

Issue: August 2022

FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

Articles for September FTG need to be received by the 25th August 2022 See page 14 for details

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FROM THE GARIWERD



larneuk

season of nesting birds - early spring (late July to late August)

Nesting Birds and Changeable Weather

Early-spring (season of nesting birds or larneuk) is usually the wettest time of the year with rivers running high.

It is a time of dramatic weather changes, with up to six seasons in one day.

SIX SEASONS CALENDAR

WRAP UP...

Plenty to read in this latest edition of Fill the Gap. You know spring is in the air when you notice birds looking for suitable nesting sites and with the additional rain, our beautiful water falls cascading down.

It is also time when we start advertising community events. Coming up Grampians Brushes, Pomonal Art Show and Festival, Pomonal Native Flower Show, markets and WAMA events. All wonderful local events to put in your diary.

Budja Budja Neighbourhood House has been busy helping with local events, programs and activities. BBNH is supporting those with small children with FREE child car restraint fittings and safety checks. See page 7 on how you can book on line.

We are still looking for new volunteers to assist in producing and distributing FTG. So if you would like to give it a go contact Alison at BBNH on 5356 4485.

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JULY 2022 RAINFALL BY CHAS:

84 mm for July bringing the progressive total to 510.5 mm for 2022.

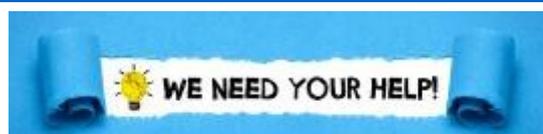
This compares to the same period last year of 203.5 mm for July with a progressive total of 768.5 mm.

As of the 27th July 2022 Lake Bellfield is holding 52,980 ML or 67% full compared to the same period last year of 53,520 ML or 68% full.

The total system is holding 174,400 ML or 31.13% full compared to the same period last year of 196,580 ML or 35.08% full.

Mount William received 9.8 mm for July (once again I think there was a malfunction in the recordings between the 1st of July and the 28th of July, hopefully this has been corrected.)

The highest temperature of 8.6 C was recorded on the 28th July and the lowest temperature of -1.7 C was recorded on the 19th and 20th of July. The highest wind speed of 85 km/h was recorded on the 4th, 8th and 22nd of July 2022



We are starting a Friends Budja Budja Neighbourhood House group.

It is an advisory group to assist Alison in ensuring that BBNH run events/activities for the community.

If you are interested please give Alison a call on 5356 4485 or drop in during opening hours 9am-3.15pm Tuesday to Friday.

FOREST THERAPY



Are you interested in trying something new?

Hello everyone

My name is Rowena Witham and I am currently training to be a Forest Therapy Guide. I will be offering this in Gariwerd/Grampians and surrounds once I am qualified. Many people are not yet familiar with what this is, so I'll share the link to the International Nature and Forest Therapy Alliance website for your information: <https://infata.net/>

I am currently setting up a number of walks, which I need to document as part of my assessment. I am wondering if there is anyone in the community who would like to join me out of interest, as market research or out of the goodness of your heart. The next one will be on Monday August 15th starting at 9.30am and I will be confirming the dates of the rest in the near future.

The walk will be for 3 hours and will encompass the Botanic Gardens and Venus Baths track, so nothing too strenuous.

Please contact me (rowenawitham@gmail.com or 0422465207) if you want to join me or have any questions about being involved.

Hope you can come

Rowena

Australian Plants Society Grampians Group
Present the 39th Annual

POMONAL NATIVE FLOWER SHOW

Pomonal Community Hall

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2022 9.00am to 4.00pm

Admission \$5.00, children free

Cut Flower Displays
Named specimens
Book Sales
Speakers

Refreshments
Plant Sales
Activities
Village Market

Special Feature:
Grampians Indigenous Species





Grampians Brushes 22 Community Club CALL OUT! –

Be a part of our production team for set-up/pack-up of workshop spaces. Grampians Brushes will make a donation towards your club for your volunteering time in assisting with production. We will require a crew of at least 9+ (some muscles are required for heavy lifting – if any).

