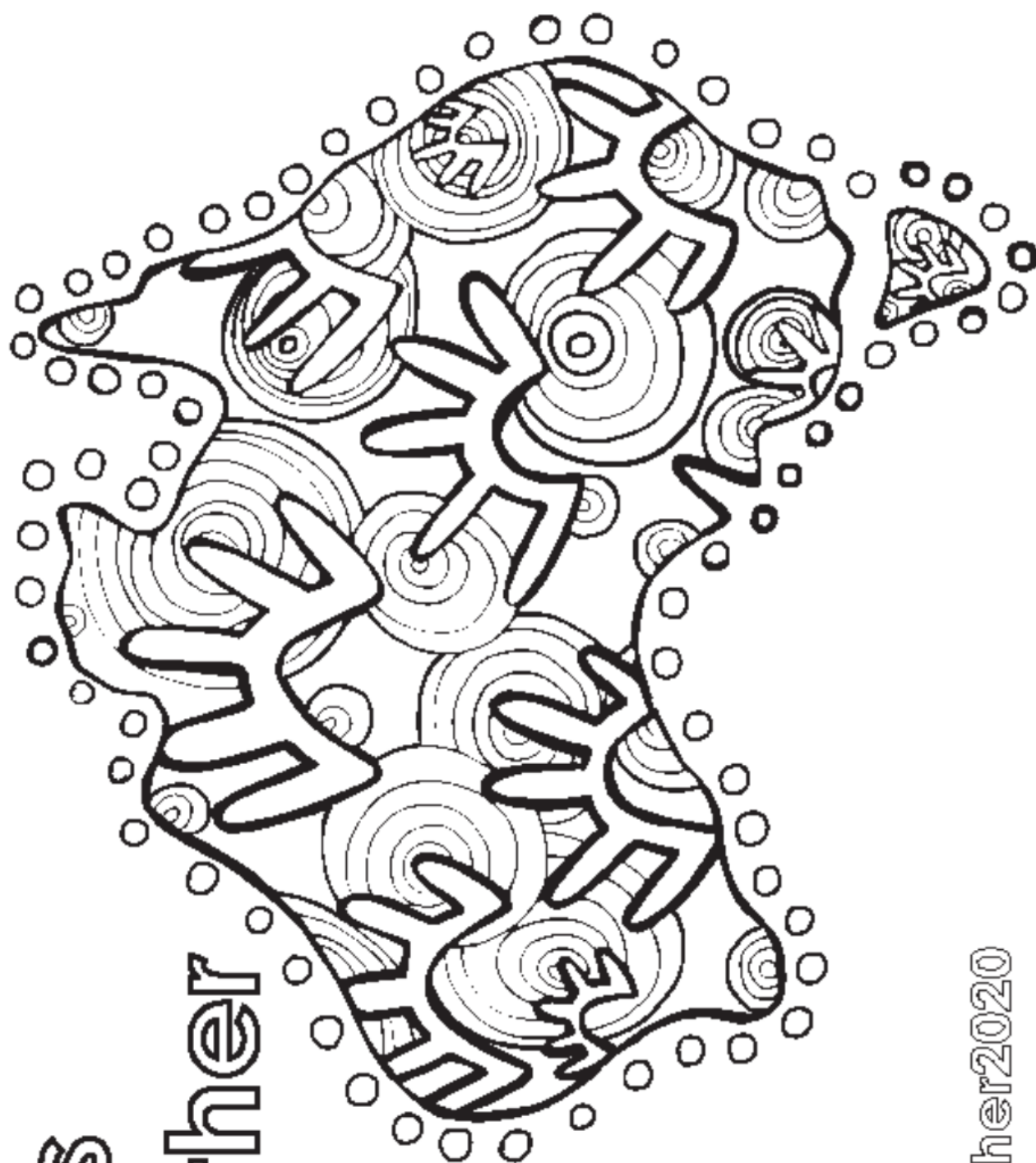


We strive towards a more just, equitable nation by championing unity and mutual respect as we come together and connect with one another.

On this journey, Australians are all **In This Together**; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.



In this  
together



#NRW2020  
#inthis together2020

## HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL



FROM THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS OF HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another month of remote learning down but the good news is that we are all starting to head back to school now.

Our Prep-2 students returned to school over a week ago. They were welcomed with balloons and streamers and the teachers were greeted with the biggest smiles. Since being back at school they have all played together as a group and can be found non-stop running at break times. So much energy! We are slowly easing them back into the routine of school.



We will have our Grades 3-6 students back at school on the 9th of June. We're very excited about them coming back too.

Over this time of remote learning the families behind the scenes have been terrific. They have collected packs prepared by the teachers, assisted their children in working through those packs and helped children access a lot of our online learning as well. We have used Webex Meetings (like Zoom or Facetime) to have our virtual classes. As some of you may know the internet can be a little hit and miss at times but, on the whole, our online learning has been very successful. It has helped students stay engaged with each other and the teachers.

