

Issue: December 2022

FILL THE GAP

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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



ballambar

season of butterflies - early summer
(mid november to late january)

Warmth, Butterflies and Wetland Plants

With the onset of summer heat, the land dries and the weather stabilises. This is the season of butterflies or ballambar.

WRAP UP...

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to our newsletter over the year and to the volunteers who have helped with the production and distribution.

Do not forget to support your local retailers and markets this December. We have wonderful gift ideas at the Halls Gap Twilight Market Friday 2 December 2022 5-8pm and the Pomonal Village Christmas Market on Sunday 18 December 9-1pm.

Now that the weather is warming up (a bit) be aware of snakes coming out to play. They are wonderful creatures so please don't be tempted to hurt them. When you see a snake, never approach it or try to scare it off. This can provoke the snake to try and defend itself. Check out Nov 2022 edition for more information.

Included in this edition is information on self care and looking for your next career move. Check out pages 10 to 15.

Please keep yourself safe during this celebration season and enjoy a well earned rest with family and friends. Ed.

STATS BY CHAS...

November 2022

155.5 mm for November (this once again is the highest rainfall for November since "official records" for Halls Gap started in 1958). This brings the progressive total for 2022 to 1385.5 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 70.5 mm for November with a progressive total of 1087.5 mm for 2021.

As of the 30th of November 2022 Lake Bellfield is holding 78,850 ML or 100% full compared to the same period last year of 60,309 ML or 77% full.

The total system is holding 445,080ML or 79.43% full compared to the same period last year of 241,620 ML or 43.12 % full.

Mount William received 104.2 mm for November 2022. The highest temperature of 21 C was recorded on the 9th of November and the lowest of -1.3 C was recorded on the 2nd November 2022. The highest wind speed of 102 km/h was recorded on the 10th November 2022.



**Its
beginning
to look like
Christmas**





Outdoor Carols

at the Pomonal Hall

7.30PM

SUNDAY DEC 11TH

Everyone welcome!

Bring a chair

Supporting Musicians

Russ Kellett & Stawell Brass Band

Sponsored by PPA

WANTED



REWARD!

HEY KIDS,
SANTA HAS LOST HIS REINDEER AND
HE NEEDS YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM!
PRIZES TO BE WON

Get your runners on, scan the QR code and listen to Santa's clues.

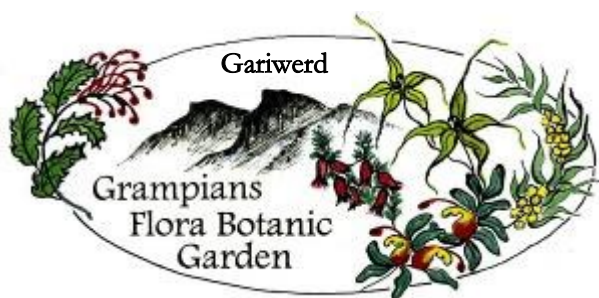
PLAY NOW!



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



STORYTOWNS



If you have some time please assist with the weeding at the Grampians Gariwerd Flora Botanic Garden.



GRAMPIANS WALKING TRACKS

The heavy rain in recent times has played havoc with the walking tracks in the National Park. In order to assist Parks Victoria with the huge task of repair, the Grampians Walking Tracks Support Group has programmed a working bee for all who are willing to assist on Saturday, 10th December. The event will be held on the MacKenzie River trail between the Falls and Zumsteins, working downhill!! The work will mainly involve vegetation trimming and clearing drains

If you fancy an active day out in magnificent natural surroundings there will be the usual need to register with ParkConnect website where all details can be accessed. If you would like to talk the matter over with some one first, then please ring David Witham on 5356 4300, or Graham Parkes on 0429 839 179. You do not need to be superman/ woman in order to enjoy a very satisfying day.

David Witham



Christmas Day service at Pomonal Uniting Church, Church Road, Pomonal is at 9.30 am on Sunday 25th December 2022.

All Welcome



Activities Update – 30th November 2022

November has been quite a busy month down at the shed with lots on offer for both members and the community in general.

Monday's social sessions run from 9-30am – 3pm each week and have had good attendances with everyone having a cuppa and biscuit solving all the world's problems.

