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FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House

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WRAP UP...

So much happening in our part of the world. Get out and enjoy.

Volunteering Opportunities:

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STATS BY CHAS...

May 2023 - Rainfall by Chas:

72.5 mm for May 2023 bringing the progressive total for May to 250 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 67 mm for May 2023 with a progressive total of 251 mm. As of the 31st May Lake Bellfield is holding 68,620 ML or 87% full compared to the same period last year of 51,260 ML or 65% full.

The total system is holding 359,720 ML or 64.20% full compared to the same period last year of 165,620 ML or 29.56 % full.

Mount William received 143.8 mm for May 2023. The highest temperature of 12.8 C. was recorded on the 14th of May 2023 and the lowest temperature of -1.4 C was recorded on the 7th May 2023. The highest wind speed of 96 km/h was recorded on the 3rd of May 2023.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



gwangal moronn

season of honey bees - autumn (late march to june)

Sunrises, Bees and Flocking Birds
Autumn (the season of native honey bees or gwangal moronn) is when the country starts to cool down after the summer heat.



Well at the end of the month we will say good bye to Budja Budja Neighbourhood House (BBNH). Thanks to Budja Budja Aboriginal Cooperative for their support for the neighbourhood house over the last 8 years. I know this might make some of you sad.

However there is always a silver lining... Say hello to the new Halls Gap Neighbourhood House (HGNH).

Over the last 12 months there has been many meetings on the future of the neighbourhood house. Alison with the support of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, volunteers, community members and the Northern Grampians Shire have been working hard to ensure Halls Gap and surrounding communities still have their Neighbourhood House.



Come 1st July you can visit Alison in her new space at the Hub in Halls Gap. Programs will continue to run during the transformation. Once settled in we will be introducing some new activities. **And of course we will have an official opening in July - details to follow.**

BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS



It's been cold and damp but a few of our volunteers have been working and several of our regulars who have been away are beginning

to return. So I am proposing that for June we schedule a working bee every Friday, except if it is actually raining. Last Friday it was cold and damp but I was joined by a new volunteer Emily who helped me put up some posters in our office that came to us from the wildflower show, before we ventured out to do some weeding. And a big thanks to Warren who has kept our grass and gravel areas looking well tended. **Margo**

HISTORY ROOM

History Room working afternoon.

If you would like to help catalogue some of the many photographs in the History Room there will be a working afternoon on Thursday June 8, 2pm-4.30pm. We would love to welcome you. Please note the change of date for this month only (Working afternoons are usually held on the first Thursday of the month). **Jen**

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALLS GAP

Next meeting of Community Association of Halls Gap will be on Monday 5th June 2023 at 4.30pm in the Supper room at Centenary Hall.



Wildlife Art Museum of Australia (WAMA) have sent out their Autumn Newsletter. If you would like to keep up to date with all the happenings of WAMA email: info@wama.net.au

You can always find more information on their website: <https://wama.net.au/>
Next local event Nature Play on Sunday 10th June 2023– see page 10 for details.

HALLS GAP RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Who are we? - we are an association, formed in 1999, that advances the interests of our residents and ratepayers. Our meetings provide a forum for public discussion of local matters and as a group often take actions on agreed positions. We make representations to outside bodies such as NGS, Parks Vic, Landcare, Vic Roads. We meet quarterly and our NGS Councillor, Mr Trevor Gready, attends and informs us on council matters and follows up on issues that we may have raised previously.

Connection with a NGS Councillor may prove invaluable in the future as it is highly likely that the result of the Victorian Electoral Commission's review of NGS structure is going to do away with wards altogether and Associations like ours will become more important if outlying areas in the shire are to have a voice.

Membership of this group is open to all residents of HG together with ratepayers of the Shire of Northern Grampians. Membership is currently \$10 per year. We are a not-for-profit group. The funds raised cover the cost of registration of our association with any accumulated funds donated to appropriate causes, voted for by members. The minutes of each meeting are sent to all members.



With the retirement of our long serving President, Mr Paul Turner, and no nominations for this position, the HGRRA is in danger of dissolving.

For the good work of our group to continue we need a leader. Please consider the possibility that YOU could fill this role. The main role will be that of chairing our meetings. This and other duties, such as contacting authorities, representations etc can/will be undertaken in collaboration with the current Secretary and Treasurer.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Supper Room, Centenary Hall, Halls Gap

If you are interested please contact Jen O'Donoghue 0409 250 848 or PM Jen via Facebook

Planning underway for the commencement of CDS Vic

Victoria's container deposit scheme, CDS Vic, will commence on 1 November 2023.

VicReturn has been appointed as the Scheme Coordinator, and Visy, TOMRA Cleanaway and Return-It have been appointed as the three Network Operators. Together, the Scheme Coordinator and the Network Operators will be responsible for delivering the scheme and for providing a network of refund collection points across the state.

The scheme will significantly increase the volume and quality of recycling, reduce litter and waste, and create new economic opportunities. The CDS's operations are expected to generate over 640 direct jobs.