DATES:

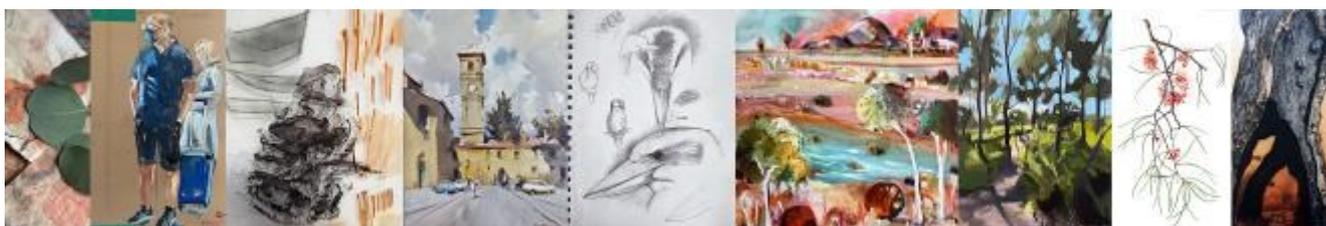
Set-up Friday 9 September from 9:30am–12noon + an hour or two with only a few of the crew in the afternoon if required.

Pack-up Thursday 15 September from 3:30–5:30pm

Please contact Adelle for more information

Phone: 0493 430 312 (leave a message and I'll call back)

Email: brushes@grampianarts.com.au



Grampians Brushes 2022 is all set to hit Halls Gap from Saturday 10 – Thursday 15 September 2022. The annual workshop program is for painters and print makers and provides an opportunity for participation in two, four or six days workshops with some of Australia's best artists and tutors for introduction level to experienced artists. Each year sees some favourite tutors return along with new tutors offering workshops to entice you to explore different mediums, techniques and processes.

Workshop options:

2 day workshop: Saturday 10 – 11 Sunday September 2022

4 day workshop: Monday 12 –15 Thursday September 2022

6 day workshops: Saturday 10 – 15 Thursday September 2022

Workshops run 9am – 4pm. There are still some workshop spaces available! Check online at www.grampianarts.com.au and click on Grampians Brushes to see the line-up of tutors on offer this year...

GB22 promotes a variety of Halls Gap's eating in or take away, supplies for self-catering and local wineries/ breweries. If you are a local business that would like to offer a special discount towards the GB22 students and tutors please get in touch with us and we will promote your business in our newsletters sent to all participants. We have over 320 bookings plus friends and partners attending Halls Gap for the 6 days in September!

As part of our opening night, Friday 9 September, from 5pm we will have an artist market open to everyone to come and buy direct from the artists. The GrampianArts Market Place will be situated at the Halls Gap Centenary Halls with Seniors Art Supplies who will be selling specialist art supplies, Dairing selling speciality papers and textiles, Red Rock Books with art books and Fibreworks hand dyed fibres.

Grampians Brushes is a project of GrampianArts, a not-for-profit organisation that strives to provide opportunities for artists to extend their skills and showcase their work.

Phone: 0493 430 312

Email: brushes@grampianarts.com.au



Activities Update – 31st July 2022

July has seen the shed full of activity once again with quite a busy month as we start off the new financial year.

We are pleased to see new members joining the shed & enjoying the various sessions regularly on offer.

Mondays social sessions run from 9-30am – 3pm & have been a great source of socialisation and enjoyment for all members attending them.

Wednesdays have also been quite busy with our patchwork group in the meeting room from 1pm – 4pm enjoying the social side of all their craft work. Also, every second Wednesday for a one hour session we have continued working with students from Pomonal Primary School making bird boxes. All members involved in these sessions have obtained their working with children's certificates.

Thursdays we run our project sessions from 9-30am – 3pm and these have still been quite busy as we continue work on projects raising funds for the shed & members personal projects. We are going to scale down our outside projects and concentrate on doing personal projects for members utilising the vast array of equipment within the shed. We also had our usual members sausage sizzle on the first Thursday session.