Thursday's project sessions run from 9-30am – 3pm and have also been well attended with members enjoying a cuppa before entering the workshop. The cuppa times seem to be getting longer than the workshop times at the moment. We have also introduced some regular safety sessions to keep safety in the fore front of everybody's minds. We enjoyed our monthly BBQ lunch together as well.

Our monthly shed talk session is on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am – 12pm followed by a lunch. This month we discussed safety procedures in the shed, attendance was great with lots of positive input by all members.

Wednesday's patchwork session runs from 1pm – 4pm and has been running well for those members attending, and Frances has also started the new pudding club that will meet yearly from now on to make home made Christmas puddings.

The Mixed Bunch Art Group is also enjoying using the meeting room for their art sessions and we enjoy a great relationship with them.

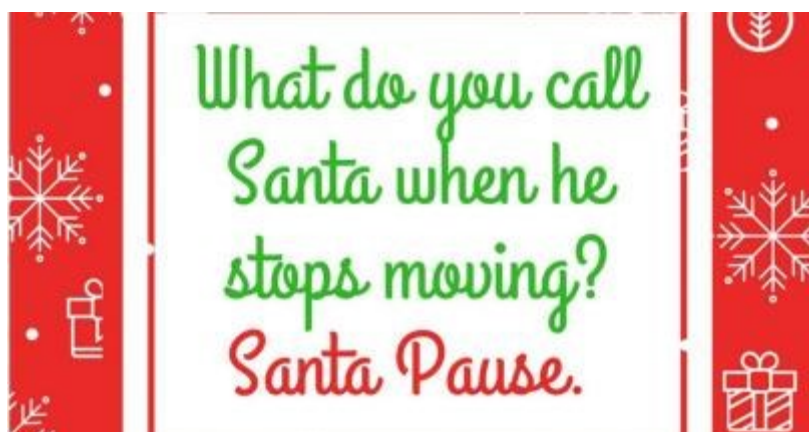
Our fortnightly school sessions with Pomonal primary school have also been running very well with both members and students finding the time together very positive.

We helped out with the resilience night at the hall doing the sausage sizzle, this was a fantastic time enjoyed by the whole community, we were thrilled to be involved.

Our all-inclusive sessions held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6-30pm – 8-30pm are running quite well.

We also had a visit from members of the Mornington men's shed who we had a BBQ and cuppa with as we enjoyed the whole networking experience

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.





WAMA Receives Funding To Build Gallery Building

We are so pleased to announce that WAMA has received \$6.75M funding from the Victorian State Government as part of the Regional Tourism Investment Fund, to support the delivery of a \$9M Art Gallery facility. The funding will contribute significantly to building Stage 1 of the 16-hectare masterplan of the WAMA site to construct a state-of-the-art, climate-controlled art gallery, café, retail shop and large multipurpose conference centre, with parking, visitor access pathways, landscaping and a boardwalk.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters who have taken this journey with us and support the WAMA vision. As we enter the next chapter, we look forward to you joining us through this exciting time at WAMA.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC ART CALENDARS 2023

The highly popular 2023 Australian Geographic Art Calendars are now available to purchase through our [online shop](#). Just in time for Christmas it is a fabulous gift for art, nature and bird lovers alike.

Proceeds from each calendar go towards the WAMA project.

WE ARE HIRING!

We continue to build on our native garden and wildlife strategies and are currently hiring a **Maintenance Gardener**. We are looking for an experienced, resourceful, and enthusiastic Maintenance Gardener for the 9ha site that is protected by a vermin proof fence.

The role would suit someone interested in horticulture, loves nature, enjoys working independently but also with others and would love to be a part of this stimulating new project. Email Ange Turrell at ange.turrell@gmail.com

HALLS GAP WRITERS GROUP

Our last Halls Gap Writer's Group catch up for 2022 is next week, Monday Dec 5th from 11am - 1pm.

We've had a great year, shared lots of stories, and even more wonderful conversations.

If you would like to join us next year, our dates for 2023 will be:

January Monday 9th

February Monday 13th

March Monday 13th

April Monday 10th

May Monday 8th and

June Monday 12th

all starting 11am - 1pm at Budja Budja Neighbourhood House until further notice.

