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FILL THE GAP

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& Budja Budja Neighbourhood House

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WRAP UP...

Well I'm just going to say is we have a very busy region during March. Check out these local activities:

- * Sunday 5th March—Willaura Health Care Market 10am-2pm
- * Friday 10th March Halls Gap Twilight Market 5pm-8pm
- * Sunday 12th March—Halls Gap Market 9am-1pm
- * Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th March—Moyston Annual Sheep Dog Trials
- * Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th—Ararat Jailhouse Rock Festival
- * Friday 17th March 1pm-3pm Liz Williamson – Weaving Eucalypts Project – Official Opening & Floor Talk
- * Saturday 18th to Thursday 23rd March Grampians Textures
- * Thursday 23rd March—RSA at Stawell Neighbourhood House
- * Friday 24th March—International Women's Day Luncheon
- * Saturday 25th March—Festival of Small Halls at Moyston doors open 6.30pm
- * Sunday 26th March—Pomonal Village Market 9am-1pm
- * Wednesday 29th March—Grampians Film Society— Fire of Love
- * Thursday 30th March—Stella Young Statue Unveiling—2pm Cato Park Stawell

Get out and enjoy what the region has to offer.
Ed.

STATS BY CHAS...

February 2023 - Rainfall by Chas:

41.5 mm for February bringing the progressive total for 2023 to 51 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 10.5 mm for February with a progressive total of 109.5 mm for 2022.

As of the 22nd of February 2023 Lake Bellfield is holding 75,150ML or 96% full compared to the same period last year of 55,090ML or 70% full. The total system is holding 386,390 ML or 68.96% full compared to the same period last year of 191,180ML or 34.12% full.

Mount William received 17.2 mm for February 2023. The highest temperature of 30.2 C was recorded on the 10th of February and the lowest of 1.0 C was recorded on the 4th February 2023. The highest wind speed of 76 km/h was recorded on the 25th February 2023.



kooyang

season of eels - late summer
(late January to late March)

A Parched Landscape

Late summer (season of eels or kooyang) is the hottest and driest time of the year.

The risk of bushfire (Pikikordal) is high.
Streams dry up.



International Women's Day

Budja Budja NH Luncheon

Friday 24 March 2023
11.30AM-2.30PM

followed by a game of Finska

at Halls Gap Recreation Reserve
44-72 Grampians Road HALLS GAP

Guest Speaker: Prof Cassandra Szoeki

Cost: \$15 per head



Bookings Essential

RSVP:
17th March 2023
0417 883 445



Available now in all good bookstores and online

 International Women's Day
#WD2023 #EmbraceEquity

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS GAP



Resilience Group Update

Halls Gap Sandbag Facility

Good news! There is enough community support to justify the installation of the Sandbag Facility. The target is to get it in before the next storm/flood season. **The SES has confirmed that:**

The PV plant depot south of Brambuk is to be used. The PV container already on the site will be used for temporary storage of sandbags, but a new container is required to house the full complement of sandbags and equipment, and to provide a facility accessible by the community. The container will need to be maintained.

Heath Street will not be used as a secondary sandbag filling site. If a secondary site is needed the gravel area next to the Tennis Courts will be used.

Sirens

Bad news! There is not enough community support for a community alert siren, so the issue has been dropped.

NGSC Safer Together Workshops

The Resilience Group was represented at the recent NGSC Safer Together workshop at the Centenary Hall. A NGSC report on the outcomes has been sent out to those who registered. Two key issues that need to be addressed are:

- **Personal fire planning**
- **A disconnected community.**

Planning is underway for the next step in the Safer Together program and there may be a third workshop in the near future.

The Community Association has come to an agreement with Northern Grampians Shire Council for the lease of the front sections of the Centenary Hall. Since the Halls Gap and Grampians Historical Society is now one of the sub-committees of the Community Association of Halls Gap, its occupancy of the History Room and the Wittenbach Room (the original meeting room of the Hall) together with the main front foyer, is being formalised under this agreement.

The lease allows for the continued use of the main foyer by other community groups whenever possible, particularly when they need to use it for access to the auditorium. Arrangements will be made by mutual agreement, so nothing will change for events such as Run the Gap or Grampians Arts workshops.

The lease also confirms the occupancy by the Community Association of the small store room off the side foyer of the Hall.

Meeting dates for 2023

Monday 6th March @ 4.30 pm
 Monday 5th June @ 4.30 pm (AGM + quarterly)
 Monday 4th September @ 4.30 pm
 Monday 4th December @ 4.30 pm

All meetings in the Supper Room of the Hall.

FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS/ GARIWERD

Next event for FOGG will be held on Saturday 18th March. This will be our clean up Australia Day activity.



Meeting 10am at the Ried's carpark

More information regarding FOGG activities contact Alison Bainbridge 0417 883 445

GRAMPIANS WALKING TRACKS SUPPORT GROUP

The new season for helping Parks Victoria to maintain the walking tracks, many of which have suffered badly from the abnormally wet winter and spring of last year, will commence in late March. Heatherlie Quarry precinct will receive its annual spruce up on Saturday, 25 March, by the Grampians Bushwalkers, with Golton Gorge to be also visited if time permits.

A largely Melbourne group will be working over the weekend of 3 – 4 June in the central area of the Park and Warrnambool Bushwalkers will work around the southern area on 25th May. All these events are open to other volunteers whose contribution will be welcome so there is the chance to meet new people while giving time to our wonderful National Park. It is likely that we shall also arrange other opportunities during this year.

All volunteers now need to be registered on the ParkConnect website and to have a Working with Children Check. Lots of help is available to do these things if needed. Please direct any questions to Graham Parkes on 0429 839 179 or David Witham on 5356 4300.

HALLS GAP RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

HG Residents and Ratepayers Association will hold their first meeting for the year (also the AGM) on Wednesday March 8. Meetings are held in the Supper Room at Centenary Hall, commencing at 7.30pm and all are welcome to come along.

Our apologies! There were a few mistakes with the dates of the future meetings in the last edition. The future meetings are :

- 7th June,
- 6th September and
- 6th December

HALLS GAP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hall Gap Historical Society are having a cataloguing afternoon on the first Thursday of the month. After a lapse of over a year we will have our first session on Thursday 2 March in the History rooms at Centenary Hall from 2-4.30pm. You are welcome to join us for all or some of the time or to just drop in to see what we are doing!

HEALTH ALERT!

Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE) is a serious disease spread to humans from mosquito bites. Routine mosquito testing has recently detected the virus in Horsham, indicating that MVE virus is currently present in the Grampians region.

Though infections are often mild, in some cases, MVE virus can cause fever, headache, nausea, vomiting and muscle aches. In serious cases, MVE virus can cause encephalitis (infection of the brain).

There is no vaccine for Murray Valley encephalitis virus, which is why it is important to prevent mosquito bites by following these simple steps:

- wear an appropriate repellent containing DEET or Picaridin at all times when outdoors
- cover up and wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- avoid time spent outdoors at dusk and dawn as much as possible

For more information visit: <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/murray-valley-encephalitis>

WILDLIFE WITH NEIL

Monitors or Goanna Lizards - Family Varanidae

There are approximately 50 known species worldwide distributed from Africa through Asia to Australia and the Western Pacific. All Australian monitors are currently placed in the one genus – *Varanus*.

Australia is the stronghold for the family, with 30 described species. There are 3 species recognised for Victoria with 2 in our Grampians region. The terms 'Monitor' and 'Goanna' are interchangeable. Monitor is employed worldwide, while goanna is strictly an Australian term derived from 'iguana'. A group of large, unrelated lizards from the Americas.

All monitors are egg layers, producing up to 35 parchment shelled eggs.

Lace Monitor – *Varanus varius* – up to 2.1 metres total length.



Powerful, with long, slender, laterally (sideways) compressed tail. Dark grey to dull bluish black with numerous scattered cream spots forming spotted or solid bands. Juv. is far more brightly and clearly patterned. The snout is strongly marked with prominent black and yellow bands extending under the chin. Tail is narrowly banded with black and cream at the base and broader towards the tip.

Distribution: From about Cairns FNQ to just near

Adelaide.

Notes: Occurs in well-timbered areas, from dry woodlands to cool temperate Southern forests. Arboreal, ascending large trees when disturbed. Forages widely, frequently becoming habituated to picnic and camping grounds and regularly raiding farms for poultry and eggs.

It also eats insects, reptiles, small mammals, carrion and is a major predator of nesting birds. Clutches of eggs are laid in arboreal or terrestrial termite mounds. Status – endangered in Vic. and rare in SA.

Sand Goanna, Gould's Goanna – *Varanus gouldii* – 1.2 to 1.6 metres total length.



Laterally compressed tail. Colouration is very variable: light yellow to blackish brown with dense dark speckling and pale spots, many dark centred and many clustered. A prominent pale-edged dark stripe runs back from the eye. Throat and head much more slender than the rest of the body.

