

Issue: July 2022

# FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association  
& Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

Articles for August FTG need to be received by the 25th July 2022 See page 17 for details

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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...

Welcome to the July edition of Fill the Gap. I hope we are all enjoying "chinnup" with the cold and cockatoos.

July is a busy month with NAIDOC celebrations, school holidays and events in the region.

NAIDOC celebrations across the nation from 3-10 July. We have put a history and explanation of the 2022 theme in this edition. Also a colouring page for the children. See pages 2-5.

On Thursday 7th July we have a NAIDOC flag raising at Budja Budja Medical Centre followed by music, entertainment and activities at Norval. You will need to RSVP for Norval see page 3.

There are a number of fun things for the children/youth to do during these school holidays at Brambuk, Budja Budja Neighbourhood House and in Stawell. Check out pages 8-10.

We need new members for the **Fill the Gap Committee** if you want help contact Alison on 0417 883 445.

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## June 2022 - Rainfall by Chas:

175.5 mm for June bringing the progressive total to 426.5 mm for 2022.

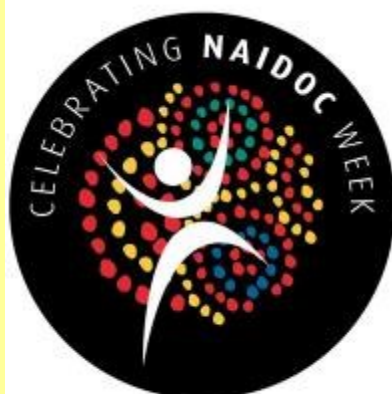
This compares to the same period last year of 205 mm with a progressive total of 483.5 mm.

As of the 29th of June Lake Bellfield is holding 52,290ML or 67% full compared to the same period last year of 46,090 ML or 59% full.

The total system is holding 170,870ML or 30.50% full compared to the same period last year of 167,080ML or 29.82% full.

Mount William received 4.8 mm for June (once again I think there was a malfunction in the recordings between June the 1st and June the 30th)

The highest temperature of 8.6 C was recorded on the 18th June and the lowest of -2 C was recorded on the 1st of June. The highest wind speed of 96km/h was recorded on the 5th of June 2022.



# GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

**3-10 JULY 2022**

Extract from: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

### What is NAIDOC Week?

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is **celebrated by all Australians** and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



**Current Theme:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a proud history of getting up, standing up, and showing up.

From the frontier wars and our earliest resistance fighters to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities fighting for change today—we continue to show up.

Now is our time. We cannot afford to lose momentum for change.

We all must continue to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! for systemic change and keep rallying around our mob, our Elders, our communities.

Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together.

It must be a genuine commitment by all of us to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative reforms.

It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations—they have been the heroes and champions of change, of equal rights and even basic human rights.

Getting Up, Standing Up, and Showing Up can take many forms.

We need to move beyond just acknowledgement, good intentions, empty words and promises, and hollow commitments. Enough is enough.

**The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights.**

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! with us to amplify our voices and narrow the gap between aspiration and reality, good intent and outcome.

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

# **BUDJA BUDJA CO-OP NAIDOC CELEBRATION**

**THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2022**

## **Flag Raising and Welcome to Country**

11:00am @ Budja Budja, 20-22 Grampians Rd Halls Gap

**FOLLOWED BY MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES**

**@ Norval**

204-232 Grampians Rd  
Halls Gap



**Jayden  
Lillyst**



**IOP  
HIP HOP**



**WURRIKI  
CULTURE**

**RSVP  
is a MUST!  
Call Budja  
5356 4751**

Limited Transport Available for Registered  
Budja Budja Indigenous Clients



**GET UP!  
STAND UP!  
SHOW UP!**  
3-10 JULY 2022







# NAIDOC History

## 1920s & 1930s

Before the 1920s, Aboriginal rights groups boycotted Australia Day (26 January) in protest against the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. By the 1920s, they were increasingly aware that the broader Australian public were largely ignorant of the boycotts. If the movement were to make progress, it would need to be active.

Several organisations emerged to fill this role, particularly the Australian Aborigines Progressive Association (AAPA) in 1924 and the Australian Aborigines League (AAL) in 1932. Their efforts were largely overlooked, and due to police harassment, the AAPA abandoned their work in 1927.