We wish everyone a lovely holiday period, and look forward to catching up again bright eyed and bushy tailed to do it all again in 2023!



WE ARE HIRING MAINTENANCE GARDENER

Join the WAMA team:

- ☒ Experienced maintenance gardener
- ☒ Full time autonomous role
- ☒ Stunning Grampians location
- ☒ Exciting new project with future opportunities

MORE INFO:

ange.turrell@gmail.com

SUMMER BRUSHES 2023 16–20 JANUARY

LONGERENONG COLLEGE | HORSHAM | WESTERN VIC
GrampianArts

Develop your interest in one of our painting, watercolour, mixed media, oils, acrylics and pencil workshops. Book 1 workshop for 5 days at Longereng College – there are limited places available in the below workshops.

Available Workshops

There are limited spaces available in these workshops
– Book now to secure your place!

TUTORS

CRAIG PENNY | acrylic

JULIANNE ROSS ALLCORN | pencil

GAYE NIEUWENHOF | mixed media

MALCOLM CARVER | watercolour

GRAEME ALTMAN | oil

MARK DOBER | plein-air oil

To view the full program visit www.grampianarts.com.au for more info

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P | 0493 430 312

Looking for a new hobby?



Pick a hobby that makes you happy.

It has been shown that a hobby can improve your physical health, assist with better sleep, lower stress, increase life satisfaction and widen your social network.

Looking to enhance a skill or learn a new skill?

Check out these opportunities.

Also contact your local community groups, Men's shed and Neighbourhood House.

GRAMPIANS TEXTURE 2023

18–23 MARCH | HALLS GAP VIC

Develop your interest in fibre arts and textiles at Grampians Texture 23. An opportunity to work with Australian and international textile tutors in 2, 4 & 6 day workshops.

Available Workshops

There are limited spaces available in these workshops
– Book now to secure your place!

TUTORS

NICOLE BARAKAT – design

LEE COLE – baskets

SALLY DARLISON – mixed media

REBECCA GEORGE – crochet

ANNE KELLY – embroidery

ANNE KEMPTON – getting ready

GALINA KOFOD – flower making

SACHIKO KOTAKA – felt

CATHY MOON – ink & indigo

AVRIL MAKULA – books

HILARY PETERSON – print & stitch

LOAN PRIOR – fabric applique

LIZ WILLIAMSON – weaving

To view the full program visit www.grampianarts.com.au for more info

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It has been a very busy 2022. Lee-Anne and I worked hard to set up in our new space in the first half of the year whilst still providing activities.

Lee-Anne retired in May. She is missed but not too much as Lee-Anne looks after the Book Club and is a great sounding board to me.

We have been able to run 4 First Aid workshops, Introduced new activities such as our Writers Group, Bird Watching and Qi gong.

We have successfully run our Connecting to Community workshops. The last one will be held on Tuesday 13th Tie Dying with Jodi Matthews from 10am to 2pm.

2023 will be a big year for the Neighbourhood House as we will change from Budja Budja Cooperative to a new organisation. There is much happening behind the scenes. Watch this space. **Alison**



What's on in December at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Monday 5th** 11am-1pm Writers Group
- **Monday 12th** 9am-3pm First Aid
- **Mondays** 7.00pm Meditation
- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Tuesday 13th** Tie Dying Workshop
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft mornings
Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Thursday 15th** - 7.30pm HG Book Club
- **Thursdays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Thursdays** 10.30-11.30am Bird Walk
- **Fridays** 10am-11.30am Storytime
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Finska

Tuesday to Friday 9am-3.15pm

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

Looking for people to come on the new board of the Neighbourhood House. Training and support available. If you are interested please contact Alison on 0417 883 445.

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

Tuesday 13th December 2022
10am-2pm

Jodi Matthews - Tie Dying

Always wanted to learn Tie Dying well this is your chance to learn from one of the best. Join local Jodi Matthews an experienced textile artist. All materials provided. If you want to bring along your own t-shirt or material make sure it is 100% cotton.



