

Issue: June 2022

FILL THE GAP

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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



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...

Well we have moved into "chinup" in a big way... Snow on the 31st May was amazing and this week has been really cold.

National Reconciliation Week is held every year from 27 May to 3 June. More information about National Reconciliation week on pages 2 & 3 including a colouring-in page for the children.

June is a very busy month with **Markets** on Sunday June 12 in Halls Gap and Pomonal's monthly market on the Sunday June 26.

We have the **Moth Trail** happening in Halls Gap on Saturday June 11. Check out pages 4-6 on how you can be involved on the night. Nature play at WAMA on Sunday June 12.

Grampians Film Society is putting on a real Aussie Classic **Mad Max** on Wednesday June 22. Can you believe it is have over 40years when it first was screened. You can come along even if you are not a member.

WAMA has **Nature Play Day** on June 12.

So much is happening so get rugged up and get out there.

ED.

MAY 2022 - RAINFALL BY CHAS...

67 mm for May bringing the progressive total to 251 mm for 2022. This compares to the same period last year of 82 mm for May bringing the progressive total to 360 mm.

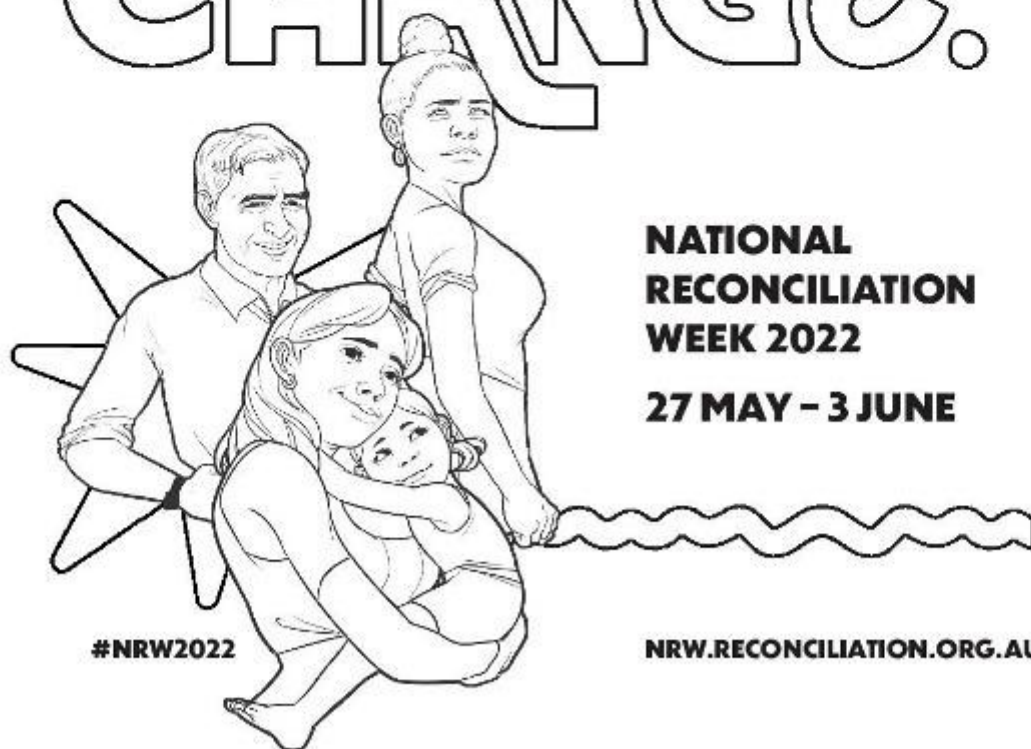
This is the lowest rainfall reading for May since 2013 of 51.5 mm with a progressive total of 163.5 mm.

As of the 01 June 2022 Lake Bellfield is holding 51,220ML or 65% full compared to the same period last year of 44,210ML or 56% full.

The total system is holding 165,570ML or 29.55% full compared to the same period last year of 160,560ML or 28.66% full.

Mount William received 92.2 mm for May 2022. The highest temperature of 13.2 C was recorded on the 10th of May and the lowest of -1.1 C was recorded on the 31st of May. The highest wind speed of 85 km/h was recorded on the 15th May 2022.





**NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION
WEEK 2022**

27 MAY - 3 JUNE

#NRW2022

NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week—held every year from 27 May to 3 June—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.

What's the significance of 27 May and 3 June? 27 May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation. The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

What is reconciliation in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples? At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken. Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

Why is National Reconciliation Week important? National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia. National Reconciliation Week is an ideal time for organisations, schools, universities, community groups and workplaces to advance understanding of reconciliation within their own places and their own lives. National Reconciliation Week provides a focus for working towards our goal of a just equitable and reconciled Australia. It began as a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993, supported by Australia's major religious groups. Three years later it evolved into National Reconciliation Week under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (now Reconciliation Australia).

Who organises National Reconciliation Week? National Reconciliation Week is organised by Reconciliation Australia; an independent, not-for-profit organisation established in 2000. It is the national organisation responsible for building and promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. Reconciliation Australia creates a theme for National Reconciliation Week each year. Reconciliation Australia also works with state reconciliation organisations in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and the ACT to organise local events and activities for National Reconciliation Week. Thousands of workplaces, schools, early learning services, universities, councils, and more organise their own private or public activities for National Reconciliation Week.