In 1935, William Cooper, founder of the AAL, drafted a petition to send to King George V, asking for special Aboriginal electorates in Federal Parliament. The Australian Government believed that the petition fell outside its constitutional responsibilities.

## 1938

On Australia Day, 1938, protestors marched through the streets of Sydney, followed by a congress attended by over a thousand people. One of the first major civil rights gatherings in the world, it was known as the Day of Mourning.

Following the congress, a deputation led by William Cooper presented Prime Minister Joseph Lyons with a proposed national policy for Aboriginal people. This was again rejected because the Government did not hold constitutional powers in relation to Aboriginal people.

After the Day of Mourning, there was a growing feeling that it should be a regular event. In 1939 William Cooper wrote to the National Missionary Council of Australia to seek their assistance in supporting and promoting an annual event.

## 1940-1955

From 1940 until 1955, the Day of Mourning was held annually on the Sunday before Australia Day and was known as Aborigines Day. In 1955 Aborigines Day was shifted to the first Sunday in July after it was decided the day should become not simply a protest day but also a celebration of Aboriginal culture.

## 1956-1990

Major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, and a number of church groups all supported the formation of NADOC, the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee. At the same time, the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage.

In 1972, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs was formed, as a major outcome of the 1967 referendum.

In 1974, the NADOC committee was composed entirely of Aboriginal members for the first time. The following year, it was decided that the event should cover a week, from the first to second Sunday in July.

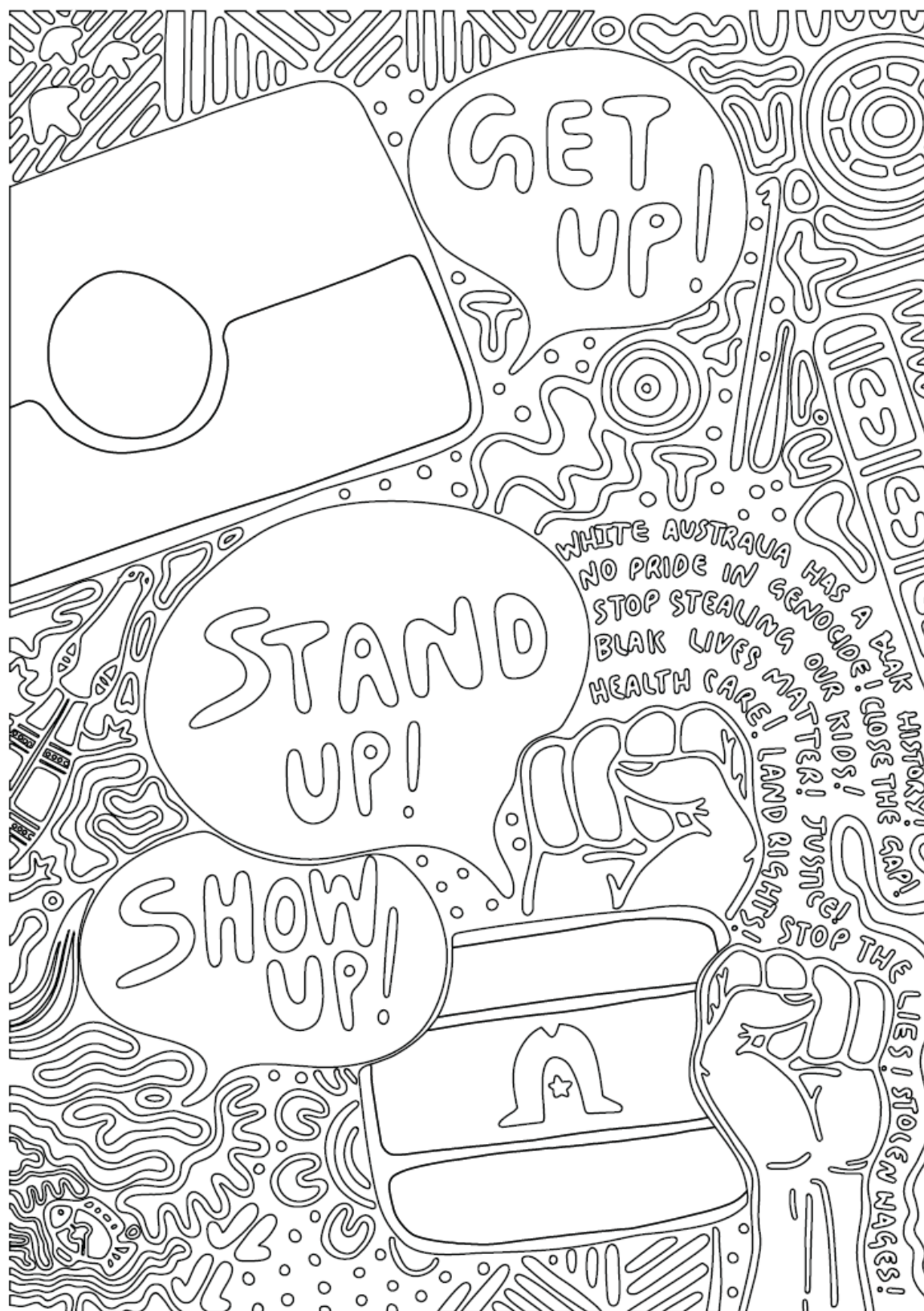
In 1984, NADOC asked that National Aborigines Day be made a national public holiday, to help celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique. While this has not happened, other groups have echoed the call.