Even though we are not at school, our JSC have still been meeting. They have even held a Pyjama and Bad Hair Day. Soon we will be having our Biggest Morning Tea and we will be providing the school and broader Halls Gap community with a link to donate and hopefully to join our biggest morning tea in a virtual way. Keep an eye on the community Facebook pages as to how you can get involved.



It's been a bit of a shame that we have had to cancel two of our markets this year (Easter and Queen's Birthday) but hopefully our November market will be able to go ahead in some format.



## WEED OF THE MONTH

Neil Macumber has already found small South African Weed orchid on his property in Pomonal. They are small but obvious as the leaves are purple underneath. If you want more information about weeds, check out the Halls Gap Community Noticeboard—Do the Right Thing with Plants and Animals. Here is the link <https://hallsgapcommunity.org.au/residents-info/cat-free-zone/>

### South African Weed Orchid (*Disa bracteata*)



**Wimmera CMA status:** Not classified

**Glenelg-Hopkins CMA status:** Not classified

**Distribution notes:** Rapidly spreading through the upper Wimmera catchment, African Weed Orchid is becoming an ever increasing problem with each passing year. The plants are small and difficult to find during the spring when actively growing amongst other herbs and annual grasses. The seed stem which grows to about 250mm high makes the plant easier to see but at this stage there is a very short window for chemical control until the spores mature. The spores are very fine and dust like and can be spread by the wind / water movement, the transport of soil on vehicles / tools or by animal traffic. Under-ground corms (bulbs) remain in the soil to re-shoot the following year. South African Weed Orchid is easily confused with native onion / leek orchids so be sure to identify plants for sure.

**Seed viability in soil:** < 10 years

**Time to reproductive maturity:** 2 + years

**Control options:** Individual plants can be dug out by hand but be sure to get both bulbs (2 per plant, sometimes more). Plants and corms can be burnt or left in a sealed plastic bag in the sun to destroy the plants and seed stem. If plants have been allowed to mature to the point where the seed stem is drying off it is best to leave the plant alone as any disturbance at this stage will spread the spores into the air and onto clothing, gloves and tools. After completing control work or changing to another location, sterilise digging tools and clean off all soil from shoes and gloves to avoid spreading the spores. Spot spraying is possible from when plants emerge in early spring through to flowers start to mature in November – early December. Glyphosate 450g/kg at a rate of 800mls per 100 litres (or 8mls per litre) of spray mix has proven to be effective but will kill surrounding grasses and other plants. There is evidence that if Glyphosate is applied before the spores mature it will drastically reduce the amount of mature spores produce with most being sterile and not able to grow. The addition of 80 grams (or .8 grams per litre) of Ammonia Sulphate adjuvant to the spray mix will drastically speed up the action of Glyphosate herbicide resulting in plants browning off in about a week. Ammonia Sulphate is purchased from agricultural supply stores in a granular form and is relatively cheap and a recommended addition to the spray mix.

Metsulfuron Methyl has proven to be fairly ineffective possible due to the length of time it takes to completely kill a plant. It is recommended that infestations be treated up to three times during the 3 months of active growth during the spring and early summer to initially pick up and treat plants in their rosette stage and again when flowering starts and finally before the seed stems mature in an attempt to pick up all plants as there is generally a staggered growth progression with plants shooting and going to seed at different times.



The Halls Gap Community Garden is looking lovely and very productive with leafy greens and lots of lettuces that can be harvested.

Come down and say hello to our six chickens in their newly expanded enclosure. Though two did get out and raided new plantings of Neil's until they were marched back to their section of the garden. The chickens were sad to say good bye to their friend Gregor this week and looking forward to a visit from Bear soon.

Like us on our Facebook page and keep up to date on all things gardening.

## **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS GAP INC**

### **President's Report to the Annual General Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020**

Janet fulfilled her promise to act as Treasurer for a year and in fact went a little longer to February at the end of the financial year. She has now handed over the post to Joy Robson who has been an enthusiastic volunteer worker for some time in the Botanic Garden. Since Joy is an accountant we know that we are in safe hands and I thank her sincerely for taking over this task.

The Botanic Garden has been kept in good shape by volunteers under Margo's leadership and the major change during the year was the felling of a number of trees that had become dangerous to the public, including probably the largest tree in the centre of the Garden. New tables and seats have been installed in the shelter shed with the Bulgana Wind Farm grant through Ararat Shire and another grant has been obtained from Northern Grampians Shire to purchase notice boards for that shed. We shall soon apply for a major grant for more substantial works. The granite plaque celebrating the life of the botanist at Sullivan's Seat has now been relocated to the Garden and the Historical Society has installed a new bench seat nearby.

The Wildflower Show went ahead as usual and made a profit but the numbers attending were much reduced. This has prompted questions over its future but Margo has managed to recruit more people to help organise it and a decision was made to continue with it this year.

The Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group had completed the new track to the waterfalls at Golton Gorge by mid December but the scheduled official opening had to be delayed on account of very high temperatures. The Group paid for a contractor to renew the entry road, car park and picnic area, and provided two new picnic tables for it. This made a dent in our accumulated funds but there is still plenty in reserve. A new date for the opening was set at the end of the summer but again it was postponed because of the corona virus lockdown. All of the usual autumn working bees were also cancelled for the same reason.

The Film Society still flourishes and one of this year's showings was held at Pomonal for the first time, since Alison Bainbridge is now giving Janet much assistance in running the group.

Graham's Landcare liaison with Project Platypus has led to a concerted effort to tackle the problem of Kunzea spreading around Halls Gap.

The Association made its promised donation of \$5,000 to WAMA, at a time when its value for the recipient was doubled by another generous donor. Considerable progress has been made in developing their site over the last year.

Finally I thank all our members for their various contributions to the Association this year.

**David Witham**  
**President**



## PARKS VICTORIA



Dear Volunteers,

Thank you for your patience and commitment while Parks Victoria put volunteering on hold to help slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and save lives. We know your environmental volunteering work means a lot to you, as it does to us too, and we are cautiously welcoming the easing of restrictions whilst being urged to remain vigilant and ensure everyone's safety.

As part of changes to restrictions, from 1 June, up to 20 people can gather outdoors for recreational activity or exercise as long as appropriate hygiene and physical distancing provisions are observed.

Parks Victoria is working together with volunteer group leaders to put in place appropriate safety practices to recommence volunteering. You are welcome to join any activities promoted on ParkConnect however we ask that you continue to follow public health measures and stay informed here <https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Kind regards,

**Parks Victoria Volunteer Team**

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'We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria and acknowledge the ongoing living culture of Aboriginal people'

## ART IS STILL HAPPENING....

The program looks amazing and something for all the family and budding artists whether it be visual, performing, photography etc. Join their mailing list or check out their website for the latest

<https://www.artiswimmera.com/>

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# ART IS... FESTIVAL

## 2020

We have decided to run a longer but reduced online program in 2020 due to COVID-19. We've had to cancel some things and postpone others - As we get chance we will update the website with further details. Please be aware that details are not completely finalised so you may have to check back in later for more details.

What we have still happening.

**Quick links:**

Not all of these work yet but they will...  
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## 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>

### Market Dates for 2020 are:

Queen's Birthday – 7th June - Cancelled  
Melbourne Cup Weekend – 1st November

### Market Dates for 2021 are:

Labour Day - 7th March  
Easter Sunday - 4th April



**Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone. Help protect our indigenous wildlife keep Halls Gap cat free.**



## 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.

**POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET  
SUNDAY FROM 9-1PM**

### Market Dates for 2020

Please note markets will not recommence until it is safe to do so. It is envisaged no markets for June and 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

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Winches – Front and Rear | Hi-Lift Jack          |
| Snatch Straps            | Tree Trunk Protectors |
| Winch Extension Straps   | Bow Shackles          |
| Snatch Blocks            | Soft Shackles         |
| Shovel                   | Rated Recovery Points |
| Air Compressor           | Chainsaw              |
| UHF Radio Ch 20          | GPS Assistance        |
| Fridge                   | Local Knowledge       |

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



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

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| Report stolen bicycles, property from your car or other items | Report personal property lost in Victoria | Report damage to your property, including graffiti | Register your party | Inform police when you are away from your home |

Call **131 444** or visit [police.vic.gov.au](http://police.vic.gov.au)



## FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Alison and Abbie

Please email your articles and photos to us by the 25th of each month to:

[neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au](mailto:neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au)

Upload your community events details to the Community Association webpage:

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



**Stay straight and brake**

Never swerve to avoid wildlife on the road. You risk rolling your vehicle, hitting a tree or colliding with oncoming traffic

- 1 Slow down at dusk and dawn
- 2 Kangaroos travel in mobs (groups), there usually will be more than one in the area
- 3 If a collision is unavoidable **stay straight and brake**

In an emergency call 000

VICTORIA POLICE

To keep up to date with what is happening in Pomonal like **Pomonal Community Connections** Facebook page and/or **Pomonal info & resources sharing** Facebook Pages



Did you know there are two Facebook pages to like to keep up to date with what is happening in Halls Gap. Like our **Halls Gap Community Association** Facebook Page and/or **Halls Gap Community Watch and Events** Facebook Pages.

## Regular Events

- Chas Mangle Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the Halls Gap Newsagency from 7am - 10am daily except Tuesdays Ph. 0439 837 052
- Peter Hilbig is also a Justice of the Peace and can undertake JP responsibilities by appointment. Email [peter@hilbig.id.au](mailto:peter@hilbig.id.au) or telephone 0437 524 716.
- Due to the Current coronavirus situation the History Room will be closed until further notice. Check out Chas's postings on Facebook
- Budja Budja Neighbourhood House - check the program at the house and online
- Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details