How can I or my group or organisation get involved? Visit the Reconciliation Australia website for more information and to discover what activities and events are taking place in your local area during National Reconciliation Week. On a personal level, you can think about what you can do locally and take the time to learn about the rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures that exists in Australia. And, importantly, find the time to talk with your family and friends about why it's important for all Australians to build respectful relationships with each other, and especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

What can I do for the rest of year? While National Reconciliation Week is an excellent time to think about these issues, you can still take action through the year to work towards reconciliation.

Visit our websites: www.reconciliation.org.au or nrw.reconciliation.org.au or follow us on social media for more information.



HALLS GAP MOTH TRAIL UPDATE:

What's a Moth Trail ? *Like moths in the night, drawn to the light, around the art we gather.*

The Moth Trail is a unique art experience that aims to draw people out after dark to enjoy a Winter outdoor gallery trail of intimate projection experiences throughout Halls Gap business area.

The Moth Trail is part of the Gatherings 2022 program and will be presented on Sat 11th June between 6.30 – 10 pm. (With a wet weather contingency event date on Sunday 13th June)

This project will provide the opportunity to activate the town centres and outdoor public spaces within close proximity to hospitality and retail businesses across Halls Gap.

Project Contact - The Moth Trail Coordinator is Jillian Pearce: director@yspace.com.au 0439 371 962.

The project is based out of Budja Budja Neighbourhood House. (With many thanks from the project team)

How to get involved? Looking for several interested people who want to donate their time to be part of the Moth trail Team.

Please Contact Alison Bainbridge if you are keen to be part of the team.

PH: 0417 883 445

Email: alisonb@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Role	Date	Time	Description	Location
Installers of Wayfinding lights	Saturday 11 th June	11.am – 1 pm	Place the lights on fences and along trails	To be advised at various places along the trail.
2-3 First Aiders	Saturday 11 th June	5.30 – 6 Induction 6-8 pm OR 8-10 pm	2 -3 volunteers for a 2 hour shift each	Visitor Information Centre where Opera In the Air is playing.
Projection station attendees	Saturday 11 th June	5.30 – 6 Induction 6-8 pm OR 8-10 pm	4 - 8 people to attend projection station for a 2 hour shift each over the evening.	Various places. No Experience necessary.

Moth Trail Thanks-yous:

This event has come together in a short amount of time and due to the efforts of a great number of local people. I would like to thank the following folk for all that has been contributed so far:

Alison Bainbridge and Lee-Anne Lovett, Janet Witham, Margo Sietsma and Botanical Gardens Committee, Rowena Witham and the Halls Gap Writing Group, Bruce Jordan and the Halls Gap Stillness In Movement Tai Chi and Qigong, Kyle Tourney, Nichola Peters and Halls Gap Primary School, Halls Gap Playgroup, Abbie Lovett, Wilari Lovett –Muir, Jaala Marks-Lovett, Kelanee Lovett, Kira Marks-Lovett, Ace Sweet-Lovell, Tanisha Lovett, Marion Matthews - GrampianArts, Christina Manolis and Glenda Lewin -WAMA, Michele Richardson - Pomonal Mixed Bunch, Ange - Halls Gap Swimming Pool, Rob Irvine-Halls Gap Rec Reserve Committee, David Witham, Kookaburra Hotel, Halls Gap E Bike Hire, Halls Gap Licensed General Store, Ampol Halls Gap, Julie and Janine and staff at Halls Gap Visitor Information Centre, Pater Scissors Rock Brew Co., Halls Gap and Grampians Historical Society – Chas, Murtoa Stick Shed –Wayfinding lights, Paul Kelly and Eastern Maar Dancers, earl@hanginout.com.au, Excellent Staff at Northern Grampians Shire, Sara Bowers at Studio 8.

Gatherings 2022 HALLS GAP

"The Moth Trail"

WHEN 6:30-10:00pm

DATE Sat 11th June, Wet Weather Plan for Sun 12th June

GATHERINGS 2022



1 Opera in the Air

Look up. She sings. Unexpected places... unexpectedly. Random performance happenings through the evening. Visitor Info Centre courtyard

5 short appearances through the evening

Penny Larkins, Earl from Hangin' Out, Outlook Communications and Y Space
Image Credit: Performer Penny Larkins. Photo by Julie Millowick, Courtesy of Castlemeane State Festival



2^a Outdoor Gallery 1: WAMA Art Prize, Works on Paper 2021

Be inspired by nature through the lens of the artist via this visual display of the 40 finalists from the 2021 inaugural WAMA Art Prize, Works on Paper award.

Visitor Info Centre doorway 1

WAMA



2^b Outdoor Gallery 2: GrampianArts

Inspired by the Grampians. A selection of work from participants and tutors at the Grampians Texture and Grampian Brushes workshop program.

Visitor Info Centre doorway 2

GrampianArts



2^c Outdoor Gallery 3: Local Art Local Artists

Selected works from local artists Meeting monthly. Pomonal's Mixed Bunch are local artists who explore new ways of thinking and making art.