## 1991-Present

With a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, NADOC was expanded to recognise Torres Strait Islander people. The committee became known as the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, NAIDOC. This new name has become the title for the whole week, not just the day. Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC.

During the mid-1990s, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) took over the management of NAIDOC until ATSIC was disbanded in 2004-05.

There were interim arrangements in 2005. Since then a National NAIDOC Committee, until recently chaired by former Senator Aden Ridgeway, has made key decisions on national celebrations each year. The national committee has representatives from most States and Territories.



# NAIDOC WEEK


3-10 JULY 2022

#NAIDOC2022 #GetUpStandUpShowUp

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas. Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namuk.

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**Stronger, Ryhia Dank (Nardurna)**

I created this piece after reading this year's NAIDOC theme. I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and are still fighting for. I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the detail and messages in the artwork.

In this artwork I have little bits of me and my family. I have included a crocodile for my lola granny. She was one of the strongest women I know and was never afraid to speak her mind and stand up for family and Country. I have also included my family's dancing stick, this is present as a reminder that we will always have our Country, Kin and Culture. There are also symbols to represent us as a community. People gathered around a camp, a spear and boomerang to represent our strength, water, trees, animal tracks and non-human entities to show our connection to Country.



NAIDOC Week 2022 proudly acknowledges and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy (1972) and 30th Anniversary of the

[noidoc.org.au](http://noidoc.org.au)





### Signage:

Have you checked out our signage in the shelter near the gate

to Venus Baths? We have moved the signs created by Ken Woodcock back in 1996 to the other side and added a tribute to Ken. He and his wife Margo did so much for Halls Gap, our noticeboard signs, the signs under the lift-off covers about plant families, books for the Community Association on birds and flowers. We are most grateful. This has made space for our signs about how the local First Nations folk used some of our plants to go up where walkers doing the Peaks trail come past. We have ordered individual signs to go beside plants of importance to first nations folk, but they won't come until August.

We had a visit from **Parks Victoria** staff from Melbourne head office looking at how to welcome walkers doing the Peaks Trail to Halls Gap, and in particular how the Peaks Trail comes through the garden. Lots of ideas and it will be interesting what comes out of it.

The **Moth Trail** event saw lots of people come through the garden in the dark. Our hollow tree was lit up and both Janet and I were projected onto trees to talk, me about the garden, Janet about the wildflower show and HG history. I do hope someone else is going to do a report on the Moth Trail, as many of the displays were so good. I particularly enjoyed the illustrations of Grampians wildflowers that the school children had projected onto a wall.

We still 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.

**Margo S**



### WILDFLOWER SHOW FUTURE

We are not holding a wildflower show this year, but will be co-operating with the Australian plant Society in their show on the first weekend of October. Their theme will be Grampians Gariwerd plants. However we do hope to organise some guided walks through the Botanic garden the week before and the week after. Plus we hope to be selling guides of where to see wildflowers about in the Park.

But we have been having quite a bit of discussion about the future of the show, and we would love to hear from you what you think the future is. The show has been running annually since the late 1930's. Post war until the late 1980's it ran for ten days, and was hugely popular. People chartered buses, groups stayed in the motels. But now with people able to come and go more easily, better maps, more things on etc, the show has less visitors and is just the one weekend. Is it time now to call a halt?