Budja Budja Neighbourhood House
42 Gramplans Road, Halls Gap



First Aid & CPR

LAST DATE FOR 2022

Monday 12th December 2022

Time: Face to face start time - 9am at the Halls Gap Centenary Hall
CPR - 50 mins online pre-course work then face-to-face - 90 minutes.
First Aid - 120 mins online pre-course work then face-to-face - 1.5 hours.

Cost: CPR HLTAID009 \$75
First Aid HLTAID011 \$165

Book now to ensure your place
Email: neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au
Phone 5356 4485



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 are making our way through another busy term and it is flying! We have been involved in plenty of sports activities, the commemoration of Remembrance Day and many learning projects in the classrooms.

We sent a very young cricket team to compete at the Black Ranges Cricket Tournament in Stawell. They played extremely well, winning three of the four games they played.

Last term Bonnie competed in the Black Ranges Golf Tournament in Ararat where she won the girls competition and progressed to the next round. This was played recently at Midlands Golf Club in Ballarat. Bonnie finished third for the day.

Our 5/6 students have worked hard on a task called *Kidpreneur*. This involved each student developing a product, creating it, calculating finances, marketing, and selling their product at their *Kidpreneur Open Day*. We had lots of family members visit to purchase items. We were also thrilled that a couple of locals stopped by too. (We really would encourage community members to come back into the school for a visit or even volunteer on a regular basis.) The students did a marvellous job and had a lot of fun learning through this program.

The Stawell Small Schools Athletics Day was finally held after postponement from March. We met Great Western, Concongella, Moyston and Pomonal Primary Schools at North Park in Stawell. Everyone had a great day with many ribbons handed out. The day finished with results announced and presentations. We were Age Group Championship School Runner Up, Teams Runner Up and Marching Winner. A special mention to Maggie, Josh, Clem, Poppy and Sophie for being Age Champions. We are very proud of every students' achievements.

Gramplans Adventure Golf invited us for an afternoon of mini golf. Thank fully the sun was shining as we rode our bikes there, enjoyed lunch under the verandah and played a round of golf. All this topped off with fruit and ice-cream before heading home! We would like to thank Ash and his team for the great afternoon.

Our first Prep 2023 transition was a great morning, with very eager children getting to know life at primary school. They engaged in fine motor activities, listened to stories, and created a self portrait and photograph to take home. The next Prep transition is on Tuesday 29th November, 9am-12pm.

From the Staff & Students at Halls Gap PS



If you have enrolment forms for Prep 2023, please complete them and return them to school A.S.A.P. 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 enrolment forms. Please contact the school on 5356 4235 or email halls.gap.ps@education.vic.gov.au

BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC



20-22 Grampians Road
Halls Gap 3381
PH: 03 53 564751

December 2022	January 2023
5th – 9th Dr Jennifer Parson	3 rd – 6th Dr Rachelle Bassett
12th – 16th Dr Jennifer Parson	9 th – 13th Dr Rachelle Bassett
19th – 23rd Dr Jennifer Parson	16 th – 20 th Dr Rachelle Bassett
Closed 26th of Dec until 3rd of Jan 2023	23 rd – 27 th Dr Rachelle Bassett Dr Ruth Sutherland
	30 th – 3 rd Dr Beth Quin



Kim is Budja's Quit Smoking Support Person

Call in for a chat if you would like to "Quit Smoking and stay Quit for good!"

Keep an eye out for our New year Get Together



What do you get if you eat
Christmas decorations?
Tinsillitis





Budja Budja Aboriginal Cooperative is excited to announce we have been shortlisted as a Finalist in the Social Impact Measurement Network Australia (SIMNA) National Awards.

“The [SIMNA Awards](#) celebrate the work of Australia’s social impact measurement trailblazers, innovators, best collaborators and most effective funders. The Awards shine a light on the leaders in the Australian social impact measurement ecosystem and recognise those organisations and initiatives achieving the best possible outcomes for all Australians, our communities and our environment. Social Impact Measurement Network Australia, SIMNA”

Budja Budja have partnered with Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) and four other Aboriginal Cooperatives to work on the Healthy Communities Initiative Pilot Program.

“The program we developed here at Budja Budja with input from Community Members, saw us bring together our local First Nations Youth through a number of camps held locally”, said Sarah Garton, Social Emotional Wellbeing Youth Worker. “Bringing youth together to learn more about Culture, Kinship and Connection to Country to build their self-esteem, confidence and pride in culture is so important, especially when these young people are our future leaders”.