Doorway History Centre Halls Gap Hall

Pomonal Mixed Bunch

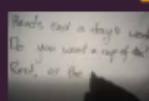


3 VR Light Sculpting

Create using light. in Virtual Reality. A real-time collaborative art experience.

Rear of E-bike shop

Bea Ladlow



4 Writing on the Wall

Local Haikus by local people in a laneway movement projection.

Supermarket laneway

Halls Gap Writing group, Jillian Pearce



5 AR Mural Art Activation

See the artwork Gariwerd emerge from the mural.

1. Download the free EyeJa&K app from your phone's app store or www.eyejak.com 2. Scan the QR code.

3. Watch the mural come alive on your phone.

Pop Up Park

Art artists Tashika Lovett and Dave Jones. Mural by Kyle Tourney



6 Face Off

Fun with live feed face projections facing off with other audience members

Vacant block Kookaburra Hotel

Dave Jones, Transience



7 Light Painting

Light painting experience in real time - splash out with colour and movement.

Back Wall of Swimming Pool

Dave Jones, Transience



8 Shadow Dance

Eastern Maar dancers projected in shadow across Gariwerd.

Creekside - Botanical Gardens Car Park

Eastern Maar Dancers and Jillian Pearce

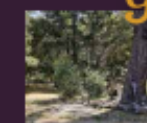


9^a Talking Tree 1: Margo

Unique perspective from Margot Sietsma in the gardens she knows so well.

Tree Botanical Gardens

Jacqui Schulz, Margo Sietsma

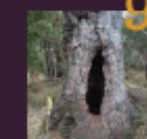


9^b Talking Tree 2: Janet

Halls Gap and traces of history with Janet Witham.

Tree Botanical Gardens

Jacqui Schulz Janet Witham

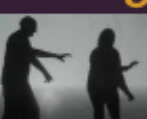


9^c Talking Tree Hollow 3

Mystery audio story and lighting design - from the inside of a tree hollow.

Tree Botanical Gardens

Jacqui Schulz, Margo Sietsma



9^d Shadow Meditation

Meditation and Movement across the landscape - literally.

Botanical Gardens Shelter

Jillian Pearce and Halls Gap Stillness in Movement Tai Chi and Qi Gong



10^a Shadow Play

Community Shadows captured and projected for real time shadow play.

Halls Gap Primary School

Halls Gap Primary School and Jillian Pearce



10^b Gariwerd Garden

Animated garden of floral artworks by the students at Halls Gap Primary School. Inspired by author Steffan Schulz's book Gariwerd Colours.

Halls Gap Primary School

Halls Gap Primary School and Dave Jones, Transience

Gatherings 2022 HALLS GAP "The Moth Trail"

WHEN 6:30-10:00pm **DATE** Sat 11th June. Wet Weather Plan for Sun 12th June

Like moths in the night, Drawn to the light... Around the art, We gather.
Projection trail created by Artists and the Halls Gap community.



A celebration of **ARTS,**
CULTURE and **COMMUNITY.**

Visit grampiansgatherings.com.au
for more details

more info >



NOTE: BYO torch for wayfinding, walking shoes and warm/wet weather gear.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians on all the lands we live, work and recreate. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

THE
Grampians
Way

NORTHERN
Grampians
SHEPHERD COUNCIL

BUDJA
BUDJA
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE

outlook

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State
Government

WOMEN LEADING LOCALLY

This program is an initiative of the Victorian Government delivered by the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) in partnership with Women for Election.

The Women Leading Locally program aims to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria by supporting 120 women from 30 target municipalities through two Community Leadership and Local Governance fellowships.

The program welcomes the involvement of women from all ages and backgrounds – Young Women, First Nations women, women who live with disability, women from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and LGBTQI+ women are especially encouraged to apply. The key requirement is that you have a passion for your local community.

The Women Leading Locally Program is being launched through a series of inspiring and informative seminars that will be held online and face-to-face in seven communities across the state:

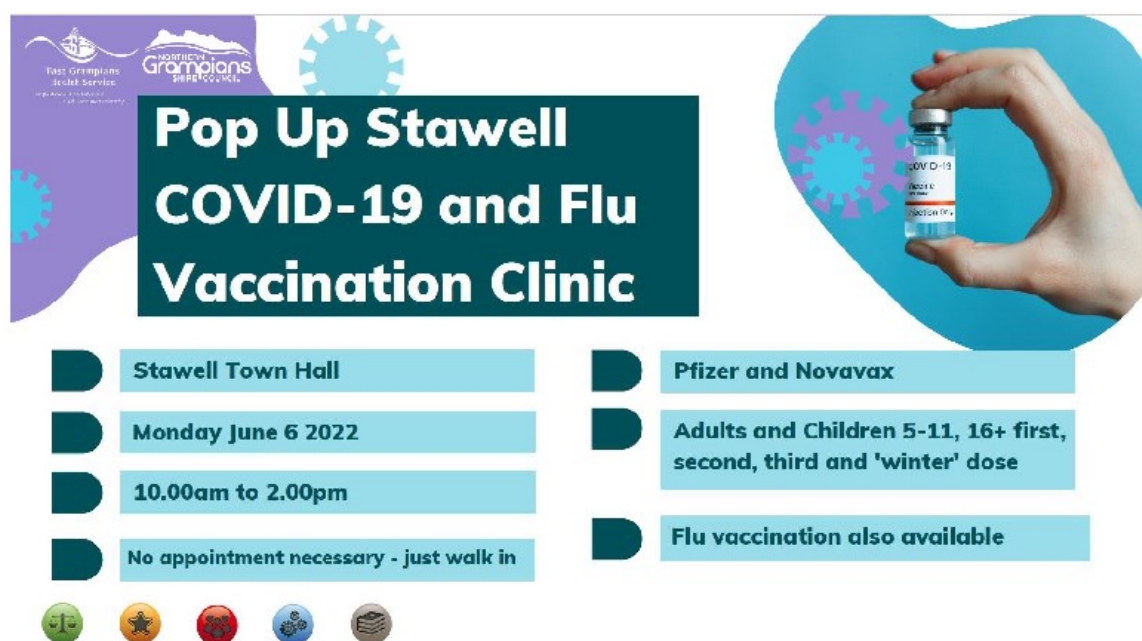
- **Horsham**, Sunday 5 June 2022, 1.00pm-4.00pm
- **Online**, Saturday 18 June 2022, 1.00pm-3.00pm