Volunteers, especially knowledgeable volunteers are harder to get, and some of our current volunteers are getting older and wish to retire,

So, are any of you younger readers willing to take an active role in this? We probably would have financial assistance from the shire. Or do we call a halt, share our vases, posters etc with the Pomonal APS group?

And if we do cease having the show, what are we going to do with all our photos etc? Should we make a history book?

We'd love to hear your thoughts.

**Margo S**



### Activities Update – 30th June 2022

The month of June has once again been a busy one down at the shed, with members and others enjoying various activities.

Monday's we meet at the shed between 9-30am - 3pm for a social day where a hot cuppa, biscuits and much talk to solve all the problems of the world is the main order of the day. Members are finding this a great time a comradery and mateship is very much at a high level within the shed.

Wednesday's between 1pm – 4pm Frances runs our patchwork making group, which is enjoy a growth in members at a great time had by all attending.

Every second Wednesday we have members running a woodwork program with students from Pomonal Primary School in which all the children are making a nesting box. This is a very positive time enjoyed by both members and students.

Thursday's between 9-30am -3pm we have our project day. This is time in the workshop area where we have been doing quite a few community and paid projects. We are changing the focus of this time to concentrate on personal and small shed project for sale. Also, once a month we have a sausage sizzle for our members.

Our All-Inclusive sessions for both female and male members are running very well and we have added another monthly session due to a demand. Sessions are now 6-30pm – 8-30pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month and 1-30pm – 4pm on the last Sunday of each month with a sausage sizzle lunch.

We always enjoy doing our monthly sausage sizzle at the Pomonal Village Market on the last Sunday of each month from 8am – 1pm, which is a great social time as well as helping us to raise some always needed funds.

The Mixed Bunch Art Group is now using our meeting room regularly, this is running very well with a great relationship being enjoyed by both groups.

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

## COVID-19 - INFORMATION

Best places to get information on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccination remains the Victorian Government Coronavirus website [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Victoria](#) | [Coronavirus Victoria](#) or the COVID Vaccine Hotline 1800 020 080

### The best places to get local COVID-19 information in NGS includes:

- \* Stawell Regional Health (testing) [Homepage](#) | [Stawell Regional Health \(srh.org.au\)](#), [Stawell Regional Health](#) | [Facebook](#)
- \* East Wimmera Health Service (testing) [EWHS Homepage](#), [East Wimmera Health Service](#) | [Facebook](#) Stawell Medical Centre (vaccination) 5358 1410
- \* Patrick Street Family Practice (vaccination) 5358 7555
- \* St Arnaud Medical Centre (vaccination) 5495 1766
- \* St Arnaud Pharmacy (vaccination) 5495 1911, [Facebook page](#).
- \* Budja Budja Aboriginal Cooperative (for existing clients and Aboriginal community) 5356 4751
- \* Grampians Community Health (occasional testing info, vaccination pop ups) [Grampians Community Health – Supporting the Grampians and Wimmera communities. \(gch.org.au\)](#), [Grampians Community Health \(facebook.com\)](#)
- \* Northern Grampians Shire Council (general information, not a health service) [Home \(ngshire.vic.gov.au\)](#), [Northern Grampians Shire Council](#) | [Facebook](#)







## Brambuk winter series

### Connect to Country in Gariwerd (Grampians National Park)

This winter, Brambuk The National Park and Cultural Centre is hosting live music and cultural workshops conducted by some of Gariwerd's most talented Traditional Owners. Hosted during NAIDOC week, we invite visitors to come and celebrate with us.

Date		Times
Saturday 2 July 2022	Welcome to Country hosted by Gunditjmara / Kirrae Whuurung Traditional Owner Lee Morgan	10am
	Storytelling Through Art with Gunditjmara visual artist, Sherry Johnston	Interactive 2h workshop 10:30am or 1pm
	Live music with Lee Sonnyboy Morgan and his band	1hr concert 1pm or 3pm
Saturday 9 July 2022	Welcome to Country hosted by Brett Clarke, Gunditjmara / Kirrae Whuurung Traditional Owner	10am
	Artefacts and symbolism interactive experience with Gunditjmara / Kirrae Whuurung artist Brett Clarke	Interactive 2h workshop 10:30am or 1pm
	Live music with Andy Alberts and the Walkabouts	1hr concert 1pm or 3pm

Tickets are essential, cost is free.

Scan for information and to book tickets.