“Being a finalist in the Innovation in Social Impact Measurement category is something our whole Community should be very proud of, without input from Elders, Stakeholders and the Young People themselves we would not have achieved this nomination”

Reconnecting First Nations people to Culture, Country and Community has been associated with improvements in educational outcomes, increases in employment levels and reductions in specific risk-taking behaviours. Overall, the aim of the Healthy Communities program is to continue developing the body of evidence that Culture, Country and Community play a significant role in improving health and wellbeing outcomes for First Nations people in Victoria.

Visit this link to watch the video created from our Youth Camps

<https://www.vaccho.org.au/2022/09/06/budja-budja-creating-cultural-connections-for-our-young-mob/>



Partners in Wellbeing



For some people, the psychological, social and economic effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, have had a significant impact on their mental health and wellbeing. Many people also feel distressed and overwhelmed by the constant media reports and conflicting information about the situation.

It's natural to feel a range of emotions, such as stress, worry, anxiety or feeling low. These feelings are common during and after distressing events like the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions put in place to stop its transmission. Experiencing these feelings does not always mean something is wrong.

However, if you are not coping or have been feeling distressed, anxious or down over several weeks, help is available through *Partners in Wellbeing* service.

The free service offers one-on-one support to help you improve your wellbeing, develop strategies to cope and provide emotional support when and as you need it.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land we work on and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Support for your mental health and wellbeing during the Coronavirus pandemic and beyond

Work out what is wrong together

Working with a Wellbeing Coach, you explore what is causing your stress or anxiety and help you gain clarity on your thoughts, feelings and experiences. Conversations will be a safe place for you to talk privately about feeling overwhelmed, unsafe or anxious without judgement.

Get things under control

Through coaching and practical advice, your Wellbeing Coach will help you find strategies to manage stress, anxiety and improve your wellbeing and resilience.

Get on with life

We help you to identify people in your life, support services, and other resources to draw on during times of stress. If required, a Wellbeing Coach will assist you to link with other support services in your local community.

Keep Connected

We keep in regular contact with you to provide emotional support, practical assistance and help you use the strategies you have identified to manage your stress, anxiety and improve your wellbeing.

Learn more about COVID-19

As the restrictions and advice in response to COVID can change, your Wellbeing Coach can provide up-to-date and accurate information on COVID 19 and current restrictions within your community.

Additional support for people living with mental health concerns and carers

People living with mental health concerns and their carers may be particularly vulnerable during this time, with additional distress making it harder to cope, stay connected or manage wellbeing.



We celebrate, value and include people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this service, you need to be 16 or over and:

- experiencing increased life stressors and your usual coping strategies are not working
- noticing signs of anxiety and/or depression that have lasted more than a few weeks, such as:
 - low mood i.e. feeling down
 - feeling overwhelmed and unsafe
 - low energy
 - feelings of hopelessness
 - fear, nervousness or worrying
 - avoidance of social situations
 - thoughts of self-harm or harm to others.
- are not currently using a community mental health psychosocial support service.

Carers may experience these challenges in their own right in addition to providing care to a loved one.

Get started or refer someone you know

Contact the *Partners in Wellbeing* team in your area by calling **1300 375 330** to begin making changes to improve your wellbeing.

If you would like to refer someone you know, you must first discuss this with them and have their consent to make the referral on their behalf.

We encourage referrals from people who identify as LGBTIQ, culturally diverse, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, veterans and people experiencing homelessness.

About Partners in Wellbeing

Partners in Wellbeing is funded by the Victorian Government and is being delivered by EACH, Neami National and the Australian Community Services Organisation (ACSO) across Victoria.



Contact Partners in Wellbeing

Partners in Wellbeing is delivered by EACH, Neami National and the ACSO across Victoria. For more information or to make a referral, contact the service in your region.

Phone:
1300 375 330

North, West, Inner, South
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South-Eastern, East
EACH

Email:
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Regional
ACSO

Email:
partnersinwellbeing@acso.org.au

For more information visit: www.partnersinwellbeing.org.au

Taking care of business starts with taking care of yourself.

