

Issue: May 2021

FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association
& Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

Articles for June FTG need to be received by the 25th May 2021. See page 17 for details

In This Edition:

Stats by Chas	Page 1
Grampians Wine Weekend	
Nature Play Day	
HG Primary School	Page 2
ANZAC ceremony	Page 3
Botanical Garden	Page 4
Flu Vaccinations	Page 5
Halls Gap CFA	Page 6
Pomonal Men's Shed	
Church Services	Page 7
Grampians Petanque Club	
Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group	
HG Community Garden	Page 8
BBNH	Page 9
Run The Gap 21	Page 10
BB Medical	Page 11
Markets/Ads	Page 12 & 13

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



gwangal moronn

season of honey bees - autumn
(late March to June)

Sunrises, Bees and Flocking Birds

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

WRAP UP...



The Grampians wine region is home to some of the world's oldest vines. Known for dense, purple, and peppery Shiraz and bright sparkling wines, the Grampians has been a quality wine-producing region for more than 150 years.

Join us on the first weekend in May to celebrate the Grampians Wine Weekend and explore award-winning wineries from the undulating hills of Buangor to Halls Gap and everywhere in between.

On Saturday, May 1 you will be spoiled for choice with the Grampians Winemakers Wine Pop-up and Barrique Auction at the Halls Gap Recreation Reserve. Local wineries will be offering wine tastings and sales by the glass, plus you'll have the opportunity to purchase the highly anticipated annual Grampians Winemakers Reserve Shiraz at the Barrique Auction. Gates will open from 9am until 4pm.

Plenty of food and wine, a taste of the Grampians.

Admission is free

STATS BY CHAS...

April 2021

28.5 mm for April bringing the progressive total to 278 mm for 2021.

This compares to the same period last year of 95 mm for April with a progressive total of 238.5 mm.

As of the 28th April 2021 Lake Bellfield is holding 44,950 ML or 57 % full compared to the same period last year of 47,050 ML or 60 % full.

The total system is holding 163,410 ML or 29.16 % full compared to the same period last year of 166,580 ML or 29.73 % full.

Mount William received 66.4 mm for April. The highest temperature of

24.8 C was recorded on the 3rd of April and the lowest of - 0.5 C was recorded on the 21st of April 2021. The highest wind speed of 94 km/h was recorded on the 11th April 2021.

NATURE PLAY DAY

Explore, experience, play and learn with nature

Clay and sand art
Water play and science
Natural fibre weaving
Kite flying
Music and dance

SATURDAY MAY 1ST 11.00AM - 3.00PM

CNR NEALE ROAD AND HALLS GAP ROAD, HALLS GAP
Meet at the automatic gate on Neale Road

BYO Picnic Lunch or BBQ food to cook on our campfire BBQ grill

ALL AGES WELCOME



For more information please contact Glenda E: glenda.lewin@wama.net.au M: 0409 423 427



HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL



In commemoration of Anzac Day the students from Halls Gap Primary School held a ceremony on Monday 26th at the memorial near the oval. We laid wreaths, placed poppies and Australian flags. We then read the Anzac Ode and listened to 'The Last Post' followed by a one minute silence. Lest We Forget





Anzac Dawn Service Halls Gap 2021. Around 100 people gathered at the Memorial Gates to commemorate Anzac Day. A feature of this years Dawn Service was a magnificent caldron built and donated to the community of Halls Gap by Mr Fred Warren. On one side of the caldron are the names of the men who went to World War 1 from Halls Gap.

Special thanks to Doug, Janine and Mitch and the Committee of Management

Chas





Working bees continue to be held on the second and fourth Fridays each month. Start at 9.30 ish, leave when you have had enough. Anyone welcome. We put in some new plants last week and will probably have more on 14 May.

We are busy with grants at the moment. Reporting on the noticeboard grant we received from Bulgana last year, spending the grant money we received from DELWP on a toilet, new shed and watering system, applying for a grant

for solar panels, investigating how best to describe the indigenous use of plants that we display in the garden.

The new toilet has arrived. But it will be locked, with the key only available by request. So working bees, groups such as the Auslan classes, but not for general public use- it wouldn't cope.