Distribution: This is the most widespread and abundant goanna, found over most of mainland Australia.

Notes: Forages widely over dry open habitats. Terrestrial. Shelters in deep sloping burrows. Feeds on a variety of lizards, snakes, frogs, invertebrates, small mammals and birds.



Situated in Halls Gap near the start of the walk to Venus Baths, this small but picturesque garden displays our local plants. It is a community garden, with no paid staff. It is wheelchair and child friendly. It is totally funded and maintained by volunteers. **There are different ways you can help:**

- * Join in our working bees on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9.30am, contact Margo for more details
- * Adopt a bed and look after it at a time that suits you
- * Donate in cash or in kind
- * Like our facebook page Or just visit and enjoy

HALLS GAP LANDCARE UPDATE

The efforts of the Halls Gap Landcare Group received a boost recently following its receipt of a Landcare Grant through the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority. The focus of the grant is for the control of pest plants within Halls Gap, with a priority on environmental weeds that pose a significant threat to the surrounding National Park.

Our group recently looked at the environmental weeds within the township and developed a priority list based on the potential for these plants to spread and threaten natural values. One plant on the list, Bluebell Creeper (*Billardiera heterophylla*) is becoming a common sight around the township and flowering now. Although a native of Western Australia, out of its natural territory it is invasive and readily spreads.

Bluebell Creeper

Also funded by the grant will be the production of information that will inform residents about our pest plant challenges within Halls Gap and how the problem can be tackled.

Our group is appreciative of the support of Project Platypus and Northern Grampians Shire Council in implementing our work within Halls Gap.

Should visitors or residents be concerned about any pest issues, our group would be pleased to hear from you. And we are always keen for others to join our group.



Further information about our group can be found at the Community Association of Halls Gap website: <https://hallsgapcommunity.org.au/directory/halls-gap-landcare-group/>

Graham Parkes



Defining equality and equity

International Women's Day 2023 campaign theme: #EmbraceEquity

Equity isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must-have.

A focus on gender equity needs to be part of every society's DNA.

And it's critical to understand the difference between equity and equality.

The IWD 2023 campaign theme drives worldwide understanding why *Equal opportunities aren't enough!*

Read more about this [here](#).



BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC



20-22 Grampians Road
Halls Gap 3381

PH: 03 53 564751

March 2023	APRIL 2023
1 st – 3 rd Dr Ruth Sutherland	3 rd – 6 th Dr Dominique Coleman
6 th – 10 th Dr Luhong Min	7 th & 10 TH PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
14 th – 17 th Dr Luhong Min	11 TH – 14 TH Dr Dominique Coleman
20 th – 24 th Dr Luhong Min	18 th – 21 st Dr Dominique Coleman
27 th – 31 st Dr Luhong Min	24 th – 28 th Dr Luhong Min
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SELF COLLECTION CERVICAL SCREENING

What is self-collection?

Self-collection is when a woman takes her own sample for cervical screening. The sample is taken with a long cotton swab and is done under the supervision of a healthcare professional who also offers cervical screening. You will be given instructions on how to collect the sample and offered a private place to collect your sample, usually behind a screen or in a bathroom at the doctor's or other healthcare setting.



JUST KEEP WALKING

Extract from <https://msk.org.au/just-keep-walking>

Is there anything better than pulling on your comfy trainers and heading outdoors for a walk? With the first breath of fresh air and the sun on your face, you feel better. Your muscles warm up, your joints loosen, and you settle into a comfortable stride. The rhythmic movement helps you relax and boosts your mood...

It costs nothing, is suitable for most people, and gets you out of the house. You can walk at a leisurely pace or take it up a notch and increase the speed and intensity of your workout. Or do a combination of both for some interval walking.

If you don't exercise much, it's an ideal way to build up your activity levels. Be sure to talk with your doctor first to get the all-clear, especially if you've recently had surgery or have other health conditions. Then start slow and gradually increase your distances and times.

Try walking 30 minutes a day on most days of the week, and you'll definitely notice the health benefits. Walking regularly can help you manage your pain, maintain a healthy weight, lift your mood, get a good night's sleep, improve your muscle and joint health and increase heart and lung fitness.

If you can't walk 30 minutes at a time, you can easily break the walking up over your day. You don't have to do it all in one go to reap the benefits. So during your day, you can do three 10 minute walks, two 15 minutes walks or six 5 minute walks, whatever works for you. It all adds up ☑.