The Partners in Wellbeing Helpline is there to help small business owners and their employees manage feeling stressed and overwhelmed.

These have been challenging times for all Victorians, but if you're a small business owner you've probably been hit harder than most.

Not only have you battled to keep your business going through distressing events like the COVID-19 pandemic, you've also felt responsible for your family and employees.

So it's only natural that you might sometimes feel stressed, worried or overwhelmed.

As a small business owner, you're probably used to always handling problems on your own. But you don't have to. And when it comes to your mental wellbeing, you really shouldn't.

Because your mental health is crucial to the health of your business.



The Partners in Wellbeing Helpline.

As part of the Victorian Government's \$26 million Wellbeing and Mental Health Support program for small businesses, the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline is there to support you and your employees.

The Helpline offers free and confidential one-on-one access to highly experienced wellbeing and mental health counsellors who understand exactly what you're going through.

They have the skills and insights to improve your sense of wellbeing, help you develop coping strategies, and provide the advice and support you need to get through this difficult time.

Free financial counselling and advice.

Since much of the stress you are experiencing may involve financial issues, the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline can also connect you to specialist financial counsellors.

This service is also free, providing access to financial experts who can provide business and personal advice, along with information and support on how to manage debt and other financial concerns.

Three leading wellbeing agencies working together.

Partners in Wellbeing is a partnership of three community-based counselling organisations that have brought together their individual skills to deliver a stronger, more comprehensive wellbeing support service.

With many years experience between them, you can rely on their counsellors to provide the very best in mental wellbeing support.

There for you seven days a week.

Small business owners can call the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline on 1300 375 330 seven days a week. Our wellbeing counsellors are available from 9am to 10pm on weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on weekends.

More support for small business.

The Partners in Wellbeing Helpline is just one of a number of Victorian Government programs and resources available to help small businesses like yours. For the full range of services, please visit www.business.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-business-information

Call 1300 375 330

It's important to remember that the emotions you're experiencing don't necessarily mean anything is wrong. They're usually perfectly normal.

However, if the feelings of distress and anxiety continue over a period of weeks, we strongly recommend you call the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline.

Because taking care of business starts with taking care of your own wellbeing. Call 1300 375 330.

**PARTNERS IN
WELLBEING HELPLINE
1300 375 330**

9am-10pm Mon-Fri
9am-5pm Sat/Sun

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.



Financial Counselling for Small Business Owners

Financial counsellors are skilled professionals who provide assistance, advocacy and information to people experiencing financial difficulty or who have problems with debt. The service is free, independent, confidential and without conflict.

Financial counsellors are employed by not for profit, community agencies and assist individuals, including small business owners.

How can small business owners access financial counselling?

Partners in Wellbeing	<p>A Victorian Government initiative for small business owners, their families and employees. Integrated support services from specialist small business financial counsellors, business advisors and mental wellbeing specialists – serving all areas of Victoria</p> <p>Call 1300 375 330 or click here for online chat</p> <p>9am – 10pm weekdays and 9am – 5pm weekends</p>
Small Business Debt Helpline	<p>National support line staffed by specialist small business financial counsellors – immediate assistance and referral for ongoing support</p> <p>Call 1800 413 828 or click here for online chat</p> <p>9am – 5.30pm weekdays</p>
Local financial counselling	<p>In person or phone-based support for sole traders, business partners, personal and family finances and dealing with financial hardship and debt</p> <p>Click here to find your nearest service</p> <p>For immediate assistance and/or to be connected to your nearest service contact the National Debt Helpline</p> <p>Call 1800 007 007 or click here for online chat</p> <p>9.30am – 4.30pm weekdays</p>
Rural Financial Counselling	<p>National assistance for primary producers and small rural businesses – serving rural and regional locations</p> <p>Call 1800 686 175 or click here to find your nearest service</p>



SKILLS AND JOB CENTRES

Free career and training advice with local knowledge for the local community

- Employability skills workshops
- Skills review and advice
- Training advice
- Employer networking
- Local employment market information
- Barriers to employment and training explored

Come speak with us
To book a time or discuss services available
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Ballarat
20 Grant Street

Horsham
Ballie Street






Services offered include

Career pathways:

Employability 'soft skills' workshops:

Employer forums:

Addressing barriers to training and employment:

We can help you map a path to your dream job, assisting you to gain the skills and experience it will require.