<https://vicreturn.com.au/>

Network Operator zones

Victoria is divided into 6 CDS zones with each Network Operator responsible for establishing and maintaining refund collection points in 2 zones.

Collection points

Network Operators will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a network of refund collection points in their appointed zones.

Businesses, charities, community groups and local governments can operate collection points by subcontracting to Network Operators. Visy, TOMRA Cleanaway and Return-It are actively reaching out to local councils and other stakeholders to provide information about their role as Network Operators, and opportunities to be involved.

As part of the procurement process, Network Operators were required to demonstrate how they will support businesses, charities, community groups and local governments to participate in CDS Vic.

Network Operators will provide more information on how to register interest to be a collection point operator in the coming months. To express your interest in running a refund collection point, contact the Network Operator who is appointed to your local area.

Return-It

www.returnit.com.au
info@returnit.com.au

TOMRA-Cleanaway

www.mytomra.com.au
enquiries@tomracleanaway.com.au

Visy

www.visy.com.au

Keep up to date

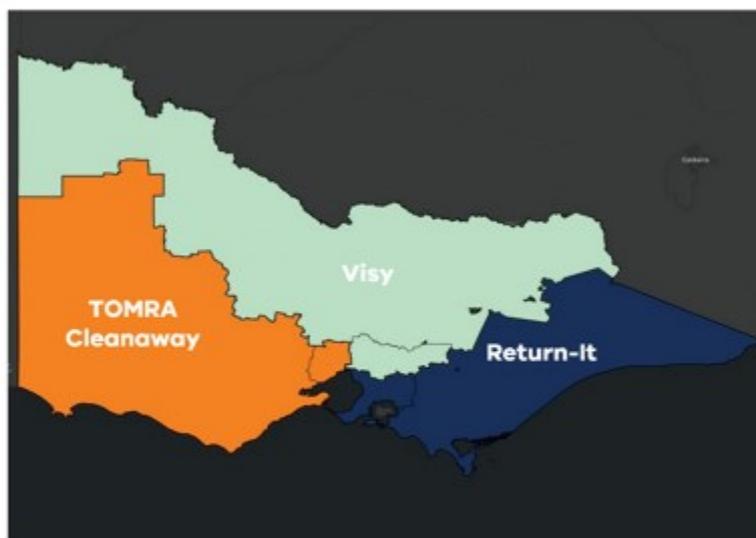
There are lots of ways you can keep up to date with Recycling Victoria

Find us at –

www.recycling.vic.gov.au or
recycling.victoria@delwp.vic.gov.au

Sign up for future updates

Join the conversation on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)



Network operator	Zone
TOMRA Cleanaway	1 - Barwon South West and Grampians 4 - Metropolitan West
Visy	2 - Loddon Mallee and Hume 5 - Metropolitan Northeast
Return-It	3 - Gippsland 6 - Metropolitan Southeast





Hello Halls Gap!

Snappy Gappians here, coming to you with a summary of the Community Resilience Workshop we held on May 2nd. What a great night! We were so pleased with how the workshop went and we couldn't have done it without the community members that came, so... thank you so much for coming and contributing!

We've put together a nifty little PowerPoint presentation that outlines what we spoke about on the evening; along with a complete list of the ideas presented and voted on. If you'd like us to send it to you, please email us at snappygappians@gmail.com – but to give you some idea, here are the top ideas that were voted for on the night:

- Hold a Halls Gap disco
- Create a central source of local information and promote it
- Map community groups and their roles, and communications channels –master list
- With Landcare group, create a brochure on what to plant / not to plant
- Map Halls Gap sectors as per Pomonal
- Empower community groups to run a community event, BBQ, etc for a different event each month + hold community BBQs
- Hold Community Fire Guard meetings
- Map community services, skills, resources, and supplies + conduct a skills audit of permanent residents
- Provide education opportunities so people know what to do in an event
- Develop an early warning system
- Identify and equip a property with cooling for the public, backup generators, and local water supply

We'd love to hear from you if any of these ideas pique your interest and have you wanting to help out in any way.

The Snappy Gappians are keen to continue to 'make things happen' and are exploring how we can continue to create a connected community – with the support and help from the whole community! Stay tuned for the next event; and feel free to be in touch any time if you want to help out in any way.

****Pics by Marty Schoo****





Halls Gap Emergency Factsheets

The HGRG has developed four factsheets which should help you or your tourist guests in an emergency. The factsheets are:

- **Community Evacuation Information**, which provides advice on who will coordinate the evacuation, how people will know when to evacuate, what to do when advised to evacuate, what to take, where to go, and so on
- **Survive the Heat**, which provides advice on how to cope with the heat when outdoors or at home, how to recognise heat-related illnesses and what to do about them, and how to help others during extreme heat.
- **Surviving Terrorism**, which provides advice on how to protect yourself and your family in the event of an active armed offender, an attack using explosives, a chemical weapon, or a hostile vehicle attack.
- **Hazardous Materials**, which provides advice on what to do in the event of a chemical emergency caused by a residential or industrial fire, chemical spill, explosion, transport accident or similar event.

