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FILL THE GAP

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& Halls Gap Neighbourhood House

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WRAP UP...

Winter has really settled in however we still get a few sunny mornings to cheer us up.

Yes its cold but it is a great time of year to go walking in our own back yard. And what a back yard - Grampians/Gariwerd National Park. Check out Winter Walking on pages 8-9. It has some great ideas on how to more activity in your day.

NAIDOC week is time to think our Elders. There will be a flag raising at Budja Budja Medical Centre on Thursday 6th at 11am. All welcome.

Halls Gap Neighbourhood House has completed the first stage of moving into their new home at the Halls Gap Hub. Programs will commence in full swing from 10th July. See page 6 for more details.

STATES BY CHAS...

June 2023 - Rainfall by Chas:

280 mm for June bringing the progressive total for 2023 to 530 mm.

This compares to the same period last year of 175.5 mm for June with a progressive total of 426.5 mm.

As of the 28th June 2023 Lake Bellfield is holding 74,220 ML or 94% full compared to the same period last year of 52,290 ML or 67% full.

The total system is holding 388,210 ML or 69.28% full compared to the same period last year of 170,870 ML or 30.50%.

Mount William received 324.8 mm for June 2023. The highest temperature of 6.9C was recorded on the 7 th of June and the lowest of - 1.6 C was recorded on the 21st of June. The highest wind speed of 91 km/h was recorded on the 18th June 2023.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



chinnup

season of cockatoos - winter
(june to late july)

Cold, Cockatoos and Early Wildflowers
Morning frosts, bleak mists and freezing winds make winter (season of cockatoos or chinnup) the coldest time of year.



You are cordially invited to attend our NAIDOC celebration on
Thursday 6th July

11am: Meet at Budja Budja for an Acknowledgement of
Country, Flag Raising and Acknowledgment of our Elders.



Update on the HG Botanic Garden

I'm pleased to let you know that we have some positive things to report.

Thanks to Landmate we will be having a crew from the prison working with us on three days during the school holidays. (They can only come here in school holidays as we are too close to the school). The dates are 29 July, 3 July and 6 July. We also have a volunteer from Tasmania working in the garden over the next few weeks.

We have been given some rocks with fossils in them from this area which we are hoping to put on display, probably in wire cages so they can be seen from different angles. I'm wondering if any of you have some we could add to our collection, either as gifts or loans.

There is an upcoming grant opportunity from Bulgana via the NG shire. Any suggestions?



Activities Update – 30th June

June has been a busy month again down at the shed with our members involved in quite a few various activities.

Monday's from 9-30am we meet for our weekly social session where we usually solve a variety of the worlds problems over a hot cuppa and snack. Every second Monday morning we have been running a woodwork session with students from Pomonal Primary school, which is a great time for the students and our members alike.

Thursday's from 9-30am we have had busy Project sessions with lots of different projects on the go in the workshop. We also have a BBQ lunch at least one of these sessions per month.

Wednesday from 1pm in the meeting room we have had our Patchwork session with members doing a variety of patchwork and sewing projects.

This month for our Shed Talk session we had Kellie and Sarah from Hall Gap Police give a great talk on home security and local policing, and we shared a lunch together.

Second Tuesday of the month from 10am we had our computer Smart phone session with Moya and also had a lunch together.

We are pleased that the Mixed bunch Art Group are enjoying using our meeting room for their sessions.

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.

We are very pleased that the social side of the shed is running very well and comradery is very high within the members and our support networks are meeting a variety of personal needs.

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.



Western Double Feature

Saturday 29th July 2023

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

Spend Saturday watching two westerns on the big screen.

John Wayne stars in both features.

3pm - War Wagon (1967)

7pm - True Grit (1969) - the original and best.



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

POMONAL UNITING CHURCH NEWS

Our new minister Damian Tan will be arriving in August. We are very happy that a replacement for Rev Susan is coming so quickly.

Pomonal Community Uniting Church holds services every Sunday 10.00am at the church in Church Rd, Pomonal.

INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Are you confused about voting re the Voice? I am proposing a meeting at the Halls Gap Neighbourhood House in August to examine the Uluru statement and explain just why it is so important but haven't set a date yet. More information in the August Fill the Gap

LOCAL? Interested in AIKIDO?

WANTED: Training partner/s for AIKIDO.

I am an old bloke who has done quite a lot of aikido (2nd dan), and I'd like to find a partner or two to train with about twice a week in Halls Gap, mainly because I want to maintain and improve my flexibility, fitness and skill.

Aikido is a relatively gentle (but still highly effective) Japanese martial art that can be practised by people of any age. It involves locks and throws, and is non-competitive.

No previous martial arts experience necessary; you would learn while practising. A certain amount of flexibility would be good.

Contact GLENN

swampgums@gmail.com

0402 191 434

合気道 The Way of Harmony

WILDLIFE WITH NEIL - ALBATROSS

This month's subject is Albatross as it is "World Albatross Day" on 19th June each year. The 5th June was "World Environment Day"

I have been participating in Pelagic Seabird trips mainly from Port Fairy or Portland since the early 1980's. More recently I have been trying to run/lead monthly trips from Port Fairy to observe these sensational oceanic wandering nomads.

There are 24 species in 4 genera. For ID purposes can be viewed as 4 groups : - **Short-tailed Albatross** of Northern and Eastern Central Pacific (4 species) Probably??? not occurring in Australian waters. **Great Albatross** of Southern Hemisphere (7 species) **Mollymawks** of Southern Hemisphere (11 species) and **Sooty Albatross** of Southern Hemisphere (2 species)

Indian (Ocean) Yellow-nosed Albatross – *Thalassarche [chlororhynchus] carteri* is the smallest (tip of bill to tip of tail 70 – 79cms with a wingspan of 188 – 215cms) and is fairly regularly seen in Victorian Pelagic (Oceanic) Waters.

The **Snowy Wandering Albatross** – (Australian Wandering Albatross) *Diomedea [exulans] exulans* is the largest Seabird and one of the world's largest birds. Size : - 115 – 122cms with a wingspan of 290 – 350cms. This wingspan is just short of 11feet 6inches in old terms.



Wandering Albatross-adult



Wandering Albatross-juvenile



Indian Yellow Nosed Albatross



Wandering Albatross in flight



PRESENTS



ARCAD-I-CON



POP CULTURE EVENT

THURSDAY JULY 6

STAWELL TOWN HALL

10.00AM - 4.00PM

LEVEL UP?

LEVEL UP GAMING



'THE BOAT WITH NO NAME'

LOOPING ALL DAY



'ANT-MAN'

FREE MOVIE 4PM-6PM



COSPLAY



FREE SNACKS



CARD AND BOARD GAMES



DND TABLE TOP GAMES



CHALK WALL/ ART MURAL



LIBRARY COMIC STAND

THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY, SMOKING, VAPING, ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE EVENT.



Halls Gap Neighbourhood House finds temporary home at Halls Gap Hub.

Northern Grampians Shire Council has welcomed the new Halls Gap Neighbourhood House to their temporary home at the Halls Gap Hub. We have moved and Alison is busy getting the House operational. We will be open for all services from Tuesday 11 July 2023.

We will be running our current program including gentle Exercise, Qi Gong, Writers Group, Halls Gap Book Club, Craft and Chat, Meditation and Birdwatching. Alison is looking forward to offering new programs in the coming weeks.

The move will activate the Hub through new programs and community involvement seeks to build a thriving community Hub. Staff are open to suggestions on courses people would like to see run.

Computer and internet access will be available to community members during opening hours, as well as a place to stop, have a cuppa and socialise with other members of the Halls Gap community.

It was with the fabulous support of Neighbourhood Volunteers that the move went so smoothly.

Volunteers are encouraged to join to help run our various programs and projects. Call Alison on 0417883445 for more information and to see how you can become a friend of the Halls Gap Neighbourhood House.