Participants will learn how and why they should get involved in local politics, why women's leadership qualities transfer so well into political office and how communities benefit from having more women in council chambers. You'll also hear how you can play a part in supporting others into power and why you should consider applying for a 2022 Women Leading Locally Fellowship (or encourage someone else to apply!).

Go to the website for more information and how you can register for the information sessions.

<https://communitydirectors.com.au/training/women-lead>

Ed.



The poster features a purple and teal color scheme. At the top left, logos for East Grampians Health Services and Northland Grampians Shire Council are displayed. The main title 'Pop Up Stawell COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Clinic' is in large white text on a dark teal background. To the right, a hand holds a small vial of COVID-19 vaccine. Below the title, details are listed in light blue boxes with dark teal circular icons. At the bottom, five small circular icons represent various services or themes.

**Pop Up Stawell
COVID-19 and Flu
Vaccination Clinic**

- Stawell Town Hall
- Monday June 6 2022
- 10.00am to 2.00pm
- No appointment necessary - just walk in
- Pfizer and Novavax
- Adults and Children 5-11, 16+ first, second, third and 'winter' dose
- Flu vaccination also available

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW IN STAWELL

Stawell Uniting Church and Stawell Camera Club are holding a show from Saturday June 11 to Thursday 16 and entries are very welcome. This year's theme is "He's got the whole world in his hands". My artist sister Fiona Pfennigwerth is coming here from Newcastle to open the show and show her recent work. She has produced an illustrated Bible book of Psalms and a couple of the illustrations are of the Grampians.

All works are to be ready for exhibiting, photos being either framed or matted. Entries can be for sale if desired and 20% of the sale price will be a commission. Enquiries to Lyn 0459 984 108 or Susan 0403 760 328.

Margo S

THANK YOU

Thank you to so many of you who have sent cards, emails, hugs, flowers to show your sympathy and care when my granddaughter Muireann died so tragically. You are much appreciated by myself and my daughter's family.

Margo S

BEYOND THE SMOKE BOOKS FOR FREE



Friends of Grampians Gariwerd have recently learned that we have a large number of these books still. Rather than putting them in the recycle bin, we have decided to give them away to locals who might want to have a copy, either for

themselves or in their rental cottages for visitors to read.

The books were produced in 2007 after the severe bushfire here. They cover the fire, the firefighting work and the stunning beauty of the way the bush recovered.

You can pick them up from the VIC. The books are free, but if you wish to give us a donation it would be much appreciated.

Margo S



Greetings all from Margo,

Last month I promised to have a report on the Botanic garden conference I attended at Eurobodalla which is a few kms south of Bateman's Bay. But for various reasons I haven't finished that so it will have to wait till next time.

However there are quite a few things to report now:

We have had school students staying at Tandara come to the garden a couple of times and we found plenty for them to do, they cleared along the fence, tidied our rocky creek, and more. Thank you Tandara for this!

Last time I suggested that we might be having a celebration on May 29 for Botanic Garden Day but not enough of us were in HG to go ahead with this, so we will wait until we have installed our signs about how the First Nations folk used some of our plants. We have a contractor working on them and they should be very good. We have also arranged with Pomonal Men's Shed to construct us some fittings for our office shed, so we can show that off at the same time.

We have a problem with the number of volunteers available for our Friday working bees, Quite a few of our regulars are away, or about to leave. But we don't want our visitors to be disappointed. How about some of you adopting a bed and coming at a time that suits you, any day of the week? That would be a tremendous help. Just let me know and I can arrange access to our sheds, so we can have a record of who has been in to help and you can use our tools and gloves.

The Moth Trail event planned for Halls Gap on the long weekend will have people in the garden. It sounds most exciting. So again, some help with weeding would be most appreciated.