We had a demonstration from Ross Clementson on how to make portable fire pits out of old gas bottles which was very informative and enjoyable, followed by a lunch together. We plan to make these for sale and for members to take home.

This month's "Shed Talk" session (usually held on the first Tuesday of each month), we had a very fruitful discussion on death and dying with special guest Terry Dunn joining in. These sessions are proving to be a great source of information and group bonding for all members that attend.

On Sunday 10th we celebrated Christmas in July just for the fun of it, and it was a great time enjoyed by members & their families. The food was fantastic, the atmosphere sensational & a great time enjoyed by all.

We ran two all-inclusive sessions this month for our female members, the first being on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-30pm – 8-30pm and the second on the last Sunday of the month after the market from 1pm – 4pm.

The last Sunday of the month saw us enjoying raising

fund with our market sausage sizzle, like Bunnings we have raised the price from \$2-50 to \$3-00. We boast the cheapest & the best in the Grampians.

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 Kellett on 0438 024 929.**

HALLS GAP CFA



Congratulations to Justin Cozens who takes on the role of Captain of the brigade for two years from 1 July. Also newly appointed as 1st Lieutenant is Darryl Tonkin who joined the Halls Gap Brigade from Torquay several years ago. Other Brigade Management Team members are continuing with some role changes – Hayden Koschitzke (3rd Lieutenant and Equipment Officer), Marilyn Andrews (Secretary & Treasurer), Rob Bartorelli (Community Engagement and Health and Safety Officer), Judy Hilbig (Communications Officer) and Peter Hilbig (2nd Lieutenant and Training Officer). The brigade also nominates the Captain and 1st Lieutenant as delegates to the Stawell Fire Brigades Group which meets once a month in Stawell, and the VFBV (Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria) which meets four times a year in Ararat..

During the 2021-22 Financial Year, the brigade responded to over 50 emergency calls. Whilst many of these are in support of other brigades or other emergency services (Police, State Emergency Services or Ambulance Victorian), most impact our local community and require immediate attention. The number of incidents varies from season to season, but we are called out an average of at least once per week. Even in the cooler part of the year, fires quickly engulf buildings or spread through grass and scrub, so we always respond as quickly as possible with an entirely volunteer crew.

The Brigade meets for training and/or meetings of the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm the Halls Gap Fire Station. New members are always welcome – you can just turn up on the night, or register your interest on line as a Firefighter (Operational Volunteer), a Support Volunteer (Non operational) or a Junior Volunteer. See <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa>



FREE Children's workshop

Sketching in nature: Introduction to the Nature Journal

Join highly acclaimed nature artist **Linda Weil** for a workshop on how to keep a nature journal.

This workshop is an exploration of Nature Journaling. Like a personal diary or journal, the Nature Journal is used to record your observations and thoughts on nature using drawing, painting and illustration. The beauty of a Nature Journal is that it is entirely up to the artist on how it looks and what is included.

A wonderful experience for budding artist or even those who say "I can't draw!"

This activity will take part of WAMA's Spring Nature Play Day event, utilising the WAMA Trust for Nature Covenanted area.



About the artist – Linda Weil

Linda Weil is a professional artist with over 40 years' experience specialising in a forms of drawing medium – particularly graphite. She has worked as a professional illustrator for national magazines such as *Your Garden* and *Home Beautiful*, as well as teaching and exhibiting her drawings in a variety of galleries and exhibitions throughout Australia. Linda has authored / illustrated 'How to Draw Lifelike Animals' and co-authored 'The Art of Drawing Animals' for the well-known international art publisher, Walter

Foster. She has been commissioned to produce work for Derwent pencils and featured in numerous Australian Geographic Art calendars. Linda teaches regular drawing classes locally in Victoria and workshops interstate.

For ages 8 years and over. All materials supplied.

Sunday, September 18, 11- 4pm

WAMA site, corner of Neal Road Pomonal Ararat Road, Halls Gap. Limited spots available. Bookings essential by emailing info@wama.net.au

For more information please contact Glenda on 0409 423 827.