We were very happy to be able to host a group of Junior Field Naturalists in the garden on Easter Saturday. Anthea Nicholls had prepared a leaflet on leaves and it was fun to watch them study the bushes as we walked around. Not to mention the enthusiastic investigation of ants after I had told them we thought we had eight species and warned them how fierce some were.

Margo



FOGG aims to promote the conservation, protection and restoration of the Grampians Gariwerd NP by increasing community involvement, knowledge and enjoyment of the park. Activities are on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

May 8th—Working Bee on Redgum Walking Track

June 12th—Fungi

July 10th—Talk at Brambuk—update on pest management from Parks.

Contact the secretary Alison Bainbridge on 0417 883 445 for more details



Why get immunised against influenza?

Influenza is a very contagious infection of the airways. It affects people of all ages. Although it can be a mild disease, it can also cause very serious illness in otherwise healthy people. It can require hospitalisation and can cause death.

Vaccination is a safe and effective way to protect you from serious disease caused by influenza.

By getting vaccinated against influenza, you can also help protect other people, especially people who are too sick or too young to be vaccinated. The more people who are vaccinated in your community, the less likely the disease will spread.

Yearly influenza vaccination is recommended for people aged 6 months and over.

Contact Budja Budja Medical Clinic

(03) 5356-4751

To organise your Vaccination

HALLS GAP CFA



As we move into the cooler part of the year we are surveying members about our preferred local training regime as well as sending volunteers to learn new skills at other locations. We welcome Tony Howard to our team of tanker drivers. He will join the regular roster for routine driving as well as responding in emergencies.

During April we have checked our emergency and back up generators and lights so we can operate the station during a power failure or provide power at an incident. We also take the opportunity to check fuel levels and fuel supplies so they are available if required. Emergency power is vital in order to get the fire trucks out through the electrically operated doors!

We are asked each year about priorities to minimise fire risk. We continue to identify the Grampians Road corridor from Fyans Creek through to Bellfield as an area of concern as it is important for access and egress during and emergency. Hopefully grants sought last year by CFA and Northern Grampians Shire Council will enable removal of combustible material from alongside the road, particularly towards Bellfield.

We are also keen for landholders and land managers to mow, slash, remove or burn material that has accumulated on their properties. Remember to get a permit from the shire before lighting a fire.

<https://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Council-Services/Community-safety/Open-air-permit>

There is a fee free period from 8 to 21 May, 2021, but a permit is still required and every burn must be registered.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/register-your-burn-off>

Apply now to allow time for inspection and approval.

We are always recruiting new brigade members, and welcome potential firefighter as well as other supporters for logistics, maintenance and communications.

Please call Peter if interested on 0437 524 716.

POMONAL MEN'S SHED

Construction of the new Pomonal Men's Shed has been progressing steadily over the last few months. Overall shed construction has been completed except for a few minor items.

External plumbing is almost complete and is now awaiting installation of the kitchenette. Likewise the external electrical works are essentially complete and power is available for inside works by men's shed members. The main focus over



the last few weeks has been the painting of the entire shed floor with high grade two-pack epoxy coating. The coating will ensure easy cleanup of any



spills and make general housekeeping simpler. The final coat of the system was put down on the 29th May with many shed members assisting (see photos). A big thanks from all members to Phill Bennett who coordinated members activities. As can be seen from the photos the result is excellent. The next stage will be the erection of the internal wall to separate the workshop area from the meeting room, plus the installation of the kitchen.

Work on these is expected to commence in the first week of May. As always, new members are welcome to come along any Thursday at 10am (adjacent to the Pomonal Hall), or if you want further information please call Russ Kellett (Secretary - 0438204929) or Peter Shelley (Treasurer - 0447466435), or email us at pomonalmensshed@gmail.com."



POMONAL COMMUNITY UNITING CHURCH

Services continue each Sunday at 10.am, with visitors always welcome. Our minister on the 3rd and 5th Sundays, others of us the other Sundays. We of course have to register as a precaution against Covid and have just installed a QR code to make it simpler.

There's a proposal that we'd welcome thoughts on. We've had a suggestion we should decorate the outside of the church with art. We could get funding for it. But where? The walls – front, store side, mountain side? But they all have interruptions of windows and doors. The roof? But that would require scaffolding etc. How long would the art work last? What if the community doesn't like it?

Comments welcome.