Margo S

HALLS GAP CFA



A new Brigade Management Team is appointed every two years to enable succession and sharing of responsibilities. Our election was held in May for a new team to commence on 1 July 2022, so we congratulate Justin Cozens on his appointment as Captain. Justin will be supported by First Lieutenant Darryl Tonkin, Second Lieutenant and Training Officer Peter Hilbig, Third Lieutenant and Equipment Officer Hayden Koschitzke, Secretary and Treasurer Marilyn Andrews, Communications Officer Judy Hilbig, and Community Safety and Health & Safety Officer Rob Bartorelli. Delegates to the Stawell Group of Fire Brigades and the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria are also nominated from the Management Team so we retain connection with the broader CFA network.

Continuous upgrade and maintenance of equipment remains a priority for the brigade. Additional breathing apparatus (BA) has been provided so now both tankers are fully equipped with two BA kits each, and spare cylinders as required, for trained volunteers to use as protection against smoke and harmful gases. Several hoses have been submitted to the district headquarters for repair or replacement, and a drip torch, fuel drum and water pump filter have been replaced or updated to ensure everything is operational when required. We are also investigating the purchase of some additional power tools to improve our response capabilities.

Training continues through autumn, winter and spring on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. Please contact Peter on 0437 524 716 if you are interested in volunteering for firefighting or support.

Peter Hilbig



Once again we have had a quite busy month at the shed with a great variety of things on the go.

We meet at the shed every Monday from 9-30am for a social day together where we just chat over a cuppa and biscuit and are finding this a great time for our members with attendances being quite high.

Wednesday's from 1pm we have a patchwork group busy sewing and chatting the afternoon away in a very fun environment.

Also on every second Wednesday we are spending time with students from Pomonal Primary School building nesting boxes for the children to take home and enjoy with their families. This time with the young people is really being enjoyed by both shed members and school children alike.

Thursday's from 9-30am we are at the shed for our project day where we are working through a number of different things for the shed and outside folk and business' too.

This month we also had a visit from 30 folk from the Stawell Probus who came for a tour and lunch, it was a good time enjoyed by all.

We also had a visit from Stuart Grimley, The State members for Western Victoria and leader of the Derryn Hinch Justice Party. He enjoyed a cuppa and chat with members we gave him a tour of the shed.

As usual we did our regular sausage sizzle at the market which is always load of fun and raises some fund for us too.

The shed is very welcoming to new members or anyone interested, feel free to drop in and have a look at what we are up to or for any information contact Russ on 0438 024 929.

Russ Kellett



NATURE PLAY DAY

Explore, create, play and be inspired by nature

SUNDAY JUNE 12TH
11.00AM - 3.00PM

**WAMA SITE, CNR NEAL ROAD & HALLS
GAP-ARARAT ROAD, HALLS GAP**

Meet at the automatic gate on Neal Road

ALL AGES WELCOME

BYO Picnic Lunch
or BBQ food to cook on our
campfire

- Working with clay
- String making with bark & weaving
- Movement and dance
- Indigenous storytelling with Yaraan
- Cubby house building
- Kite flying

For more information please contact Glenda
E: glenda.lewin@wama.net.au M: 0409423827



Why do we see more sick Kangaroos in Halls Gap at this time of year?

When a number of Kangaroos appear to be sick Agriculture Victoria, University of Melbourne Wildlife Health team, Zoos Victoria and DELWP work together to investigate the cause of the deaths of these young kangaroos.

One kangaroo was tested last year and the cause of death was a bacterial infection rather than the Globo parasite.

Another illness that people may notice in Kangaroos is Phalaris toxicity. This presents has Kangaroos looking very uncoordinated as they hop and they may have tremors in their head and limbs.

Who do I call when I find a sick kangaroo?

To help you locate and contact the closest relevant wildlife carers and rehabilitation organisations for injured and sick wildlife. Go to: <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/injured-native-wildlife/help-for-injured-wildlife>. Or you can call Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300. You can also contact Wildlife Health Surveillance. Pam Whiteley 0400 119 301 or pamw@unimelb.edu.au

Alternatively please feel free to contact Kellie or Sarah at Halls Gap police for advice.

Can I look after sick, injured or orphaned wildlife?

Wildlife may only be cared for legally by veterinarians and DELWP authorised Wildlife Shelters and Foster Carers. Wildlife require skilled care, treatment and rehabilitation to recover sufficiently to be returned to the wild. Without this skilled care, wildlife may not recover or may lose their natural behaviours.

It is illegal in Victoria to keep sick, injured or orphaned wildlife as a pet. Taking wildlife from the wild without authorisation is an offence under the Wildlife Act 1975 and carries a fine of up to \$7773 and/or 6 months imprisonment".

Kellie HARRIS | Acting Sergeant
Halls Gap Police Station -Western Region Division 4



The month of May has been very busy at the House. We were very sad to say good bye to Lee-Anne who retired from her role as Coordinator. It has

been great working with her and I thank her for all her help to me over the last three years. However we are lucky Lee-Anne has agreed to continue helping out as a Volunteer. She has agreed to continue facilitating our Book Club among other things.

Lodi's Eco Dying workshops were a great success. We are hoping to offer more later in 2022.

Shelley Husband's crochet workshop introduced some new techniques and it was a fun way to spend a few hours. If you are interested in learning crochet or extending your skills we have Craft mornings on Wednesday and will have a Saturday workshops dates to be announced.