Visitor Information Guides

If a bushfire or flash flood is imminent, tourists will need to know what to do. Typically they will only be in Halls Gap for a few days, so will be looking for just the information they need to know, in one place, rather having to search for it on the web. The Resilience Group has developed two guides:

- **Visitor Information Guide – Bushfire**
- **Visitor Information Guide – Flood and Landslides**

Where to get them

The factsheets and guides can be downloaded from the HGRG web page on the community web site at <https://hallsgapcommunity.org.au/directory/halls-gap-resilience-group/>

If you are an accommodation provider, you may wish to provide copies of these factsheets and guides at your Reception Desk, or Visitor Book side-table, or in your Welcome pack, so that your guests know where to find information if an emergency arises. All of these documents are only one double-sided page long.

Community Evacuation Information
Remember: Leaving early is always the safest option

What is evacuation?
Evacuation is the planned relocation of people from a dangerous or potentially dangerous area to a safer area. This is a safety strategy that uses distance to separate you from the danger.

Who is responsible for coordinating an evacuation?
Victoria Police is responsible for coordinating an evacuation in an emergency.

Get ready now
Develop a family evacuation plan and practice it. Pack an Emergency Kit including items that "What should I take with me?" Make sure your vehicle has fuel.

Why should I leave early?
The safest option in the event of an emergency is always to leave early. Leaving early is the recommended course of action and should be your first consideration and included in your planning.

What are the types of emergencies where I may be advised to evacuate?
There are many types of emergencies that may require you to consider evacuating. These emergencies may include fire, flood, storm, volcanic and chemical hazard or spill, or explosion or hazardous material spill. You may also be advised to evacuate in the event of a bushfire or flash flood.

How will I know when to evacuate?
You should receive a range of types of advance weather alerts, such as Catastrophic and Extreme fire danger days, for warnings and other information about the emergency. Key sources of information are:

- Listen to your emergency broadcaster, ABC Local Radio (107.9 FM, or 584 AM) or commercial radio (101.9 FM or 94.9 FM TV)
- Visit VicEmergency - <http://www.vicemergency.vic.gov.au>
- Download the VicEmergency app from the App Store or Google Play
- Phone the VicEmergency hotline: 1800 226 226

You may receive a warning to evacuate from a number of sources including telephone, Emergency Alert (landline and SMS), emergency service vehicles, or from a local cabinet local an acknowledgment or public address system.

What do I do when I am advised to evacuate?
Secure and purchase if you can. Close doors, windows and curtains. Turn off lights and appliances. You should immediately follow the directions contained in the evacuation advice. When evacuating, follow ABC directions from emergency services.

What should I take with me?
Involvement and evacuation, protective clothing, drinking water, personal identity documents, mobile phone and charger, portable radio, bins and batteries, wooden blanket, change of clothes and personal hygiene items.

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SURVIVE THE HEAT

Know the effects of extreme heat, who is at risk and how you can prepare yourself and others.

Coping with the heat outdoors

- Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day.
- Wear loose, light-colored clothing and use sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of water. Do not drink alcohol or caffeine.
- Use a hat and sunglasses. Do not wear dark clothing.
- Seek shade or shelter. Do not stay in a car or other enclosed space.
- Do not use a lawnmower, chainsaw or other power tools.

Heat can kill

- Heatstroke is a life-threatening condition that can occur in anyone.
- Symptoms include confusion, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, fainting, and loss of consciousness.
- If you suspect someone has heatstroke, call 000 immediately.
- Move the person to a cool, shaded area.
- Remove any extra clothing.
- Use cool water to wet the person's skin.
- Do not give the person anything to drink if they are unconscious.

Coping with the heat at home

- Close your curtains and blinds during the day.
- Use fans to circulate air.
- Use air conditioning if you have it.
- Take a cool shower or bath.
- Use a cooling mat or blanket.
- Do not use a lawnmower, chainsaw or other power tools.

Active avoid other attacks

- Do not use a lawnmower, chainsaw or other power tools.
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ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL.

What to do in an attack

Escaping

- If you are in a car, stop the car and get out.
- If you are in a building, follow the fire drill.
- If you are in a public place, follow the instructions of the staff.

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SHELTER IN PLACE

SHUT

LISTEN

How to stay with family chemical emergency or large fire

Understand your risk

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- If you are in a building, follow the fire drill.
- If you are in a public place, follow the instructions of the staff.

Halls Gap Visitor Information Guide - Bushfire

Your bushfire planning guide

Prepare

- Listen to your local radio on your three channels.
- Be prepared for power blackouts during a fire.
- Check the status of electricity, water, and gas.
- Check the status of your mobile phone.
- Check the status of your car.
- Check the status of your pets.
- Check the status of your valuables.
- Check the status of your documents.
- Check the status of your cash.
- Check the status of your food.
- Check the status of your water.
- Check the status of your toilet paper.
- Check the status of your first aid kit.
- Check the status of your fire extinguisher.
- Check the status of your fire blanket.
- Check the status of your fire hose.
- Check the status of your fire alarm.
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- Check the status of your fire escape.