Margo
0429 201 139



On Sunday the 18th of April 2021 and the Grampians Petanque Club hosted the North West Challenge Cup. Seven rural/regional clubs entered 12 teams seeking to claim the grail, the piste was picturesque, the weather behaved and the event ran like clockwork. At the end of the day when the scores of five rounds of very competitive Petanque were tallied, bragging rights went to,

3rd place - Grampians Black

2nd place - Smythesdale Two

1st place - Grampians Teal

Glenn Bovell
Secretary
Grampians Petanque Club



GRAMPIANS WALKING TRACKS SUPPORT GROUP

Our local Parks Victoria team are in a rather sad state at the moment without a single ranger assigned to the walking tracks in the Park. All our activities have therefore been suspended until further notice. Among other things, this means that we are still unable to hold an opening ceremony for the new Golton Gorge track, 17 months after it was completed.

David Witham

HALLS GAP COMMUNITY GARDEN - FOOD FOR THE SOUL



Easter School Holiday—We had so much fun.

Congratulations to the Halls Gap Primary School, Budja Budja Neighbourhood House, members of friends of the Halls Gap Community Garden and in particular Gab who wrote up our grant. We were successful in obtaining a Northern Grampians Shire Council Community Grant. Our project is called "Food for the Soul" and the Grant of \$5,000 will help to contribute towards improving the Halls Gap Community Garden to increase knowledge and skills around growing food along with social opportunities and connections.

Now we are looking for community members interested to come on board to help us develop our plan to improve the Halls Gap Community Garden.

Our first event will be held at the Halls Gap Community Garden on Friday 21st May 2021 from 2.30 to 4.30 where the children from the Halls Gap Primary School will show us their culinary skills.

We would love to have anyone who is interested in being part of the exciting project. Come along on the day or give Alison a ring at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House on 5356 4751, option 3 or email neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au





We ran another successful first aid course in April. If you missed the course and need your First Aid/CPR book into our next course on Monday 7th June 2021. Cost: First Aid \$55 and CPR only \$65

Whats on at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House

Tuesday Gentle Exercise - 1.30-2pm -Moving to the Recreation Reserve Pavilion whilst the Centenary Hall is being painted.

Thursday Tai Chi 10-11am

Thursday—Alison is commencing a 6 week Beginners Crochet Course on 6th May from 1.30-3pm

Friday - Finska. When the Centenary Hall is ready we will be commencing Indoor Bowls. Watch this space.



Please book by phoning
03 53564751, option 3
during opening hours or email
neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

**We're hosting a
Biggest Morning Tea**
Please support us!



Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea

Where: Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Halls Gap

When: Wednesday 26 May 2021

Time: 10am -12noon

Gold Coin Donation
Bring a plate to share



RUN THE GAP 2021



We are glad to be back with Run the Gap - May 23.

Running as a Covidsafe event, the 9th annual Run the Gap to support tourism, community, good

health, and fitness, is once again on although it may look a little different as we follow safety protocols and procedures.

EVENT CAP of 1000 – Locals be aware and do not leave it to last minute to register.

Registration have been coming in fast, and with over 600+ with just over three weeks to go, we would hate our passionate locals to miss out, so if you've seen this, let your friends and family know and get in quick!

TYMNA DVE BIKE/PATH and boardwalk completed

All proceeds go towards community projects to enhance walking and bike paths with a recent donation and commitment of \$10,000 to NGSC for the completion of the Tymna Drive bike/walk path and boardwalk completion.

Plus \$1 from each registration is donated to "Grampians Walking Track Support Group" assisting in maintaining Grampians National Park walking tracks.

Traffic Management for the event will be managed by Fulton Hogan our fave local Police.

Runners / Volunteers / Support Crew cannot attend the event if they have any symptoms and high-risk individuals should exercise caution in considering whether to attend the event. Do not attend if unwell.

Distances –

21Km - Livefast Lifestyle Café - trail run
6Km – Lakeside Tourist Park - run

12Km - Absolute Outdoors – run
6Km – Mixxfm – walk

Halls Gap Primary School will run the "Mini Run the Gap" For all younger runners who are too little to register for the big runs or walk.

You can find all event info and register at: www.runthegap.com.au

We are so grateful for the many businesses who support and the volunteers who make this event so successful, fun, and family friendly. If you are not already in and if you would like to join us this year, please call. Joshua – 0401 966 846 – to volunteer.