We had a lovely biggest morning tea raising money for cancer research.

We have been working with Jillian on the Moth Trail. It looking fabulous and I hope to see you there on Saturday June 11.

We have introduced half hour Qi Gong on Thursday's followed by a bird walk by our resident bird expert Neil.

Our signage was installed so you should be able to find us now at our new location.

June 4 we have our third Textile Artist Emma Stenhouse conduct a coil weaving workshop .

We are looking for volunteers to help us design our back yard. If you are interested please call me on 5356 4485.

Alison B



What's on in June at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Monday 20th May** - 9-3pm First Aid/CPR
- **Mondays** 10-12 Writers Group
- **Mondays** 7-8pm Meditation
- **Tuesdays** 10am-12noon Craft mornings
Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft mornings
Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Thursday 16th June** HG Book Club
- **Thursdays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Thursdays** 10.30am-11.30am Bird Walk
- **Fridays** 9.30-11.30am Storytime
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Indoor Games/Finiska/Indoor Bowls
- **Saturday 4th June** - Coil Weaving W/shop

Tuesday to Friday 9am-3.15pm

- Computers available
- Printing available
- Internet access
- Come in for a cuppa and yarn





Halls Gap Primary School

RESILIENCE Have strength, character and a positive outlook

EXCELLENCE Strive to be the best we can

COMPASSION Give care and compassion to others

We have had a busy term with lots of learning, sport and extra activities.

Lots of fun was had on our Mother's Day morning with a pancake brekky, nail painting, belly dancing and a photo booth!

Most recently, Cody from the AFL came to run two football clinics with the whole school, focusing on our throwing, catching and kicking skills.

We also had two very vivacious presenters from Canberra's Questacon visit to share some cool science experiments with us.

Coming up on the Queen's Birthday long weekend, we are looking forward to the Gatherings 2022 Moth Trail where our flora artworks will be projected onto the gym wall followed by the market on Sunday.

We are holding a family Maths night on Tuesday 14th June with and are wrapping up the term with a visit to the HG Zoo.

By then I think we will all enjoy a well deserved break!

From the Staff & Students at Halls Gap PS



If there are any families who may be interested in their children attending Halls Gap Primary in 2023, we would encourage you to give us a call to arrange a meeting and tour. Please contact the school on 5356 4235 or email halls.gap.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Run The Gap

May 24 at 7:50 PM · 🌐

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, the Halls Gap community, sponsors, supporters and runners at the 10th Run The Gap! We had a wonderful weekend in the sun and appreciate everyone's contributions to make the event a success!



MAD MAX

Mel Gibson

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap



Mad Max is a 1979 Australian action film set between 1983 and 1985, a few years after the 1973 oil crisis. It tells a story of societal breakdown, murder, and revenge. The film, starring the then little-known Mel Gibson, was released internationally in 1980. It became a top-grossing Australian film, while holding the record in the Guinness Book of Records for decades as the most profitable film ever created, and has been credited for further opening the global market to Australian New Wave film.

The Grampians Film Society evenings are held from January to November in either Halls Gap, Pomonal or Stawell.

The doors open at 7pm and screenings commence at 7.30pm.
Drinks and nibbles are served prior to the film and a light supper is served afterwards.

Membership is only \$45 annually or \$25 half-year.

For more information contact Alison Bainbridge 0417 883 445

Come along and enjoy viewing, being entertained and discussing the merits of films we screen.
We endeavour to cater for a variety of tastes as well as have a fun social night.



LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER—HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS



Botanical Gardens - Every Friday morning or if Friday is no good why not adopt bed and come at a time that suits you, any day of the week?

Halls Gap Community Garden - Plant, weed enjoy any time any day.

Budja Budja Neighbourhood House - Looking for volunteers to help with the garden, programs and events. Ring Alison 5356 4485

Halls Gap & Grampians Historical Society - Ring Chas on 0439 837 052

Community Association of Halls Gap Inc.—acts as an umbrella organisation for various groups including Botanical Garden, The Grampians Film Society, Fill the Gap etc

Fill The Gap - Alison is looking for help to produce the FTG. Give her a ring on 5356 4485

Halls Gap CFA - Give Peter Hilbig a call on 0436 524 716

Halls Gap Landcare Group - Graham Parkes on 0429 839 179

Pomonal Men's Shed - contact Russ on 0438 024 929.

Halls Gap Resilience Group - Rod Lambert on 0407 992 447 or email him at secretary@resiliencgroup.org.au

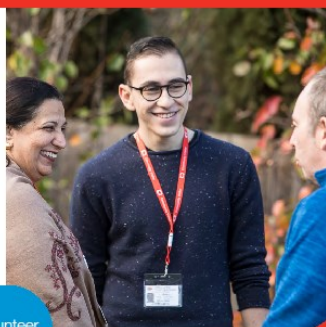
These are just a few groups you can be part of check out the Halls Gap Community Noticeboard website for more groups.

<https://hallsgapcommunity.org.au/volunteering/groups-looking-for-volunteers/>

 Office of the Public Advocate

Community Visitors Program

Help make a difference to the lives of people living with disability



Volunteer today!