July 2nd



July 9th



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or contact Brambuk The National Park and Cultural Centre 03 8427 2058



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Traditional Owners  
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NTBC

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# ARCAD-I-CON



**9 July 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Then...**

**Original Ghostbusters  
Screening 4:00pm - 6:00PM**

**Stawell Town Hall - Main Street  
Stawell**



An event for gaming, cosplay,  
LARPing and fun. Family friendly  
event (PG Rating).



**Stay tuned for further details!**





Another busy month at the House.

**Connecting to Community Workshops:** A wonderful time was had at Emma Stenhouse's Coil Weaving. If you missed it we have another wonderful workshop with Glenda Nicholls on Coil Weaving. There is still room so book your spot today. We were unable to run our Tie Dying course with Jodi however we will have a new date later in the year. We will also be running a Felting Workshop with Judith Burke on 13th August. If you have always wanted to give felting a try here is your chance.

**Winter School Holidays** are upon us and we are focusing on NAIDOC this winter with NAIDOC art work for our celebrations on 7th July.

**Mediation** usually held on Monday night is in recess until 5th September. **Writers Group** have had a change of time to 11am to 1pm on Mondays.

Our next **First Aid course** is 15th August call Alison to book your space.

**Bird Walk** on Thursdays have been popular. Neil takes you out to see our feathered friends at play. Neil will be away for all of August so we are looking for a leader to ensure this popular activity continues throughout August.



If you or someone you know is in need of a little help we can arrange a food hamper. Please call me to arrange help..

I would like to start a **Friends Budja Budja Neighbourhood House**. This will assist me in ensuring that we run events/activities for the community. If you are interested please give me a call on 5356 4485.

Alison



## What's on in July at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Mondays** 11am-1pm Writers Group
- **Tuesday 5th July** - School Holiday Program NAIDOC Artwork
- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft mornings Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Thursday 21st July** - 7.30pm HG Book Club
- **Thursday 21st July** - 1pm-3pm - 6 weeks iPad course commences
- **Thursdays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Thursdays** 10.30am-11.30am Bird Walk
- **Friday 8th July** - School Holiday Program Pom Pom Animals
- **Fridays** 10am-11.30am Storytime
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Indoor Games/Finiska/Indoor Bowls
- **Saturday 30th July** - Pine Needle Weaving Workshop with Glenda Nicholls

**Tuesday to Friday** 9am-3.15pm

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

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w: <https://budjabudjaneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/>

## Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Winter School Holiday Program 2022

Numbers limited so  
bookings essential



Tuesday 5th July  
10am-12noon

Making NAIDOC Artwork for 7th  
July Celebrations in Hall Gaps



Friday 8th July  
10am-12noon

Pom Pom Animals  
Celebrating NAIDOC Week

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e: [neighbourhood.house@budjabudja.org.au](mailto:neighbourhood.house@budjabudja.org.au)  
w: <https://budjabudjaneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/>

### Gold Coin Donation

Activities suitable for 5-15 years



NEW!

## iPad Group

Want to use your iPad more effectively?  
Would like to know how to get onto Government  
websites, how to make a group facetime call or  
use the tabs on safari?

Join Jenny on Thursdays from 1pm-3pm  
21st July to 25th August 2022  
at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House



42 Crampians Rd, HALLS GAP VIC 3388  
p: 03 5356 4485  
m: 0491 090 456  
e: [neighbourhood.house@budjabudja.org.au](mailto:neighbourhood.house@budjabudja.org.au)  
w: <https://budjabudjaneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/>

Cost: \$5 for individual session or  
\$25 for all six sessions



## First Aid & CPR dates for 2022

Time: 9am to 3pm  
Cost: CPR HLTAID009 \$65  
First Aid HLTAID011 \$155  
BYO: Lunch

Dates: Monday 21st February 2022  
Monday 9th May 2022  
Monday 20th June 2022  
Monday 15th August 2022  
Monday 10th October 2022  
Monday 12th December 2022

Book now to ensure your place



# BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC



20-22 Grampians Road,  
Halls Gap 3381

PH: 03 53 564751

WEBSITE: [www.budjabudjacoop.org.au](http://www.budjabudjacoop.org.au)

JULY 2022	August
<p><u>Dr Luhona Min</u> Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Dr Danny Jones</u> Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p><u>Dr Luhona Min</u> Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><u>Dr Luhona Min</u> Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Dr Ruth Sutherland</u> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</p>



