## Issue: April 2021

# FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

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#### WRAP UP...

Well I hope everyone is ready for the Easter madness.

For those who see Easter as primarily a Christian festival, here are our local church services. Good Friday: nothing in Halls Gap, 9.30 at Pomonal church. Easter Sunday: 8 am in Halls Gap, 10 am in Pomonal. And some of us are joining ecumenical celebrations in Stawell, 11.30 am on Good Friday, 6.30 am at Big Hill on Sunday. We very much welcome visitors.

School Holidays means fun activities for the children check out pages 6 & 7.

Hope to catch up with you at the many

special events in our region over this festive and holiday time.



#### STATS BY CHAS...

March 2021 - Rainfall by Chas;

76.5 mm for March bringing the progressive total to 249.5 for 2021. This compares to the same period last year of 32.5 mm for March with a progressive total of 143.5 mm.

As of the 31st of March Lake Bellfield is holding 46,050 ML or 59% full compared to the same period last year of 50,430 ML or 64% full.

Mount William received 138.2 mm for March. The highest temperature of 23.7 C was recorded on the 12th of March and the lowest of 1.8 C was recorded on the 14th of March. The top wind speed of 74 km/h was recorded on the 14th of March 2021.

Cheers - Chas.



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.



This Sunday 9am-1pm at the rec oval in Halls Gap you will find about 70 stall holders including Narrawong Lavender, Janabell's Stone Pictures, Mitch's Preserves and Blue Wren Bakery and many more.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from the Halls Gap Primary School kids on the day & drawn at the market. Our kids will also be hosting a fun chocolate coin toss competition! Make sure you bring lots of change!! You've gotta be in it to win it & there are some amazing prizes!

Market kicks off at 9am Easter Sunday!! Entry by Gold Coin Donation



#### HALLS GAP RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

#### Bins

Did you know it is an offence to leave your rubbish bins on the curb when it is not your collection day? Council by-laws state that bins 'must not be placed on a road or any other municipal place more than 24hrs prior to the scheduled collection day'. They must also be removed within 24 hours of their scheduled collection day. Similarly the owner or occupier is responsible for any debris that has spilled from their bins.

Bins left out in our beautiful tourist town look unsightly to say the least and we urge everyone to be responsible in bringing their bins inside their property once they have been emptied on a Monday!



# Australian Government Civil Aviation SafetyAuthority



## IMPORTANT DRONE SAFETY INFORMATION

#### **Drones**

There has been an increase in the use of drones within Halls Gap by both tourists and residents. Whilst many operators are responsible, there are some who have little regard for the humans or animals around them! The Civil Aviation Safety Authority has provided the following guidelines for drone operators on abide.

More information can be obtained on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) website.

https://www.casa.gov.au/knowyourdrone/drone-rules



You must not fly your drone higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level.



You must keep your drone at least 30 metres away from other people.



If your drone weighs more than 250 grams, you must fly at least 5.5 kilometres away from a controlled airport, which generally have a control tower at them.



If you're near a helicopter landing site or smaller aerodrome without a control tower, you can fly your drone within 5.5 kilometres. If you become aware of manned aircraft nearby, you will have to manoeuvre away and land your drone as quickly and safely as possible.



You must not fly over or above people or in a populous area. This could include beaches parks, events, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.



You must keep your drone within visual line-of-sight. This means always being able to see the drone with your own eyes (rather than through a device, screen or goggles).



You must not fly your drone over or near an area affecting public safety or where emergency operations are underway. This could include situations such as a car crash, police operations, a fire or firefighting efforts or search and rescue



If you intend to fly your drone for or at work (commercially), there are extra rules you must follow. You will also need to register your drone and get a licence or accreditation.



Remember, you must not operate your drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person or property.



Respect personal privacy. Don't record or photograph people without their consent —this may breach



You must only fly one drone at a time.



You must only fly during the day and you must not fly through cloud or fog.

>>> KNOWYOURDRONE.GOV.AU

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# Easter in the Gap

# Saturday 3rd April

- Live Music: Pomonal Estate 12-5pm
- Beer & Wine Blast: 3-6pm Grampians Wine Tours
  - Best's Wines: Live Music 12-4pm
  - Halls Gap Hotel: Live music 5-8pm

# Sunday 4th April

- Halls Gap Markets: 9am 1pm at the Rec oval
- Beer & Wine Blast: 3-6pm Grampians Wine Tours
  - Helicopter Flights: Pomonal Estate: 3-5pm
    - Fallen Giants: Live Music 1-5pm
    - Best's Wines: Live Music 12-4pm
    - Halls Gap Hotel: Live music 5-8pm
- Barney's Bar & Bistro: Acoustic Guitarist 7:30-10:30pm

## **TV Reception**

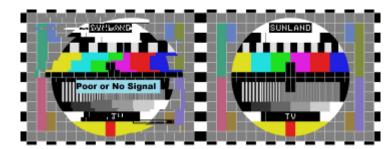
details with him.