And if 30 minutes most days isn't realistic for you now, set yourself a goal so that it becomes achievable. Think about your daily commitments, your level of fitness, your pain/fatigue levels and all the other things that affect you daily. Now create a SMART goal. That's a goal that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and has a Time-frame that works for you. It will help you set a practical plan for achieving your goal. Read our blog about goal setting for more info.

14 tips for better walking

Check out the full article at

<https://msk.org.au/just-keep-walking>

- Dress the part
- Warm up and cool down to prevent injuries or pain
- Walk briskly
- Make walking a part of your routine
- Listen to music, audiobooks, podcasts
- Make it social
- Explore new places
- Take a water bottle
- Be mindful while you're walking
- Track your walking with a pedometer or fitness activity tracker
- Increase the distance and intensity of your walks over time
- Walk indoors
- Be aware of walking surfaces
- Join others

So what are you waiting for? Pull on your walking shoes, grab a friend or your headphones, and as the INXS song goes, just keep walking!



HALLS GAP COMMUNITY GARDEN



The community garden has an abundance of salads and herbs at the moment. A small reminder that everyone is welcome to come down and pick the produce!



FUNKY FRIDAY

Funky Friday is here again.

This time at the **Stawell health and Community Centre SH&CC, Youth room** this Friday 4-6pm

The **Taiko Drumming** will be a session for **all young people aged 12-25** who would like to have the opportunity to play drums in a fun group setting.

This is for all abilities from beginners to those who know what they are doing.

Please **encourage young people who you think may be interested to come along and have some fun** under the guidance of local drummer Jarrad Keeble.

Light snack provided.

Thanks for supporting and promoting our FReeZa Youth events.




REMEMBERING

STELLA YOUNG

Statue Unveiling

Community Invitation
Thursday 30 March 2023
Cato Park, Stawell, Victoria
2.00pm arrival
2.15pm start



 Stella Young Statue Location

Please note that parking adjoining the Powerhouse will be limited on the day of the unveiling.

Northern Grampians Shire Council acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund



At Stawell we have created a memorial statue and online platform for one of our favourite daughters.

 **Cato Park, Stawell, Victoria 3380**

#PutHerNameonit #WomensPublicArt #HonourHer #VicForWomen



Wow! February really came and went FAST....

We had an enjoyable night welcoming back for Book club for 2023. A very interesting discussion on the book "Dark Emu". Gentle Exercise is becoming more popular each week. Jo really keeps us moving.



Neil has led some wonderful Bird Walks with plenty of bird species seen.

Crafty Wednesday mornings we have been learning to crochet. Always looking for more takers. So if you would like to have a couple of hours working on your crafty project or learn a new skill, join us.

This year our very popular International Women's Day Luncheon will be held on Friday 24th March 2023. We are very fortunate to have Professor Cassandra Szoeké present "Secrets of Women's Healthy Ageing." We will finish the afternoon activities with a fun game of Finska. Bookings essential, please ring Alison on 0417 883 445 to book your place.

Alison



What's on in March at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Monday 13th** 11am-1pm Writers Group
- **Mondays** 7.00pm Meditation
- **Tuesday** 10am-11.30am Storytime
- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft & Chat
Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Thursday 16th** 6pm HG Book Club
- **Friday 24th** International Womens Day Luncheon.
- **Fridays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Fridays** 10.30-11.30am Bird Walk
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Finska

Tuesday to Friday 9am-3.15pm

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

Budja Budja NH Luncheon

Available now in all good bookstores and online

International Women's Day

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11.30AM-2.30PM

followed by a game of Finska

at Halls Gap Recreation Reserve
46-72 Grampians Road HALLS GAP

Guest Speaker: Prof Cassandra Szoeké

Cost: \$15 per head

International Women's Day

#IWD2023 #EmbraceEquity



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

The swimming program has been completed. We were very lucky with the weather staying warm for most of the days. On the last day the children participated in survival skills and we are pleased to say that they all passed. Grade 6 attended a leadership Day in Horsham. Key speaker was Lorin Nicholson. He is a motivational speaker who inspires the students through his stories of growing up blind but never letting that stop him from achieving. His guitar skills mesmerise the students and they participate in team building activities.

To welcome Staff, children and families to the school, we had a 'Welcome Brekky'. On the menu was egg and bacon rolls, muffins, croissants, fresh fruit all washed down with coffee or hot chocolate. After breakfast everyone participated in games and activities. It was a great social morning for the school community.