Become a Community Visitor with the Office of the Public Advocate:

- ▶ highly rewarding volunteer role
- ▶ Victorian Governor in Council appointment
- ▶ flexible time commitment
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- ▶ reimbursement of expenses



For more information, contact the OPA Volunteer Coordinator on 1300 309 337 or opavolunteers@justice.vic.gov.au

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Independent Third Person Program

Help people with cognitive disability or mental illness in interviews with Victoria Police



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WILDLIFE WITH NEIL

Eastern Banjo Frog, Pobblebonk or Southern Bullfrog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*)

Description: - This is a common and widespread burrowing frog which can be found in large numbers at night particularly after rain. This species can be found from Southern Qld around the Gold Coast, down coastal NSW and along the Murray River to around Adelaide and South Eastern SA, most of Victoria and Tasmania. Adults are large (50 – 85mm) and are coloured grey, olive-green, dark brown to black on back with dark marbling, blotches or flecks. A pale stripe runs from under the eye to the arm, with a dark band running from the eye to the tympanum (membrane covering the ear) above the pale stripe. Occasionally they have a pale stripe running down the backbone. The belly is white sometimes mottled with grey. The skin is warty on the back and smooth on the belly. The toes have some slight webbing. The tadpoles are dark brown with dull gold clusters of colour over the top. The fins are dark grey/brown and can occasionally be flecked with darker spots.

Habitat and Behaviour: - Adults frequent all habitats with the exception of alpine areas and extremely arid zones. Commonly seen after rain near dams, ditches and other bodies of still or slow moving water. Eggs and tadpoles inhabit still water in swamps, streams, dams and lakes. The tadpoles are mainly bottom dwellers feeding on sediment and plant material, they are usually sedentary unless disturbed.

Season of Occurrence: - Males call all year round usually with the exception of July, with peak calling from August through to April. They usually call while concealed in floating vegetation, occasionally from the waters edge from partly submerged positions under the banks of streams. The call is an explosive, short musical note producing a resonant 'bonk', and is usually repeated every few seconds. A rapid series of 'bonk, bonk, bonk, bonk' lasting about one second, are most likely groups of two or more frogs calling in sequence. Males call less frequently in colder months. There can be intense calling after heavy rain and mass spawnings over several nights. Around 4000 eggs are often laid at one time in a large foam nest (120 – 180mm diameter) usually concealed in aquatic vegetation, or under hanging banks of streams or dams or inside burrows. Metamorphosis (tadpoles to frogs) occurs in December through to April.

Please try to avoid them on the roads at night if possible and safe to do so.





Where can I get COVID-19 vaccinations in Northern Grampians Shire in 2022?

For people aged 5 and over:

Patrick Street Family Practice Stawell 

5358 7555 www.psfamprac.com.au

St Arnaud Medical Centre

5495 1766

Victorian Government free COVID-19 Vaccination at Home Service 

[1800 675 398](tel:1800675398) or www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

For people aged 12 and over:

Stawell Medical Centre (SRH) 

5358 1410

St Arnaud Pharmacy 

5495 1911



More information via 1800 675 398 or www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

List subject to change. Updated 14th April 2022



Home isolating? You're not alone.

COVID-19
(Coronavirus)

If you or someone you know is self isolating we can help you.

Contact Grampians Community Health for assistance.

Call: 5358 7400 or 5358 7599 (after hours)

Email: home.isolation@gch.org.au

Availability: Northern Grampians Shire
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Where can I get tested for COVID-19 in Northern Grampians Shire?

Stawell Regional Health Respiratory Clinic



facebook.com/StawellRegionalHealth or 5358 8630

- Drive or walk through testing at the hospital. Call or visit Facebook page to confirm open times and if an appointment is needed.

East Wimmera Health Service



5477 2102 or 5477 2100

52 North Western Road St Arnaud

- 2.30pm every day including weekend



Victorian Government Call-to-Test at home service



For people with disability or illness who can't get to testing sites.

1800 675 398, option 5 then option 5

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Available at SRH and EWS, chemists, IGAs and Woolworths, petrol stations, Lyle Eales. RATs are free to eligible groups at some locations.



Community Conversations, brought to you by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Grampians Region. They focused on creating a liveable, inclusive and sustainable Victoria with thriving natural environments.

The newsletter is very interesting the May edition recognised the

work of volunteers of the Halls Gap Caravan Park and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Incorporated, Storm recovery works, Power Saving Bonus extension until 30th June, Adapt Grampians upcoming forums and From Little Creeks to Bio Links.

Power Saving Bonus: Households receiving payments through the Pensioner Concession, JobSeeker, Austudy, Abstudy or Youth Allowance programs, or those who hold a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card, are eligible for a one-off \$250 power saving bonus.

The payment is delivered through the Victorian Energy Compare website, which receives more than one million visitors each year and helps consumers find the best energy deal available. Data shows seven out of every 10 users can save money by switching energy offers, with a typical annual saving of \$330.

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus payment is transferred electronically into bank accounts or provided via cheque on request, with cheques typically taking about two weeks to arrive.

To help people who may not have access to a computer or who need assistance with their application, the Government is providing support through the Power Saving Bonus Community Outreach Program.

Program partners include the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Good Shepherd and Neighbourhood House, Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, Consumer Action Law Centre and State Trustees Limited.