Paul Turner, President HGRRA has been in contact with Emma Kealy's office and Dan Tehan's office on the matter of TV reception. Some action now seems to be happening in that Dan Tehan has contacted Cr. Trevor Gready and asked him for names of people who have issues with TV reception.

This was required in by the 26 March however it is not too late to register your TV reception concerns. If you

are having reception issues to contact Cr. Trevor Gready at Northern Grampians Shire Council and leave their names and contact

At the time of printing Dan Tehan only has three letters of complaint and that is not enough to present a case for action on this issue.



#### HALLS GAP CFA

The Brigade Management Team welcomes Lieutenants Justin Cozens (Training) and Hayden



Koschitzke (Maintenance), and Health and Safety Officer Rob Barto into new positions. Continuing in in their BMT roles are Tina Baker (Community Safety), Judy Hilbig (Communcations), Marilyn Andrews (Secretary/Treasurer), Darren Linke (1st Lieutenant) and Peter Hilbig (Captain). Thanks to former lieutenants Will Hudson and Roy Clapp who have provided leadership over the past few years but have chosen to step out of the Management Team.

The CFA and Northern Grampians Shire have determined that the fire restriction period will end on Tuesday 6 April at 1:00 am. Until then, fires are permitted only for warmth and cooking, and must be in a constructed fireplace or in a minimum 30 cm deep hole surrounded by bricks, rocks or solid metal. Visitors and guests may need to be reminded of this, and all need to be aware that police are called to every inappropriate fire during the fire restriction period which does not end until after Easter. <a href="https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can">https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can</a>

When restrictions do finish, it is time to start clearing and cleaning in preparation for next summer. Remember to get a permit to burn if you live in a residential area, and always register your burn so emergency services know where to expect fire activity. <a href="https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off">https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off</a>

We have at last returned to training twice each month – first and third Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. During March we learnt and practised pumping operations using both our tankers, building on skills introduced by the regional instructor in February. Our next training calendar will be set up soon by the new Brigade Management Team.

We are continually recruiting new members, and training opportunities for volunteers are coming up soon in Ararat. Not everyone needs to be a firefighter. Communications, maintenance, and logistics provide opportunities to engage with the brigade. Call or SMS Peter if interested, 0437 524 716.



Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Scold.

Scold who?

Scold outside,

let me in!





HG Botanic Garden Update—Just a brief note.

Thank you to those who came to the working bee last Friday. We started working on the much neglected wetland area, weeding and mulching. Next working bee on the Friday 9th April we will continue in this area. Plus we did the usual mow and tidy and some repairs to the kids' area.

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#### Mystery mounds in the mud

Join us for a walk through the Blythewood Forest to look for some mysterious earthen mounds and discuss a range of possible functions and implications for the

significance of the forest.

Walk will be guided by Graham Parkes (past Chief Ranger of Grampians National Park), and the background talk by archaeologist ben Gunn.

We will meet at the corner of Blythewood Rd and Stawell-Halls Gap Rd (c2km west of the Mt William Creek bridge) at 10 am on Saturday 10th April 2021.

Group lunch to follow in the bush (as usual, bring your own everything...and watch out for the weather)

Visitors welcome. Any and all queries to Ben on 53564282



#### POP UP COMMUNITY SPACE

Northern Grampians Shire Council announced the vacant lot at 99 Grampians Road in Halls Gap is set to become a new temporary community generaluse space.

The land will provide a temporary space for 12 months for community events and activities including outdoor movies and more.

Council is working with a landscape artist, Felicity Brown from laimiga design studio in Horsham, to create an area that includes native plants and nature elements that will create a seamless blend with the surrounding landscape.

The pop-up space is funded by a grant from Business Victoria under the State Government's Outdoor Dining Package. It will provide a comfortable engaging space where patrons can BYO food and drinks and enjoy the natural surroundings.

Northern Grampians Shire Council Mayor, Murray Emerson, said the new park will be a wonderful addition to the Halls Gap Streetscape.

"Council is very pleased to be able to utilise this prime piece of land for something the whole community can use and benefit from," he said. "We know Halls Gap businesses in particular have been hit hard by the Coronavirus Pandemic and we are hopeful this activation space/pop-up park/outdoor dining area will allow for more people to take advantage of the wonderful offerings of the town.