What's on in July at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Monday 10th** 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 20th** 6pm HG Book Club
- **Thursdays** - Run around Crazy for under 5yrs.
- **Fridays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Fridays** 10.30-11.30am Bird Walk
- **Fridays** 1.30-3pm Friday Fun - Indoor Bowls

Tuesday to Friday 9am-3.15pm

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



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: 10th July 2023

Bookings Essential

Halls Gap Neighbourhood House 0417 883 445

Stawell Neighbourhood House on 5358 3500





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

Halls Gap Primary School: A Month of Learning and Exploration

Halls Gap Primary School has been abuzz with excitement this month, offering its students a variety of engaging experiences. From fascinating animal encounters to environmental initiatives, the school has provided a dynamic and enriching learning environment.

Students had the unique opportunity to meet 'Linguine' the python, igniting their curiosity about reptiles and sparking a passion for wildlife. Additionally, a vibrant fish tank was installed, bringing marine ecosystems to life within the classroom and adding some visual science to the compliment the science research project, 'Under the Sea'.

Amidst this excitement, students embarked on an adventurous bush walk to Clematis Falls, immersing themselves in the wonders of nature and developing an appreciation for the environment. They also witnessed the school creek come alive with the winter rain, offering an opportunity to learn about the water cycle and observe nature's power firsthand.

These experiences, along with a tree planting day organized by Project Platypus, have instilled a sense of environmental responsibility in the students. They have gained valuable knowledge about the importance of reforestation and creating habitats for wildlife.

In the PE department, students participated enthusiastically in school soccer and recently enjoyed a footy clinic, honing their teamwork, sportsmanship, and skills in a schoolyard favourite, AFL.

Halls Gap Primary School continues to foster a vibrant learning environment, encouraging students to explore, discover, and develop a deep understanding of their place in both natural and social ecosystems.

The Halls Gap Market also returned on the King's Birthday Long Weekend and despite the cool weather an excellent turnout again helped the school's fundraising efforts.

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



Walking in a winter wonderland by Lisa Bywaters

- taken from msk.org.au

How to keep up (or start) walking for health and pleasure when it's cold outdoors

...if you're like me and love to get outdoors and walk, it can be a little tough staying motivated when it's cold, wet and wintery. But there are things you can do to boost your motivation, stay active and even come to relish the experience of walking in colder weather. But, I hear you ask, why would any sane person want to get off their warm, cosy couch, put aside the remote control and brave the elements??? Because exercise doesn't take a break for the colder months and we need to engage in [regular, consistent exercise](#) year round.

And while it can be challenging at times, we all know how much better we feel after we hit the pool, go for a walk, or take part in an exercise class. Being active every day helps us manage our pain, get better quality sleep, and improve our mood. It also helps us manage our other health conditions. And it gets us out of the house so we can connect with others – our friends, teammates, gym buddies, and other people walking their dogs in the park. Knowing all of that doesn't make it easy though, so here are some strategies to help you get out there.

Timing is everything

Plan to go walk when your body has had a chance to loosen up. Do some stretches, or have a warm shower to relax your muscles and joints so you can walk more easily and with less pain. The Arthritis Foundation has some [basic stretches](#) you can use before you head out the door.

Dress for the weather

Your usual exercise gear may not cut it when it comes to walking in colder weather. You need to think layers. The clothes closest to your skin should draw moisture away from the skin (known as wicking) so your skin doesn't stay damp. It should also dry quickly. Look on the labels for mention of wicking or polypropylene. Avoid cotton. When cotton clothes get wet, they stay wet, making you colder. Next, add an insulating layer of fleece or wool to keep you warm. And finally, add a layer that will resist wind and rain. The beauty of layers is that you can take them off and put them back on if/when needed. Choose bright colours so you'll be seen through the fog and rain, even on the greyest days

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER, JUST THE WRONG CLOTHING, SO GET YOURSELF A SEXY RAINCOAT AND LIVE A LITTLE." BILLY CONNOLLY

Now accessorise!

I'm not talking bling here, though; like adding colour, bling can definitely brighten your day . But I'm referring to appropriate socks and footwear. It's best to wear walking shoes that are waterproof or dry quickly. And they need good traction – it can get very slippery out there! If you've got old shoes from last winter, check the soles to ensure they're still ok.