Understand your risk

- Catastrophic fire danger days (CFFDD) are the most dangerous days for a bushfire.
- Extreme fire danger days (EFFDD) are also very dangerous.
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The HGRG Has Ceased Operations

This is the last article from the HGRG, which has now ceased operations.

The 11th Annual "Run the Gap" event was held on Sunday 28 of May 2023. There were 995 competitors who completed the scenic 6km run/walk along Fyans Creek, a 12km run including a lap across the wall at stunning Lake Bellfield, or the 21km trail run. All proceeds go to community projects to extend and enhance bike and walking paths. Plus \$1 from each registration is donated to the "Grampians Walking Track Support Group" to help maintain walking tracks within Grampians National Park. Congratulations to the organising team and the volunteers who helped make this event a success.





Halls Gap Landcare Update - June 2023

Halls Gap Landcare is pleased with the great progress in weed control around town. The focus over the last month has been on Yarra Burgan (*Kunzea ericoides*) in High Road, Mackays Peak Road and behind the Halls Gap Caravan Park. Project Platypus and the Ararat Landmate crew have cut and mulched significant areas of this invasive plant and planted alternative local species when needed.

Yarra Burgan is native to the east south east coast of Australia, but has become an invasive weed outside of its native territory. It can form dense thickets which contribute to bushfire risk in the summer period.

We would like to support residents who are keen to remove Yarra Burgan. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you like to see control works carried out on your property. At present other local native plants are available to replace any removed weeds.

Soon we will commence control works on Watsonia (*Watsonia Meriana* var. *Bulbillifera*), a bulbous perennial plant native to South Africa brought to the area as an ornamental. It has long, pale-green, stiff leaves fanning out from a central point. Watsonia produces flowers on long stems of a variety of colours (pink, white and orange, etc.) in late Winter to Spring. Plants die back in late summer to autumn. A new population can spread quickly and form dense stands that outcompetes native vegetation. Watsonia grows in a range of places – in full sun or shade, and generally moist or even boggy areas.



Watsonia (*Watsonia Meriana* var. *Bulbillifera*)

Anyone who would like information about our Landcare group and our activities within Halls Gap can go to our website: <https://hallsgapcommunity.org.au/directory/halls-gap-landcare-group/> Graham



There are 2.65 million carers in Australia, and 750,000 live in Victoria. These are the unpaid family members and friends who support people with disability, the elderly, and people with mental health issues.

Carers need care too.

A lot of carers don't think of themselves as a carer. They consider themselves a partner, daughter, mother, brother, father or friend simply doing what's expected of them, regardless of the emotional, physical or financial stress it puts them under. That's why they often don't seek help.

The Carer Gateway offers free, early intervention support to carers.

Carers can access over-the-phone and in-person support including:

- coaching
- counselling
- peer support
- information and advice
- online groups and courses
- crisis and emergency support

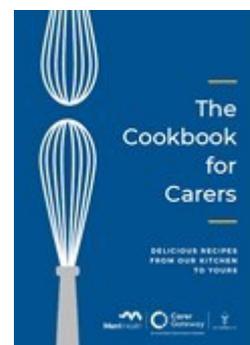
Anyone caring for a family member or friend with a disability, mental illness, who is frail, aged, or has a chronic condition may be eligible for support. Call [1800 422 737](tel:1800422737) or visit [carergateway.gov.au](https://www.carergateway.gov.au).

Carer Support Service keeps its valued carers informed of important updates and events through The Caring Times newsletter. Latest issue can be found at: <https://www.bhs.org.au/services-and-clinics/community-services/carer-support-service/#:~:text=Please%20click%20here%20for%20the%20latest%20issue>

The Cookbook for Carers

The Carer Support Service team created The Cookbook for Carers during National Carers Week in 2021 to acknowledge the outstanding contributions carers make, while also providing our carers with a space to contribute and enjoy recipes from others.

Inside the cookbook, you'll meet some of our team members and also some of our wonderful carers who have kindly shared their stories.



<https://www.bhs.org.au/media/degfulay/carer-support-service-and-carer-gateway-cookbook-210-x-297-mm-10.pdf>

BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC



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

JUNE 2023	July 2023
<p>1st – 2nd Dr Ian Jones</p> <p>5th – 9th Dr Lisa Bendtsen</p> <p>12th PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>13th – 16th Dr Lisa Bendsten</p> <p>19TH – 23rd Dr Lisa Bendsten</p> <p>26th – 30th Dr Salmon Soban</p>	<p>3rd – 7th Dr Jennifer Parsons</p> <p>10th – 14th Dr Jennifer Parsons</p> <p>17th – 21st Dr Jennifer Parsons</p> <p>24th – 28th Dr Katriona Ross</p>

FLU VACCINATIONS

Please call reception on 5356 4751 to make a booking.

You are eligible if you:

- Are over 65
- Pregnant
- Children 6 months to less than 5 years of age
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Medically at risk (chronic disease)



If you do not fit the criteria, you can still book an appointment to get a flu vaccine script from the pharmacy.