"I encourage everyone to come along to the upcoming information session about the project to make sure the community's needs are reflected in the park's design."

A meeting took place with the Project Manager Lisa Whyte and landscape architect Felicity Brown on Saturday 27 March where locals were able to view and discuss the concept design for the park.

Where do cows go on Friday nights?

They go to the moo-vies!

#### PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

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



Junior Rangers program for Easter School Holidays check out the website: -

https://juniorrangers.com.au/

#### **Bike Scavenger Hunt**

**Where:** Grampians National Park. Halls Gap Botanical Gardens/ tennis court carpark, School rd.

When: 10 Apr 2021 9:30am- 11:30am

Cost: Free

Booking Information: Bookings essential,

Book online

This activity is 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.

Please bring suitable bikes for both children and adults, as well as a helmet each.

Please note that for participant safety we are running all of our Junior Ranger activities in strict accordance with Department of Health guidelines. This includes restrictions on group sizes, as well as adherence to social distancing and hygiene related guidelines. For up-to-date health information visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

While these measures are aimed protecting your safety, you acknowledge that you are participating in these activities at your own risk.



#### **Compass Challenge**

**Where:** Grampians National Park Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre

When: 13 Apr 2021, 9:30am-11:30am

Cost: Free

**Booking Information:** Bookings essential, Book

online

This activity is 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.

#### **Bird Brain**

**Where:** Grampians National Park Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre

When: 14 Apr 2021, 9:30am-11:30am

Cost: Free

**Booking Information:** Bookings essential, Book

online

This activity is 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.

#### What's in your backpack

**Where:** Grampians National Park Borough Huts Campground, Grampians Rd, Bellfield VIC 3381, Australia

When: 15 Apr 2021, 9am-10am

Cost: Free

**Booking Information:** Bookings essential, Book

online

This activity is 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

# EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Come join the fun activities at SSAC & the Library!

Please book your spot with SSAC and the Libraries SSAC - 03 5358 0550 leisure.services@ngshire.vic.gov.au or Stawell Library - 03 5358 1274 ngsc.libraries@ngshire.vic.gov.au Cost: Library activities are free. Story Time on Thursday and Fridays













# School Holiday Fun in the Grampians



# Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Easter School Holiday Program 2021





Wednesday 7th April 10am-12noon Easter Craft Fun



Thursday 8th April 10am-12noon Make & Decorate Baskets



Wednesday 14th April
FUNDM-12noon
Sand Art

Thursday 15th April 10am-12noon Games Day



20-22 Grampians Rd., HALLS CAP, VrC 3381 p. 03 53564751, option 3 m. 0491 050 456 e. neighbourhoodhouse@budjabudjacoop.org.au w: https://budjabudjaneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/

Gold Coin Donation

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#### HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Halls Gap Primary School had a fantastic day at the 2021 school sports, taking out the trifecta! We won the Marching, Team Events and Champion School. So proud of all the students for their effort and great sportsmanship.





Halls Gap has also been involved in designing and create the tallest tower using nothing but plastics cups.

Grade 5 and 6 participated in Maths Olympics at Stawell Secondary College as part of their Transitioning Days to Secondary College. The whole school participated in Cross Country with Concongella and Great Western Primary Schools. As part of our "Space" theme for this term we travelled to Bendigo to the Bendigo Discovery centre Planetarium. To finish the term we had a Space Dress up day. We have a jammed pack term.

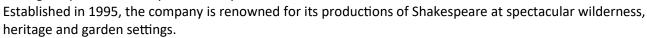


Don't forget the Halls Gap Primary School Market on Easter Sunday at the Recreation Reserve, where also JSC will be selling raffle ticket for the Easter Raffle. Have a great Easter from Halls Gap Primary School Staff and Children.

## **Shakespeare returns to Grampians**

After a challenging 12 months of cancellations and lockdowns, OZACT is celebrating a return to performances with A Feast of Shakespeare at Heatherlie Quarry in the Grampians next week.

A Feast of Shakespeare will bring abridged Shakespearean classics Macbeth, Pericles, King Lear and The Tempest to the mountain setting at 3pm on Saturday and Sunday.



Heatherlie Quarry, with its sheer rock faces, historic stone buildings and dramatic mountain scenery, has been a regular setting for OZACT performances.

Artistic director Bruce Widdop invited newcomers and established fans to sample the Shakespeare selection.

"This is Shakespeare for all tastes, with powerful acting, moving tragedy, tender romance, uproarious comedy and unearthly magic that is sure to satisfy in this most historic setting of Heatherlie Quarry," he said

OZACT comprises company members Bruce Widdop, Matt Young, Lisa Widdop, Sorcha Breen, Ryan Ireland, Eleanor Ruth and Luke Ingram.