This event is proudly held by the WAMA Foundation as part of their Nature Play Days.



NATURE PLAY DAY

Explore, create, play and be inspired by nature

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH
11.00AM - 4.00PM

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
- Nature Journaling with artist Linda Weil (bookings essential)

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

July has been a busy month at your neighbourhood house.

Our bird walks on Thursday have been very popular. However Neil will be away on a survey trip to the desert in WA. We will resume our bird walks in September when Neil returns.

Glenda Nicholls ran the Pine Needle Weaving workshop. Such a lovely day that included laughter, tears, food and leaning a wonderful meditative skill.

Thanks to all who attended and Glenda for a very special day.



Gentle exercise was down at the house with Alison trying to keep the exercise group under control. Thank goodness Jo is back in August to lead us. The half hour exercise and laughter helps to get those kinks out and get us active again ready for spring.

Come on down and join in the fun



First Aid happening again on Monday 15th August from 9am. Please call to book your place.

Book in for your FREE child car restraint fitting and check



<https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/events/halls-gap-18-august-2022/>



What's on in August at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Mondays** 11am-1pm Writers Group
- **Monday 15th** 9am-3pm - First Aid/CPR
- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft mornings
Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Thursday 18th** 10am-2pm Safe Seats Safe Kids - Free assessment bookings a must at: <https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/events/halls-gap-18-august-2022/>
- **Thursday 18th** - 7.30pm HG Book Club
- **Thursdays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Fridays** 10am-11.30am Storytime
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Indoor Games/Finiska/Indoor Bowls
- **Saturday 13th** 10am-2pm Felting Workshop

Tuesday to Friday 9am-3.15pm

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

Connecting to Community

Bookings Essential

Join us at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House and be part of our Connecting to Community Textile Workshops. We have been able to keep the cost low due to a Community Grant through the NGSC.

Cost: \$40 per workshop

Saturday 13th August, 10am-2pm

Judith Burke - Felting

Join Judith Burke, an inspirational teacher and her passion for felting is evident in her work. Judith will teach us the necessary skills to create our own Felted Beret. All materials provided.



Budja Budja Neighbourhood House
42 Grampians Road, Halls Gap





**Safe Seats
Safe Kids**

**IS YOUR CHILD
TRAVELLING SAFELY?**

**FREE CHILD CAR RESTRAINT
FITTINGS & SAFETY CHECKS**



**Budja Budja Neighbourhood House
invites local parents and carers to
book in for a free child car restraint
fitting or safety check!**

WHERE 42 Grampians Road, Halls Gap VIC 3381

WHEN Thursday 18 August 2022 between 10.00am and 2.00pm

HOW Bookings are essential! Parents and carers (including grandparents!) can book in a free child car restraint fitting or check by registering through:

<https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/events/halls-gap-18-august-2022/>

Please note, if you need to have more than 1 child car restraint fitted/checked, you will need to book multiple appointments.

WHY 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, have a professional fitter check your restraints so you know your child is safe. For more information about the program, please visit kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program

These events are hosted by Kidsafe Victoria in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, with support by the Victorian State Government.

WILDLIFE WITH NEIL Flame Robin – *Petroica phoenicea*

Other Names:- Flame-breasted Robin, Robin Redbreast.

Measurements:- Length 11 – 14cm, Weight 12 – 16 Grams (or around half an ounce in old terms)

Description:- Male – Head and upperparts slate grey; forehead white; chin slate grey; throat and underparts brilliant orange/red; lower belly white; wings dark grey-brown; prominent white band across flight feathers; tail dark grey-brown, outermost feathers white. Iris dark brown; bill black; legs dark brown. **Female** – Dorsal surface brown; forehead off-white; underparts light brown, wings dark grey-brown, pale buff wing bars; tail dark-grey brown, outermost feather white.



Voice:- Song a high-pitched cheery musical trill consisting of three sets of three notes, like 'chrip-a-chip, chrip-a-chip, chirripa-tirrrrip'. And slower 'whit,whit,whit'.