Will – 0408 892 010; or Monique – 0400 113 218 – to lend your support, thank you.

We welcome everyone to the Grampians National Park – Gariwerd

Run the Gap Vic. recognises and respects the cultural, heritage, beliefs, and deep connection to country of all aboriginal people



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



May 2021	June 2021
<u>Dr Phillip Barraclough</u> 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th <u>Dr Greg Malcher</u> 10 th , 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 14 th 17 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th , 21 st <u>GP TO BE ADVISED</u> 24 th , 25 th , <u>Dr Rachelle Bassett</u> 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	<u>GP TO BE ADVISED</u> 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 8 th <u>DR Lori Cameron</u> 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 15 th , 16 th <u>Dr Rachelle Bassett</u> 16 th , 17 th , 18 th <u>GP TO BE ADVISED</u> 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th <u>Dr Ian Jones</u> 29 th , 30 th <u>Nurse Clinic</u> Monday 28 th <u>Closed</u> Monday June 14 th Public Holiday

Appointments

We are aware that nobody likes to wait

When booking your appointment please consider a

STANDARD APPOINTMENTS ARE 15 MINUTES

If you have more than 1 issue please advise reception staff when booking as you may need a longer appointment

If adequate time is not booked your Doctor may ask you to make a follow up appointment

However due to unpredictable nature of medical care our

Doctors may occasionally run late.

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 or 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>

Market Dates for 2021:

Queen's Birthday Weekend - Sunday 13th June
Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 31st October

Market Dates for 2022:

Labour Day Weekend- Sunday 13th March
Easter Sunday - 17th April

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 | 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 |

POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET

The Pomonal Village Markets are normally held on the Last Sunday of every month (see below for other dates) from 9am til 1pm at the Pomonal Community Hall
Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Pomonal

2021

3rd January	25th July
31st January	29th August
28th February	26th September
28th March	2nd & 3rd October
18th April	31st October
30th May	28th November
27th June	19th December

All site enquiries: Alison Bainbridge
Market Coordinator on 0417 883 445
All proceeds to Pomonal Community



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone

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

Report stolen bicycles, property taken 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

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Abbie and Alison

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

neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

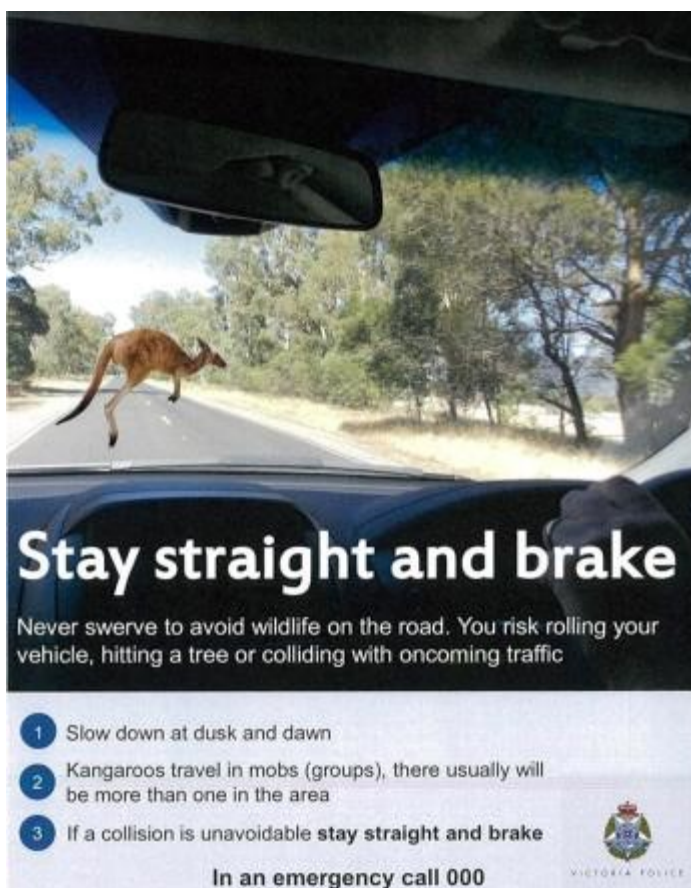
Upload your community events details to
the Community Association webpage:

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