Don't forget the Halls Gap Market on Sunday 12th March at the Recreation Reserve.



From the Nickie Peters, Staff & Students at Halls Gap PS



POMONAL MENS SHED



Activities Update – 28th February

February has seen the shed getting into full swing for the year with all programs up and running and yet again an increase in memberships.

Mondays 9-30am – 3pm is our social sessions and have been enjoying great attendances, where members enjoy a cuppa, biscuits and a chat as we endeavour to solve all the worlds problems as only elder statesmen can.

Thursdays 9-30am – 3pm is our project sessions also have great attendances and although we seem to be slow to get started in the workshop (cuppa, biscuit and chat always comes first), we have been working through some long standing projects at the famous “Shed Pace” whilst enjoying the social side of the workshop as well.

First Tuesday of each month we have our Shed Talk session from 11am – 1pm. We generally arrive at around 10am for a cuppa first as this is our way, and share a lunch together afterwards. This month we had a visit from Mark Bateman who is a grief councillor for the motor sport industry and he spoke on the 5 languages of love and ways in which men may be able to apply this to their lives. A great discussion was enjoyed by all who attended.

Second Tuesday of each month we now have a computer/smart phone workshop from 10am – 1pm followed by a lunch together. Moya comes in to help us understand how to use technology better and for most of us this includes what many would call the basics. Who knows, some of us may even enter this modern world of ours.

Wednesdays 1pm – 4pm we have our patchwork/ sewing sessions where Frances assists members with their sewing projects, including helping some men sew up their cuffs.

The Mixed Bunch art group are still using our meeting room for their workshops.

We will be gearing up to start our all-inclusive sessions soon.

The last Sunday of each month we ran our (now quite famous) sausage sizzle at the Pomonal market. This helps us raise some much needed funds as well as being a great social time for all involved. It is also a great way of showing potential new members through the shed.

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.**



Fire of Love

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

Documentary American/Canadian - Directed, written, and produced by Sara Dosa. It follows the lives and careers of volcanologists Katia and Maurice Krafft.

Check The Grampians Film Society website on membership details and full program.
<https://grampians.filmsociety.org.au/>



Moyston Annual Sheep Dog Trials

March 16, 17, 18

**Spectators
welcome!**
Gold coin
donation

**95th year - the longest running
sheep dog trials in Australia**

Located 15 mins
from Ararat at the
picturesque
Moyston Oval,
Ararat-Halls Gap Rd,
Moyston



WadeVet

Dogpro
PLUS



Ararat Rural City

EVENTS

NOVICE TRIAL

9am Thu 16th March

IMPROVERS AND OPEN TRIAL

8am Fri 17th March

8am Sat 18th March

BRACE DOG TRIALS - PAIRS

6.30pm Fri 17th March

COUNTRY CATERING

Morning Tea \$5
Lunch – two course \$15
Afternoon tea \$5

FRIDAY NIGHT

MEALS 6-7pm
Dinner \$15 – Roast and
salads plus veggie option
Dessert \$5

Bar open 6-10pm

ACCOMMODATION

- Powered sites \$10/night
- The Apartment 5354 2545

ENQUIRIES

Max: 0419 382 315

GRAMPIANS TEXTURE 2023

18-23 MARCH THE GRAMPIANS VIC



Grampians Texture is an annual workshop program for fibre artists in the Grampians. The program provides an opportunity to participate in two, four or six days workshops with some of Australia's best artists and tutors for introduction level to experienced artists.



Everyone welcome!

Twilight Makers Market

4:30 – 6:30pm Saturday 18 March

The market will be held at the GrampianArts Market Place at the Halls Gap HUB.

There will be a wide range of quality hand craft, made by the tutors and students participating in Grampians Texture. Expect to find clothing, jewelry, paper, books and more all handmade and hand created, recycled and upcycled!!! Buy direct from the artist.

Artist in Residence – ALL week

Eliza-Jane Gilchrist will be our artist in residence with 'the Strange Garden'. Her workshops are based at the Halls Gap HUB all week for Textures.

Strange Garden is a participatory workshop that engages the community and local schools in building a beautiful installation out of cardboard, representing an abstract garden.

Community drop-in workshops will be at the Market Place most days during Textures and until 6:30pm Saturday and Tuesday evening.