Artist name: Tanisha Lovett, Gundjimarra and Wotjobaluk

Free breast screening

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women will receive a **FREE** beautiful shawl to use while screened and keep afterwards **limited number available*

Want to keep yourself healthy and strong? Come and get your breasts screened and protect yourself against breast cancer



Free



Takes 10 minutes



No doctor's referral or Medicare card



For those with no symptoms



With a woman radiographer

Monday 5 – Friday 9 June
20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap VIC 3381

Budja Budja Aboriginal Co-operative (03) 5356 4751



TTY 13 36 77



Interpreters available 13 14 50





What's on in June at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Monday 12th** 11am-1pm Writers Group
- **Mondays** 7.00pm Meditation



- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft & Chat Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.



- **Thursday 1st** Treaty for Victoria Assembly Elections
- **Thursday 15th** 6pm HG Book Club



- **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 Neighbourhood House Biggest Morning Tea

8th year event

SHARE MY PAGE

Donate for a cancer free future

Raised \$386 My Goal \$200

Thank you to our Supporters

\$25	\$236.32	\$10.55	\$56
Anonymous	Budja Budja Neighbourhood House \$224 raised at our Biggest Morning Tea	Sarah Thanks for a fabulous morning Alison	Wonderland Cottages
\$58.02			
Alison Bainbridge			

We had a wonderful time at our biggest morning tea. Great food, delicious tea and lots of talking. We raised over \$200 on the day. We played a number of games including 2 rounds of Tea Trivia. Thanks to all who came and contributed to a wonderful community event. Hope to see more locals next year. I will have to come up with some new games.



Alison





HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term two holidays are fast approaching, and students have been enjoying a variety of different activities including ; walk to school day with the local Police Officers, Sarah and Chris, reconciliation day out at Concongella Primary School, and the Cluster Schools Cross Country hosted in Halls Gap where students enjoyed the local trails through the Botanic Gardens.



Our Grade 5/6s have also been participating with excitement in the community program called DASH. The DASH program Blue Light is an inquiry-based learning approach using fun and interactive activities with grade 5 & 6 students to learn about community. Students learn about their values, strengths and interests and then design a project that acts on a local



The school recently hosted a morning tea in celebration of mothers and other special people in the lives of our students. It was well attended and a great social morning where the students reading and cooking was appreciated by all.

Don't forget the Halls Gap Market on Sunday 11th June at the Recreation Reserve.

Nickie Peters, Staff & Students at Halls Gap PS



**Next Market: Sunday
11th JUNE 2023
9am - 1pm
Halls Gap Rec Reserve
hallsgapmarkets.com.au**

Food glorious food to either enjoy on the day or take supplies home with you. Come along to our next markets on Sunday 11th June 9am until 1pm at the Rec Oval in Halls Gap. Plenty of parking - but arrive early or park in town and walk on down and enjoy the scenery of the town. Supporting our local producers and the small school of Halls Gap primary school.





Activities Update

31st May 2023

We had another busy month at the shed with our members being involved in a variety of activities.

Monday's social sessions 9-30am – 3pm have been attended well with everyone enjoying a hot cuppa, snack and much very important men talk to save all the world's problems, with some personal projects being tackled by all in the workshop. Every second Monday we are now running our woodwork sessions with students from Pomonal primary school, which is a great time for our members and the students alike.

The first Tuesday of the month we have our "shed talk" session and this month we had a guest speaker giving us a talk and information on occupational therapy.

The second Tuesday of the month we have our computer/smart phone session with Moya, she is helping our members understand the modern gadgets of this world we now live in.

Wednesday's 1pm – 4pm Frances is running our patchwork session and helping members with their patchwork and sewing projects.

Thursday's 9-30am – 3pm is our project session and has been quite busy with project for folk in the community and shed projects as we continue to refine the running and function of the workshop.

We had a great information session on how to use our new defib unit in the meeting room followed by a lunch together.

The last Sunday of each month we ran our (now quite famous) sausage sizzle at the Pomonal Village 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.



Join us for a day trip to Bendigo

Highlights include a visit to the Bendigo Woollen Mills and the Australian Sheep and Wool Show

Where: Departs from Stawell Neighbourhood House, 42 Sloane St., Stawell

When: Saturday 15th July 2023

Time: 8:15am - 6pm

Cost: \$50 includes transport to and from Bendigo and entry to Show

RSVP: 1st July 2023

Bookings Essential

Budja Budja Neighbourhood House 5356 4485



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

For tickets and more info www.artiswimmera.com

COLLABORATIVE ART

Led by Collaborative Artist Adie McDermott, Wimmera residents will be illustrating their own stories by putting art to the Fire in My Life creative writing competition run in conjunction with the Weekly Advertiser.



CONCERT



An afternoon that introduces the Itet Barwerd String Quartet, showcases crowd favourites the Horsham Rural City Band, and features original "Tiers" work by Horsham composer Nick Shirreffs. Art is... and the Horsham Town Hall presents Art is... Classical.





RAINBOW



DIMBOOLA



HORSHAM



WARTOOK

KUTHUMI AND GUTUK

The premiere of a Wotjobaluk puppet show (and yarn) about barpa (fire). Production created by Robyn Lauricella, based on a traditional Wergaia story as told by Uncle Ron Marks. Proudly presented by the Art is... festival in conjunction with Black Hole Theatre.