These workshops provide you with the skills to prepare for your next role, including exploring the hidden job market, resume writing and application letters, through to interview skills and presentation.

Our series of forums focus on the skills and qualities required to be successful in various sectors. They are presented by specialised employers and staff. Please visit our website for dates and to see which industries are being discussed.

We will help you explore any challenges that may impact upon your next steps, develop resolutions to overcome them, and assist you to succeed.



CRICOS Provider No. 031035 (National ATD) Date: 09/03/17

Not sure where to get advice on your next career change. There is help. Providers will come to Halls Gap to talk about your needs.

**Are you a casual employee?
Wanting a career change?
Need more hours at work?
Thinking of training?**

Register here...






JOBS VICTORIA

If any of these apply to you, call Jodie on 0447 824 306

A FREE SERVICE FOR ALL VICTORIANS THROUGH JOBS VICTORIA



Passionate about health and fitness and YOUR rural COMMUNITY?



Apply for an **EMPOWERED Scholarship** worth \$7000 and become a personal trainer in your community!



Applications close Dec 2nd

www.hutcheonandpearce.com.au/empowered



Local businesses are looking for staff in hospitality, cleaning and retail.

Need help with your application? There are services that will come to Halls Gap to help you.

Call Alison at Budja Budja Neighbourhood house and



Casual Visitor Services Officer

Join the Halls Gap Visitor Information Centre team

To apply visit applynow.net.au/jobs/NGSC281
For more information, please call Julie Gibson on 03 5358 8700
Applications close 12pm Monday 12 December 2022.



Job opportunities, career advice and training for a brighter future.



Passionate about health and fitness and your RURAL COMMUNITY?

Apply for an **EMPOWERED scholarship** worth \$7000! and become an **ACTIVE FARMERS** personal trainer!



Applications close December 2nd!

www.hutcheonandpearce.com.au/empowered








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 2023:

Labour Day Weekend- Sunday 12th March

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9th April

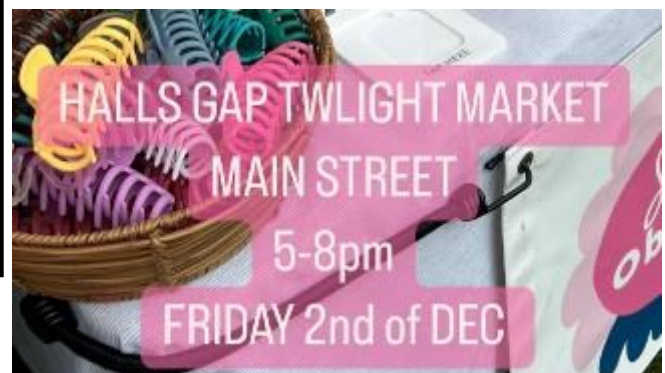
King's Birthday Weekend - Sunday 11th June

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 5th November



Our next three Pomonal Village Market Dates:

- * Sunday 18th December 2022
- * Sunday 1st January 2023
- * Sunday 29th January 2023



Are You Stuck in the Bush?

Call Glenn on **0419 802 846**

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

Take a photo of this flyer.



On-Board Recovery Equipment

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



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



Halls Gap
is a Cat
Free Zone

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

David, Pam, Margo and Alison

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

neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Upload your community events details to
the Community Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

Like our **Halls Gap Community Association**
Facebook Page and/or **Halls Gap Community**
Watch and Events Facebook Pages.



To keep up to date with what is happening in
Pomonal like **Pomonal Community Connections**
Facebook page and/or **Pomonal info &**
resources sharing Facebook Pages



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

We acknowledge the diversity of Indigenous
Australia.

We respectfully recognise Elders past, present
and emerging.

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country.



Wildlife Rescue

- [Wildwood Wildlife Shelter – Gariwerd](#)
- Close to Halls Gap call Ian on 0413 921 171
- Wildlife Victoria: 13000 WILDLIFE (1300 094 535)
- Help for Wildlife: 5356 4749
- WRIN: 0419 356 433

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