Apply for the one-off \$250 Power Saving Bonus at compare.energy.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 000 832.

The Bunanyung Landscape Alliance presents: ***From Little Creeks to Bio Links*** - a forum about what is possible on

Monday 6 June, 2022.

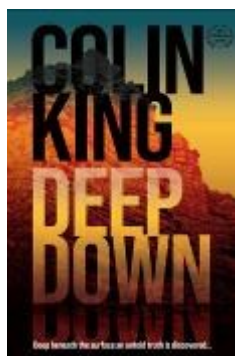
During this forum two new strategies will be shared:

- Goldfields Little Creeks Restoration Strategy - by Dr Nick Schultz
- Engield and Wombat Forest Biolink Strategy - by Tim D'Ombrian

[RSVP here](#) or watch the live event on [Bunanyung Landscape Alliance Facebook](#).

If you would like to receive a copy contact DELWP Grampians Region, www.delwp.vic.gov.au, facebook.com/DELWPGrampians, DELWP general enquiries: 136 186, VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226, Deaf, hearing or speech impaired? Please contact the National Relay Service on 133 677 or www.relayservice.com.au





NEW LOCAL MURDER MYSTERY NOVEL-Deep Down, the new novel by Bendigo author Colin King, is well and truly set in the Grampians. After a murdered body is un-earthed in a gemstone site near Rocklands Reservoir, investigations soon shift closer to home at locales like Pomonal, Dunkeld, Mount William summit, and in Halls Gap at Harvest café and Brambuk.

Deep Down is third in the series featuring homicide Detective Sergeant Rory James. Although it is set in the present day, tentacles of early European settlement encounters surface into the plot. From the book's opening page to its sombre close, Rory is more than ably abetted by the young and tenacious indigenous archaeologist Tahlia Lock.

The new novel was launched at the Bunyip Hotel in Cavendish by Southern Grampians councillor, Greg McAdam. Greg's grandfather discovered the smoky quartz gemstone site where the body is found.

Prof Ian Clark, Historian and former manager of Brambuk Aboriginal Centre at Halls Gap, had this to say about Deep Down: *"... a very good read, and I thoroughly enjoyed it ... captivating and certainly held my interest"*.

Dianne Dempsey, reviewer for the Age, offered the following praise: *"In the tradition of Peter Temple and Jane Harper, Colin King incorporates the landscape of regional Australia into the DNA of his plot. Attuned to the elements of the murder mystery, King has written a suspenseful novel which is both surprising and satisfying."*

Deep Down can be purchased locally at Halls Gap Newsagency as well as on-line and as an ebook.

HALLS GAP RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Our latest meeting was held on June 1 where it was great to see members brave the cold conditions to attend. As always, our council representative, Cr Trevor Gready made himself available and we thank him for attending.

Some of the items discussed included the luminescent line marking on the shared pathway, the rubbish caused by overturned bins and the visual blight of bins left standing in our streets; Pedestrian access to the shopping precinct from Heath St; a request to redo the parking lines at the end of Tandara Rd; the establishment of a Resilience Group who, among other things, are conducting a fire plug audit, and the revival of a local Landcare group. You can see from these topics that the Residents and Ratepayers Association meetings are a forum that encourages discussion of a broad range of subjects that matter and are raised by those who attend.

Recently the NGS called for submissions from the public in regard to amendments or addition to bylaws. The draft of these will be available on the NGS website for public perusal from Monday June 6. <https://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Home> (This is a general link only). This will give locals further opportunity to have input. We recommend that you have a look at this document when it becomes available.

Due to construction work and painting in the Wittenbach room by the Northern Grampians Shire the History Room will be closed until Thursday 9th of June 2022.



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: <https://www.hallsgapmarkets.com.au/>

Market Dates for 2022:

Queen's Birthday Weekend - Sunday 12th June

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 30th October

Market Dates for 2023:

Labour Day Weekend- Sunday 12th March

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9th 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
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

Pomonal Village Market

Last Sunday every month - 9am - 1pm
Pomonal Community Hall
Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Pomonal

2022 Market Calendar

2nd January	31st July
30th January	28th August
27th February	25th September
27th March	1st & 2nd October
24th April	30th October
29th May	27th November
26th June	18th December

All site enquiries:
Alison Bainbridge
Market Coordinator
M: 0417 883 445

All proceeds to Pomonal Community



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 vehicles, property, 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



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone

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.

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country.



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

Let's work together to keep everyone safe

We are implementing the following measures and providing hand sanitiser for all of our health and safety, because we are all in this together.

- Remain good hygiene
- Increasing cleaning in high traffic areas
- Keeping records (where essential)
- Encouraging employees to stay home if sick
- Maintaining physical distancing measures
- Complying in maximum occupancy directions

in it together

Let's mask up together

For yours and our safety

in it together

Regular Events

- * **Chas Mangle** Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the Halls Gap Newsagency from 8am - 10am daily except Tuesday 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.
- * **History Room** is open 2pm-4.30pm on **MOST** days. **CLOSED Tuesday**
- * **Budja Budja Neighbourhood House** - check the program at the house and online - <https://budjabudjaneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/>
- * Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details—
www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au