Habitat:- Eucalypt forest and woodland, dispersing to more open habitats, farmland, and urban parks and gardens for Autumn and Winter.

Food:- Insects and other small arthropods.

Habits:- Migratory. Largely terrestrial. Gregarious when not breeding often in scattered flocks of up to 20 birds. The only *Petroica* Robin to form flocks. Forages on the ground pouncing on prey from an elevated branch, fence post or rock. Generally in open country; active and conspicuous but not especially vocal. They are usually seen as singles or pairs during the breeding season.

Breeding:- August – January; one or two clutches per season; female builds nest and incubates eggs; fed by male; both parents feed chicks.

Nest:- Bulky cup of bark and grass, bound with spider web, decorated with lichen and lined with plant fibre or fur. Nest can be up to 20 metres above ground, usually much lower and placed in a cavity of a tree or rock, behind bark, among roots etc. construction can take up to 14 days.

Eggs:- 3 -4; pale bluish or greenish with brown marks often concentrated at the larger end.

Distribution:- South-eastern Australia, from about Adelaide, most of Victoria, coastal NSW and to about Brisbane and Tasmania.

Status:- Very Common.

Notes:- Look for them over the Autumn/Winter months in farm paddocks outside of the Grampians where they feed pouncing on insects from farm fences etc. In Spring /Summer they will be back up in the mountains to breed, look for them around Boroka Lookout, Mount William and other elevated areas.

Enjoy – Neil Macumber

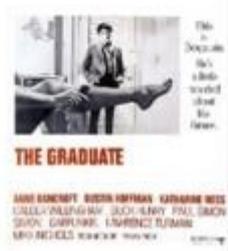


The Graduate

Wednesday 24th August 2022

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

While he is lured into a seductive affair with the wife of his father's business partner, college graduate Benjamin also falls in love with her daughter, Elaine.



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 0477 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.





Halls Gap Primary School

RESILIENCE Have strength, character and a positive outlook

EXCELLENCE Strive to be the best we can

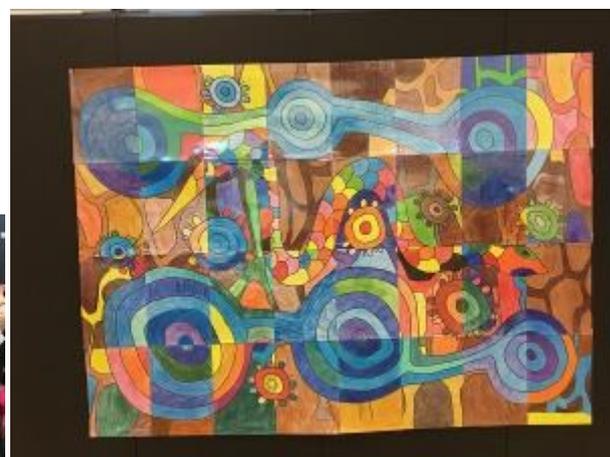
COMPASSION Give care and compassion to others

Term 3 has got off to a busy start. Grades 3-6 attended the Urban Gap in Parkville. The children used multiple types of public transport as well as lots of walking. Visits and activities included the MCG, Artvo, Scienceworks, Art Gallery Melbourne Zoo and ice skating. By all accounts, all had a great time. The children would like to thank the teachers and parents that helped and attended the camp. Without them it would not be possible.

While the senior grades were away, Prep – Grade 2 celebrated 101 days at school. They enjoyed a sit-down lunch of Spaghetti Bolognese, made party hats and walked to Venus Baths.

At the end of term 2, students celebrated NAIDOC Week, there was a Family Maths Night, a trip to Halls Gap Zoo and the Girls Soccer team went to Ballarat and were runners up.