## FLAG RAISING

Come along and celebrate with us our  
NAIDOC Flag Raising

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 11.00am

Budja Main Entrance



## FLU VACCINATIONS

@ Budja: if you fit the Gov Eligibility criteria

@ Stawell Family Practice: book appointment

@ Ararat Blooms Pharmacy: WALK IN 9-12 2-5



# DAUGHTERS OF THE WEST



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## WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

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Daughters of the West runs in locations across our Bulldogs Heartland and beyond.  
For more information, please email [foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au](mailto:foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au)

The Daughters of the West program will run in accordance with government COVID-19 restrictions, which may include small group sizes or online options.

## STARTING IN HORSHAM

**Starting Tuesday mornings from July 12 in Horsham**

Daughters of the West is an inclusive and diverse program. People who are culturally diverse, Aboriginal and/or Torres-Strait Islander or identify as a woman are encouraged to attend.



**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**







**Extract from Community Conversations:**

Victorians will not be able to collect firewood from public land from midnight Thursday 30 June when the autumn collection season finishes. Firewood collection areas will reopen on Thursday, 1 September.

As a result of the 2021 storms, more firewood has been made available to the community during the autumn collection season.

DELWP has balanced the need to ensure the debris caused by the storms doesn't pose a fire risk with the desire to provide the community with firewood and ensure fallen logs are still available to wildlife.

Timber collected as part of the storm works is assessed for the highest and best end use including timber to supply local mills, construction and community firewood.

People who collect firewood outside designated firewood collection areas or a firewood collection season or take more than the maximum allowable amounts can face fines of \$727, or a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$9,087 or both, if the matter proceeded to Court.





## Upcoming State Wide Integrated Flora and Fauna Teams Online Seminar

### Extract from Community Conversations:



The next SWIFFT online seminar is being held on Thursday 28 July.

Presented by the Arthur Rylah Institute, the Science that Matters seminar will share about the breadth of work and expertise within the organisation.

Including Dr Zeb Tonkin about monitoring ecological outcomes of water for the environment across Victoria; Dr Tracey Regan on using science to address complex environmental problems; Dr Peter Griffioen on Identifying species from their calls with artificial intelligence; and more. To register for this free online seminar and more information on SWIFFT can be found at: <https://www.swifft.net.au/>

## Victorian Energy Upgrades

### Extract from Community Conversations:

Here are some suggested actions and support programs households can take to ease the pressure of rising energy bills.

The [Victorian Energy Upgrades](#) program gives households access to discounted products to save energy, including efficient hot water and heating systems, door and window sealing, and in-home displays for real-time data on energy use. In 2021, households that made upgrades through the program saved an average of \$110 on their annual energy bills.

Households can also reduce energy bills significantly by installing solar PV or switching to electric appliances. The Government's [Solar Homes](#) program offers households rebates on solar PV, solar hot water, batteries and efficient heating and cooling.

### Households are advised to:

Take immediate and easy energy saving measures, such as switching off unused appliances, closing doors and windows, and washing clothes in cold water. Consider a thorough assessment of your home's energy use with the [Residential Efficiency Scorecard](#)

Visit [Victorian Energy Compare](#) to find the best energy plan and – from 1 July – to take advantage of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus. Over the last 12 months, users of Victorian Energy Compare, who have switched to the best market offers, typically saved \$330 on energy bills in the first year alone.

Ask your energy company whether you are eligible for energy concessions (including a 17.5% discount off gas and electricity bills) if you have a concession card.

If you are having trouble paying your energy bill, please talk to your energy retailer and discuss with them whether you can access the Utility Relief Grant Scheme, which provides up to \$650 per utility every two years to eligible low-income Victorians.



## 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

Winches – Front and Rear  
Snatch Straps  
Winch Extension Straps  
Snatch Blocks  
Shovel  
Air Compressor  
UHF Radio Ch 20  
Fridge

Hi-Lift Jack  
Tree Trunk Protectors  
Bow Shackles  
Soft Shackles  
Rated Recovery Points  
Chainsaw  
GPS Assistance  
Local Knowledge



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



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



Report stolen vehicles, bicycles, property 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](https://police.vic.gov.au)



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone



## FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo and Alison

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

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

Upload your community events details to  
the Community Association webpage:

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

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.



### 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](mailto: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](http://www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au)