26th May

The festival opens in Rainbow as the Turbo Gallery brings national and international artists together in the Residue of Fire exhibition. Bus leaves Horsham at 3 pm (bookings essential) or see you there at 4.30 pm.

30th May

Three Gallery Openings In One Day! Redrock Books and Gallery has "Fire and Light", new work from local artists living in Northern Grampians. Includes traditional and abstract painting, textiles and ceramics. JRS Workshop presents resident artists' collective and individual work. The Night Owl Gallery will be open with work from the gallery's artists. Meet at JRS (81 Firebrace St) from 5 pm. Redrock (#67) at 6 pm or The Night Owl (#8) at 7.

1 June

Day Trip to Dimboola. Guided visits to the Print Museum and Historical Society. Walking tour of other town sights. Book for the bus.

2 June

Day Trip to Wartook Rise. Featuring permaculture, artists Pam and Emily Thoday, and Colac ceramicist Yonle. Book for the bus.

3 June

Gallery 33, 33 Dimboola Rd. NHII celebrates its 10th birthday. A weekend of activities, we're there Saturday at 2 pm.

4 June

Fire Festival Gala. Kuthumi and Gutuk puppet show at 11.30 am. Art is... Classical at 1 pm and HRAG community art opening at 3 pm. All at Horsham Town Hall. Tickets required.

9 June

Opening of The Possible. The Goat Gallery, Natimuk at 6pm. Need to register.

10 June

Join artists and their friends in walking around the Galleries on the Side, shop window art. Meet on the corner of Roberts Ave and Firebrace St at 10 am.

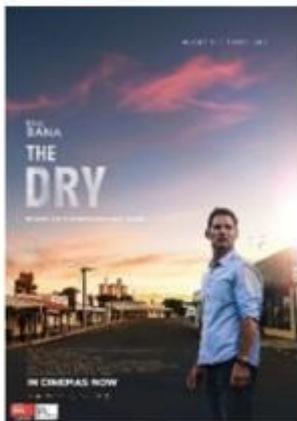


VISUAL ARTS

Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Wimmera Artists on Fire, 22 May to 18 June
Turbo Gallery (Rainbow): Residue of Fire, opens 20 May
 Redrock Books and Gallery: Fire and Light, 20 May - 24 June
 JRS Workshop, Volcano, 30 May to 16 June
 Horsham Plaza: Kids on Fire, 19 May to the end of June
 Galleries on the Side, Art is... FUNDamental: Fire, Horsham Central Shops, 9 June-18 June
 Goat Gallery, Natimuk: The Possible Exhibition, opens 9 June, open 10-2 pm, 10, 11 and 17, 18 June.



Pomonal Mixed Bunch is a local art group that meet once a month at the Pomonal General Store/Pomonal Mens Shed. We have monthly workshops where members share their skills. We ran a gallery in Halls Gap called Grampians Studio and Gallery for a number of years and that is our incorporated name. Workshops have included painting, pastels, watercolour, weaving, felting, print making, plain air, landscape, pencil and sculpture. Yearly membership is reasonable and our workshops are very affordable. For more details contact Annette May via email: pomonalmixedbunch@gmail.com or ring on 0409 464 801.



The Dry

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

2020 Australian Drama - Aaron Falk returns to his drought-stricken hometown to attend a tragic funeral. But his return opens a decades-old wound - the unsolved death of a teenage girl

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



Free Children's Activity

NATURE PLAY DAY

Saturday, June 10
11.00 - 3.00pm



ACTIVITIES

Bark painting with natural pigments

Clay moulding and glazing

Weaving with natural materials

Water play

Campfire cooking

Nature science

BRING

GUMBOOTS, PICNIC LUNCH,
BBQ FOOD TO COOK ON
OUR CAMPFIRE

WHERE

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

E: INFO@WAMA.NET.AU

GRAMPIANS BRUSHES 2023

9-14 SEPTEMBER | THE GRAMPIANS VIC

An annual program for painters & print makers that provides an opportunity for participation in two, four or six day workshops. Join some of Australia's best artists and tutors for introduction level to experienced artists.

TUTORS

<p>Julianne Ross Allcorn - botanical</p> <p>Ryan Brearley - introduction</p> <p>Daniel Butterworth - portraiture</p> <p>Malcolm Carver - watercolour</p> <p>Julian Cornish - Sumi-e painting</p> <p>Lana Daubermann - oil/acrylic</p> <p>Stefan Gevers - watercolour</p> <p>Jody Graham - drawing</p>	<p>Jo Horswill - paper & eco dye</p> <p>Wendi Leigh - acrylics</p> <p>Paul Macklin - acrylic</p> <p>Amanda McLean - pastel</p> <p>Deb Mostert - ink & watercolour</p> <p>Ross Paterson - watercolour</p> <p>Gary Shinfield - print making</p> <p>Sue Wood - mixed media</p>
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Some workshops have **SOLD OUT** ...
You can go on the waiting list by visiting the website below.