Workshop Show & Tell

**4pm SHARP!
Sunday 19 March**

All two day workshops will display their artworks at the Halls Gap HUB for 30 minutes

**3:30pm SHARP!
Thursday 23 March**

All four and six day workshops will display their artworks at the Halls Gap HUB for 30 minutes

Market Place

8:00am–5:00pm | 18 – 23 March

Call into the Halls Gap HUB to buy at GrampianArts Market Place.

Expect to find delicious products for textile and other artists to create with: fibre, yarns, books, fabrics, hand-made papers, vintage kimonos. Exotic, beautiful, unusual, and delightful.


Not all traders/sellers will be there for the whole time, but all will be there for the weekend and until Wednesday morning.

Traders night – OPEN late!

4:30–6:30pm Tuesday 21 March

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. Grampians Brushes is supported by the Northern Grampians Shire Council.

W | www.grampianarts.com.au E | textures@grampianarts.com.au P | 0493 430 312



BOOKINGS OPEN

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

www.grampianarts.com.au

2 day workshop: Saturday 9 – Sunday 10,
4 day workshop: Monday 11 – Thursday 14
6 day workshops: Saturday 9 – Thursday 14



Provide
Responsible
Service of Alcohol
(RSA)
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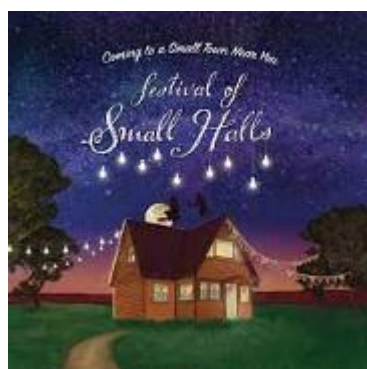
DATE: 23RD MARCH

TIME: 9.30AM

COST: \$95

Pre-Payment and USI Required
Bookings Essential

42 Sloane St, Stawell
office@snhlc.org.au
 (03) 5358 3500



Moyston Hall stands on the traditional lands of the Eastern Maar People.

The Moyston Hall as it stands today is 109 years old. Previously it was the Moyston Mechanics Institute for 46 years, so it has served as a centre of community life in Moyston for over 150 years. In 2017 the hall received a

welcome upgrade to the existing facilities and continues to provide a welcoming and much supported venue for the local community.



Festival of Small Halls returns to Moyston on Saturday, 25 March 2023 with Scott Cook and Folk Bitch Trio.

Opening the show will be local act Charlotte Harwood!

The Hall has a BYO license. Patrons are welcome to bring their own food and drinks.

Tickets are priced at:

Full Admission – \$25

Child Admission (Aged 15 years and Under – Must Be Accompanied By An Adult) – \$10

Doors Open 6.30pm

Show Starts 7.00pm



Artisans, makers, bakers, crafters, sewers, growers and creators with live music and a fabulous community atmosphere.

At The Peaks Precinct,
2 Heath Street, Halls Gap VIC 3384



@hgtwilightmarket hgtwilightmarket@gmail.com

27 January
5pm - 8pm

10 March
5pm - 8pm

7 & 21 April
3pm - 6pm

TBC - Oct
3pm - 6pm

03 Nov
3pm - 6pm

01 Dec
3pm - 6pm

Moyston Easter Market

9-2pm Easter Saturday
April 8, 2023
Moyston Oval, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd

- ▲ Over 50 Market Stalls of local artisan goods, preloved items, and handcrafted gifts.
- ▲ Vintage /Classic Car and Motorbike Display
- ▲ John Vanderwaal Long Kick Competition @11.00am
- ▲ Live Music
- ▲ Community BBQ
- ▲ Country Kitchen Devonshire Tea

- ▲ Coffee Vans
- ▲ Kids' Activities including FREE Easter Egg Trail
- ▲ CFA Firewood Raffle
- ▲ Doggo Refreshment Stations
- ▲ Ample Free Onsite Parking
- ▲ Gold coin donation goes towards Moyston Community Improvement

Our sponsors

Stall bookings and enquiries contact Fiona 0418 366 362
Email: moystoneastermarket@gmail.com

Come and enjoy all the fun and support your local markets!



WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET - 2023

SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY MARCH 5 - 2023



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

Pomonal Village Market

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

2023 Market Calendar

1st January	30th July
29th January	28th August
26th February	24th September
26th March	30th Sept/1st Oct
30th April	29th October
28th May	26th November
25th June	31st 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 bicycles, property taken from your car or other items.



Report personal property lost in Victoria.



Report damage to your property, including graffiti.



Register your party.



Inform police when you are away from your home.

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



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

David, Pam, Rod, 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