**From the Staff & Students at
Halls Gap PS**



If there are any families who may be interested in their children attending Halls Gap Primary, 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

2022
POMONAL
ART
SHOW
& FESTIVAL

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE POMONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRI 2 SEPT 6:30PM

AUCTION NIGHT \$20 ENTRY **INCLUDES A DRINK & NIBBLES**
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES. CHILDREN FREE. POMONAL HALL

SAT 3 SEPT 10:00AM-4:00PM

ART EXHIBITION GOLD COIN ENTRY, POMONAL HALL

SUN 4 SEPT 10:00AM-2:00PM

FAMILY FESTIVAL POMONAL HALL
LIVE MUSIC | LOCAL MARKET | ART EXHIBITION GOLD COIN ENTRY
KIDS ACTIVITIES | & HEAPS MORE! DONATIONS KINDLY ACCEPTED



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POMONAL ART SHOW
FOR FULL DETAILS

BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC



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Halls Gap 3381

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WEBSITE: www.budjabudjacoop.org.au

AUGUST 2022	SEPTEMBER 2022
1 – 5 Dr Luhong Min	5 – 29 To Be Advised
8 – 12 Dr Luhong Min	
15 – 19 Dr Luhong Min	
22 – 26 Dr Ruth Sutherland	
29 – 2 Dr Ruth Sutherland	

Have you had a COVID-19 vaccination booster?

There are so many reasons to get yours now
Vaccines give you time-limited protection against COVID-19. Getting your booster now will protect you against the Omicron variant with:



90%

Protection against hospitalisation

Six months after vaccination, protection against hospitalisation falls to 30%. Two-weeks after a booster, protection increases to 90%.

95%

protection against death

If you're aged 50 or older, six months after vaccination protection against death from COVID-19 falls to 60%. Two weeks after a booster, protection increases to 95%.



70%

protection against symptomatic disease

Six months after vaccination with an mRNA vaccine, protection against symptomatic disease falls to 10%. Two weeks after a booster, protection increases to 70%.

Getting your booster protects you and our health system. Data² shows that if you are unvaccinated and you contract COVID-19, you are:

44x

more likely to be hospitalised

As an unvaccinated adult vs someone who has had their booster vaccine.

34x

more likely to be in ICU

As an unvaccinated adult vs someone who has had their booster vaccine.

8x

more likely to be hospitalised

As an unvaccinated young person (12 to 17 years) vs someone who has had their booster vaccine.

Did you know?

- if you haven't had your booster, you're 2.5x more likely to go to hospital with COVID-19 than someone who is up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations.
- if you've had COVID-19 you should still get your booster. Get it 3 months (90 days) after your COVID-19 infection. Speak to a GP or health professional if you have questions about timing.

If you're aged 16+ and had your second dose of vaccine at least 3 months ago, you can get a booster now.



covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking



HALLS GAP MOTH TRAIL UPDATE:



An open letter from Moth Trail Producer Jillian Pearce.

To the Halls Gap Community,

On behalf of ACT Natimuk Team and the Moth Trail Artists, I would like to thank you for embracing the adventure that was the inaugural Halls Gap Moth Trail on the June long weekend 2022.

This event has come together in an incredibly short amount of time and I wanted to acknowledge all those who played a part in enabling the event and contributing, ideas, art and volunteer time that ensured the inaugural Halls Gap Moth Trail was a success.

THANK-YOU!! It was a truly a privilege to work with such a unique community...

Special Moth Trail Thank-yous:

Alison Bainbridge and Lee-Anne Lovett and Budja Budja Neighbourhood House (the heart of the project), Janet Witham, Margo Sietsma and Botanical Gardens Committee, Rowena Witham, Rose Woodcock and the Halls Gap Writing Group, Bruce Jordan and the Halls Gap Stillness In Movement Tai Chi and Qigong, Paul Kelly and Eastern Maar Dancers, Nichola Peters and Halls Gap Primary School, Halls Gap Playgroup, Kyle Tourney, Tanisha Lovett, Abbie Lovett, Wilari Lovett –Muir, Jaala Marks-Lovett, Kelanee Lovett, Kira Marks-Lovett, Ace Sweet-Lovell, Marion Matthews and artists from GrampiansArts, Christina Manolis and Glenda Lewin and artists from WAMA, Michele Richardson and artists from Pomonal Mixed Bunch, Neil Macumber, Michelle Stewart, Leanne Onley, Judith Bunke, Grace Baldwin, David Witham, Ange - Halls Gap Swimming Pool, Rob Irvine-Halls Gap Rec Reserve Committee, Kookaburra Hotel, Halls Gap E Bike Hire, Halls Gap Licensed General Store, Ampol Halls Gap, Chas and the Halls Gap and Grampians Historical Society, Murtoa Stick Shed – Wayfinding lights, earl@hanginout.com.au, Sara Bowers at Studio 8, Crew at Paper Scissors Rock Brew Co. Tall Timbers accommodation, Julie and Janine and staff at Halls Gap Visitor Information Centre, Northern Grampians Shire Council excellent, visionary and professional staff including but not limited to Daniel Fraser, Kate Kirkpatrick, Tina Baker, David Hwang, Justine Kingan, Heath Pohl, ...and anyone else that is not recognised within this extensive and still growing list.

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)

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.





Grampians Writers' group 2022 Short Story Competition

Theme – 'Dream' (As wide as your Imagination)

You are invited to submit entries from 1st August through to 14th October.

Nil Entry Fee.

Categories

Open (18 years and over) to 2,000 words

Secondary Students Year 10 – Year 12 to 1,500 words

Secondary Students Year 7 – Year 9 to 1,000 words

Prizes for each Category

<u>Open</u>	First	\$200.00	
	Second	\$100.00	
	Highly Commended		Certificate
<u>Secondary Students Yr10 – Yr 12</u>	First	\$100.00	
	Second	\$ 50.00	
	Highly Commended		Certificate
<u>Secondary Students Yr 7 – Yr 9</u>	First	\$100.00	
	Second	\$ 50.00	
	Highly Commended		Certificate

Prizes will be selected by judges from all entries by local writers to encourage resident writers in the Grampians Region.

Winners will be awarded prizes at ceremony 19th November. Winners will be posted in the Stawell Times-News following the event. Awards ceremony will be at the Northern Grampians Shire Town Hall, Supper Room, 59 – 69 Main Street, Stawell, from 3.00pm including afternoon tea.

Enquiries and Entries can be emailed to – grampianswriters@gmail.com or posted to The Receiving Officer, GWG Competition, 522 Bunjill's Cave Road, Stawell 3380.

Funded by Northern Grampians Shire Community Events Grant



Yes, Covid is still with us.



What is fortunate is that we have learnt a lot about how to minimise the spread through vaccinations, wearing of masks, good ventilation when in enclosed spaces and ensuring if we have symptoms or unwell we do not go out to share our germs



There is still help out there if you find yourself impacted by this virus. Government agencies, local medical services, pharmacies, Grampians Community Health, Neighbourhood Houses, your neighbours, friends and family. Reach out if you are in need. Happily the COVID pandemic disaster leave payment has been reinstated check the details at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pandemic-leave-disaster-payment>

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



MASKS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED INDOORS



50+ years?

You are now recommended to have a winter dose of a COVID-19 vaccine



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) on the Halls Gap Recreation Oval, Grampians Road, 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 families volunteer to run the website, booking system, set-up and general organisation of the day. The students make and sell products, learning customer service, organisation and marketing skills along the way. There is also a fantastic raffle each market with great prizes. All proceeds go to the Halls Gap Primary School to purchase resources and engage relevant programs.

Please check the website for information on becoming a stall holder:

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

Market Dates for 2022:

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 30th October

Market Dates for 2023:

Labour Day Weekend- Sunday 12th March

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9th April

Queen's Birthday Weekend - Sunday 11th June

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

Are You Stuck in the Bush?

Call Glenn on **0419 802 846**

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



Take a photo of this flyer.



On-Board Recovery Equipment

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

WHEN YOU NEED US, BUT NOT THE SIRENS

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POLICE VICTORIA



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone

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

VICTORIA POLICE

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

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

Call **131 444** or visit police.vic.gov.au

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

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

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.



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 to 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