To view the full program visit www.grampianarts.com.au

W | www.grampianarts.com.au
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The rock art of Gariwerd in the Australian context Ben Gunn

While the rock art of Northern Australia can be large, colourful and photogenic, that of Gariwerd is more subtle. But like the rock art of the north, and elsewhere in Australia, that in Gariwerd also contains a record of the growth of Aboriginal culture over time.

Although unique in its own way, Gariwerd rock art can be linked to that of Western NSW, but also fits within a pattern of development in pigment art reflected across Australia.

This talk will present a visual survey of the variety of Australian rock art, followed by a brief look at the changes in Gariwerd rock art over time.

Date: Friday 16th June 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Mural Room, Parks Offices, Halls Gap

Dinner: 7pm

RSVP: If you are joining us for dinner: Tuesday 13th June by ringing/text Alison on 0417 883 45



SPIDAH Project

SUPPORTING TELEHEALTH ACCESS



For Intellectual disability. Neurodivergent, diagnosed or undiagnosed, carers or family members

Feel free to share with young people who may be interested in travelling to Melbourne for some winter creativity and entertainment.

[Free Goddess tickets for teens](#)

Under 16s can now access free tickets to ACMI's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces exhibition Goddess: Power, Glamour, Rebellion. ACMI has also announced a new program of Goddess events including after-dark series Goddess Nights, as well as new music and movie events.

As well as announcing the exhibition will be **free for under-16s**, ACMI has revealed a new suite of *Goddess* programming, including **School Holiday Drop-in Workshops between 26 June – 7 July** that will feature creative and crafty workshops to design characters inspired by kids' favourite film and TV stars.

ACMI has also added two more *Goddess Nights* **live late-night events on 27 July and 28 September, in addition to the already successful 25 May event.**



Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park Access Update

26/05/2023

Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park may have closures in place from natural events (storms, floods, and bushfires), park operations, projects and other circumstances. Before visiting the park check for closures below or on the change of conditions page on our website. Please adhere to signs and notifications and do not enter closed areas.



Roads and 4WD Tracks

Multiple roads/tracks are closed due to storm damage, high creek crossings or water over roads. Please visit our website for the latest update. Visitors are asked to drive to conditions and not enter closed areas.

Seasonal Road Closures are in place due to flood damage. These have remained since November 2022. Seasonal roads will gradually reopen after repair works and final assessments are completed. For further information on seasonal road closures in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park visit <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/seasonal-road-closures>



Campgrounds

Kalymna Campground is temporarily closed due to minor flood damage and water over access roads.



Day Walking and Visitor Sites

Winter weather conditions may impact on your walking experience. Stay safe and get the most out of your park visit by preparing for natural hazards and other outdoor risks in Victoria's parks. You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those in your care.

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/visitor-safety-tips-in-parks>

Fish Falls and Mackenzie River Walk Track

Helicopter Air-Lift Operations are scheduled along the Fish Falls and Mackenzie River Walk Track and Zumsteins Picnic Area (eastern end), from Wednesday 31st May 2023 to Friday 2nd June.

Temporary walking track and picnic area closures will be in place as staff work to air lift materials for track work along the Fish Falls and Mackenzie River Walk. The Zumsteins Picnic Area western end, historic area and toilets will remain open. Please follow signage advice and remain clear of closed areas. Staff will be on ground with hard closures while the operation is underway. This

operation will only take place under favourable weather conditions.

Temporary closures will be in place at:

- Zumsteins Picnic Area eastern end
- Zumsteins Historic Area link track to the Fish Falls and Mackenzie River Walk
- Fish Falls and Mackenzie River Walk (up to the base of Mackenzie Falls)
- Wartook Helipad

Mackenzie Falls walk

Mackenzie Falls walk is open. Parks Victoria will continue to assess and monitor rock fall risk at the site.

Grand Canyon

The steel staircase at the south-eastern exit of the canyon is closed due to an engineering issue. The Grand Canyon remains partially open as a return walk from Wonderland Carpark. The Pinnacle walk remains open via the Grand Canyon bypass walking track.

Silverband Falls walking track

This walking track has recently reopened after flood damage in Spring 2022 (see image below). Please note that the track has temporarily changed from a walking Grade 2 to Grade 3 in difficulty which impacts accessibility. Grade 3 includes short steep sections, rough surface areas, and occasional steps. The change is temporary, and Silverband Falls track will be returned to a Grade 2 track via future flood recovery works.



Overnight Hiking

Fortress Overnight Hike

While Parks Victoria and Traditional Owners determine a longer-term management response to rediscoveries of cultural heritage in Oasis and Fortress hike in camps, and out of respect for this significant cultural landscape, visitors are requested not to camp in this area. Instead, we request you set up camp 150m outside of the Fortress Hiker camp, towards Mt. Thackeray and away from the cliffs and shelter areas.

Grampians Peaks Trail

Helicopter Air-Lift Operations are scheduled along Grampians Peaks Trail at Barigar, Werdug, Barri Yalug and Mud-Dadjug Hiker Camps, from Tuesday 30th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June.