This production provides audiences with an opportunity to enjoy outdoor entertainment.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and with numbers limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, organisers have encouraged patrons to book early online at www.ozact.com.



Grampians Grape Escape has been cancelled for 2021

For locals and visitors who were booked to come for the Grampians Grape Escape Festival

## Simon At Grampianswinecellar

#### **Grampians Wine Masterclass events**

Friday 30th April & Saturday 1st May

(Weekend of the unfortunately postponed @ggefest)

Two special masterclass events hosted by Simon Freeman. For each two-hour event, Simon will be accompanied by three of the best winemakers in the region, who will present some of their very best wines. You will hear the stories behind the wine, their history and the people responsible for making them.

Each event will include 6 wines, with a mix of white and red. A grazing plate of fine cheese and charcuterie will be provided to enjoy alongside the wines. The events will be held at the beautiful Pomonal Hall, just 12km from Halls Gap. Each masterclass is strictly limited and demand is expected to be high – so book early!

Friday 30th April - 'The Classics of the Grampians: Riesling & Shiraz'

Featuring - @fallengiantsvineyard, @mtlangighiran, @subrosawine & @bestswines Saturday 1st May - 'The New Wave of Grampians Wine'

Featuring - @blackandgingerwine, @storywines, @subrosawine & @atrwines

Tickets and more info available at www.grampianswinecellar.com.au/events







Need your First Aid or CPR update. We still have places for our course to run on Monday 12 April 2021. Please contact us to book your spot.



# First Aid& CPR dates for 2021

Cost: CPR HLTAID 001 \$65 First Aid HLTAID 002 \$155

nday 22nd Pebruary 2021 Monday 12th April 2021 Monday 7th June 2021 Monday 9th August 2021 Honday 4th October 2021 Inday 6th December 2021









Tired of your wardrobe and want something new?

Budja Budja Clothes Swap will be held on Saturday 17 April 2021 from 1 to 3.30pm

Please register your interest in bringing along your unwanted clothes. Basic rules include the clothes must be clean and in reasonable repair. No undergarments. Will accept womens/mens/children clothing.

All clothing not taken on the day will be donated to a local charity.

We are looking for helpers /volunteers on the day. If you have a clothes hanger that we could use on the day that would be very useful. Call Lee-Anne or Alison

on5356 4751 or email neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au/

#### PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
First Aid/CPR 9-3pm 22nd February 12th April 7th June	Computers & Internet available during opening hours bookings essential Gentle Exercise 1:30-2pm		Tai Chi 10-11am Meet & Make 1-3pm Book Club 7:30pm 3rd Thursday of the month	Pomonal/Halls Gap Playgroup 9:30-11am every second Friday during school terms check website or FB for dates	Meet & Make Saturday 3rd Saturday of the month 1:30-3:30pm Check events section of this brochure,
		School Holiday Program Tue & Wed of School holidays 10-12noon Check website or FB for more details			website or FB for more details

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FB FOR MORE DETAILS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

## 20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap 3381 PH: 03 53564751



April 2021	May 2021
<u>Dr Amanda Gibbons</u>	<u>Dr Phillip Barraclough</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> ,8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>	$3^{\rm rd},4^{\rm th},5^{\rm th},6^{\rm th},7^{\rm th}$
12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	
20 <sup>th</sup> ,21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<u>Dr Greg Malcher</u>
<u>Dr Rachelle Bassett</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> ,11 <sup>th</sup> ,12 <sup>th</sup> ,13 <sup>th</sup> ,14 <sup>th</sup>
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GP TO BE ADVISED	
26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> ,29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	GP TO BE ADVISED
Public Holiday	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Closed	24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Closed	
Clinic closed	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	

DO NOT ATTEND if you have recently been overseas, come from a recognised Hot spot, been in contact with a known case of COVID -19 or experiencing any cold, fever of respiratory infection symptoms even if mild. Call for a Telehealth appointment

#### 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 2021 are:

Labour Day Weekend- Sunday 7th March

Easter Sunday - 4th April

Queen's Birthday Weekend - Sunday 13th June

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 31st October

## 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.





Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone













#### **FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE**

Lee-Anne, Margo and Alison

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 and/or Halls Gap Community
Watch and Events Facebook Pages.



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

Fill The Gap newsletter acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the first Australians.

We acknowledges the diversity of Indigenous Australia.

We respectfully recognise Elders past, present and emerging.

This newsletter was produced on Djab Wurrung country.









## **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 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