Temporary walking track and road closures will be in place as staff work to remove toilet pods at Barigar, Werdug, Barri Yalug, Mud-Dadjug Hiker Camps along the Grampians Peaks Trail. Please follow advice of signage and remain clear of closed areas. Staff will be on ground with hard closures while the operation is underway. This operation will only take place under favourable weather conditions.

Temporary closures will be in place at:

- Barigar, Werdug, Barri Yalug, Mud-Dadjug Hiker Camps
- Walking tracks and Management Vehicle tracks north and south of hike in campgrounds
- Wartook, Werdug, Roses Gap, Mt William and Piccaninny Helipads
- Piccaninny East Carpark

Securing your food storage

Food scraps and unsecured food can attract animals along the Grampians Peaks Trail, specifically at hike-in campgrounds. It is important that your food is stored securely and that you do not leave food unattended.

GPT access

Vehicle access into Griffin Trail Head is four-wheel drive access only

Water provisions on Grampians Peaks Trail

Water may be available in hike in campground water tanks, depending on seasonal rainfall. Parks Victoria regularly services the following water tanks along the Grampians Peaks Trail:

Section	Location
N1	Mt Zero Picnic Area
N1	Coppermine Track Crossing
N2	Gar Trailhead (Roses Gap Road)
N4	Mt Difficult Road Crossing
C1	Sundial Carpark
C2	Bugiga Hike- in Campsite
C3	Redman Road Crossing
C3	Mt William Road 2
C4	Mt William Summit (Helipad)
C5	Jimmy Creek Road Crossing
S1	Yarram Gap Road Crossing
S2	Wannon Hike-Campground
S2	Griffin Trailhead
S3	Djardji- djawara Hike-in Campground
S4	Dunkeld Reservoir Road Crossing
S4	Mt Sturgeon MVO road crossing

For more information on preparing for the Grampians Peaks Trail or other overnight hiking options refer to the Plan and Prepare Guide on the Grampians Peaks Trail webpage before setting off on your hike.

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/things-to-do/grampians-peaks-trail>



Rock Climbing

Rock climbing access has changed in Grampians National Park. The Greater Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan was released in 2021 and ensured that rock climbing can continue in Gariwerd in a sustainable way. We know there have been significant changes to rock climbing in Gariwerd and Parks Victoria will continue to work with climbers to achieve balance between conservation and recreation. For more information on rock climbing in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park visit:

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/rock-climbing-in-gariwerd>

Further Park Information

Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre - While the Aboriginal cultural centre building is closed for refurbishment, the information centre building is open along with the Café and gift shop. Take a stroll around the native gardens and wetlands, or view kangaroos and emus and a range of birds in the rear boomerang paddock, Fyans Creek Loop walk.

Information services are available to visitors at Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre. Open 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week. Ph: (03) 8427 2258; Email: brambuk@parks.vic.gov.au, visit the Parks Victoria Website www.parks.vic.gov.au or call 13 1963

JUNE *Markets*

SAT 3RD

H A V E N

9-1pm

Haven Recreation Reserve
Henty Highway

S T A W E L L

SUN 4TH

Stawell Showgrounds
Patrick Street

9-1pm

SAT 10TH

D I M B O O L A

9-1pm

Tower Park
Cnr of Lloyd & Lochiel Streets

N A T I M U K & H A L L S G A P

SUN 11TH

Natimuk Showgrounds | Halls Gap Recreational Reserve
Jory Street | Grampians Road

10-1:30pm

SAT 17TH

W A R R A C K N A B E A L

9-1pm

IGA Carpark
141 Scott Street

J U N G

SAT 24TH

Jung Recreation Reserve
Jung Recreation Reserve Road

9-1pm

SUN 25TH

P O M O N A L

9-1pm

Pomonal Hall
Ararat-Halls Gap Road



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:

King’s Birthday Weekend - Sunday 11th June

AFL Grand Final Weekend - Sunday 1st October

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sunday 5th November

Future Dates for 2024:

Labour Day Weekend—Sunday 11th March

Easter - Sunday 31st March

Pomonal Village Market

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

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

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

WHEN YOU NEED US, BUT NOT THE SIRENS

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POLICE VICTORIA



Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone

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

VICTORIA POLICE

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

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

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

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

David, Pam, Abbie and Alison

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

neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Upload your community events details to
the Community Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

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



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

Stay straight and brake

Never swerve to avoid wildlife on the road. You risk rolling your vehicle, hitting a tree or colliding with oncoming traffic

- 1 Slow down at dusk and dawn
- 2 Kangaroos travel in mobs (groups), there usually will be more than one in the area
- 3 If a collision is unavoidable **stay straight and brake**

In an emergency call 000

VICTORIA POLICE

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

We acknowledge the diversity of Indigenous
Australia.

We respectfully recognise Elders past, present
and emerging.

This newsletter was produced on Djab Wurrung
country.



Wildlife Rescue

- [Wildwood Wildlife Shelter – Gariwerd](#)
- Close to Halls Gap call Ian on 0413 921 171
- Wildlife Victoria: 03 8400 7300
- 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