It's important to know that the walking shoes you wear in warmer months are unlikely to be suitable for walking in colder months. The tops of these shoes are generally a lightweight mesh that lets air in to keep your feet cool. Not what you need on a cold walk!

You also need to protect your extremities (this is a must if you have [Raynaud's](#)). Wear gloves or mittens, a hat that covers your ears, a scarf, sunglasses and sunscreen. Even in the colder months, your skin can be damaged by the sun's rays. You also need to protect your extremities (this is a must if you have Raynaud's). Wear gloves or mittens, a hat that covers your ears, a scarf, sunglasses and sunscreen. Even in the colder months, your skin can be damaged by the sun's rays.



Oh, and depending on the length of the walk you're planning, you might want to take a lightweight backpack or bag for your water bottle and to store any of the layers you remove.

Get a walking buddy

Having a buddy to walk with can be fun and boost your motivation on cold days. This could be your partner, kids, family, friend, neighbour, pet, or a walking group.

Or go on your own—Sometimes you just need some time to yourself.

Be aware of the walking surfaces

Slips, trips and falls are enemies of anyone with a musculoskeletal condition. So we need to take care out there. Uneven surfaces, moss, wet leaves or mud on footpaths and trails, and slick tiles at the shopping centre can all be dangerous. So keep an eye on the surfaces. And check out this info from MyHealth.Alberta.ca for some [tips to lower your risk of falling](#).

Explore new areas

Whenever you can, take the time to explore new walking paths, rail trails, parks, or neighbourhoods. It's amazing what you discover when you go beyond your own backyard..

Always check Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)

Visit the BOM or your weather channel of choice, and get the weather and rain forecast. This will help you dress appropriately and may also affect your timing. If you like walking in the rain, you may decide to head out regardless. But if you're not a fan, the radar will give you an idea of when to go.

Take your phone

It's handy for listening to music, podcasts, and audiobooks and taking pics of the things you discover on your walk. It's also essential for safety. Unfortunately, accidents can happen to us all, so stay safe and take your phone in case you need help. Or so you can call someone to pick you up if the weather becomes nasty!!

Add some mindfulness to your walk

Much of the pleasure of walking outdoors comes from enjoying the beauty of the changing seasons. So on your next walk, focus on your surroundings and how you feel. Try using the 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 method. For example:

- What are 5 things you can see – e.g. the stripes on your gloves, the different hues of autumn leaves, a dog chasing a ball, fluffy clouds, ducks enjoying rain puddles.
- What are 4 things you can physically feel: e.g. your feet on the ground, your partner's hand, the wind on your face, the way your stride lengthens as you get into your rhythm.
- What are 3 things you can hear: e.g. leaves crunching under your feet, children laughing, thunder in the distance.
- What are 2 things you can smell: e.g. cut grass, rain coming.
- What is 1 thing you can taste: e.g. your coffee traveller.

Walk indoors

If you're not a fan of exercising in cold and wet weather or you're worried about slippery wet surfaces, walk indoors. Do laps of your home, hire/buy a treadmill, or walk briskly in your local shopping centre, gym or community centre.

Stay hydrated—Even though you may not be sweating as much as you would be on a hot day, your body is still losing water through your sweat and breathing. Take a water bottle with you and drink when you need to.

Set yourself a goal—If you're still finding it hard to get motivated, set yourself a goal. It may be the ability to walk a certain distance without being out of breath or taking part in an upcoming fun run/walk...

“SUNSHINE IS DELICIOUS, RAIN IS REFRESHING, WIND BRACES US UP, SNOW IS EXHILARATING; THERE IS REALLY NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER, ONLY DIFFERENT KINDS OF GOOD WEATHER.” JOHN

RUSKIN

Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park Access Update

30 June 2023

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



Roads and 4WD Tracks

Multiple roads/tracks are temporarily 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 apply to areas within and tracks bordering the National Park. See [MapshareVic](#) for locations of the closures. Please visit the [seasonal road closures](#) page for more information.

Mt Victory Road drainage works

Western Projects have now completed drainage works on Mt Victory Road, near Halls Gap. These works were undertaken following the road realignment project completed in April, to improve the longevity of the road.

With works now complete, all traffic management has been removed the road is open to traffic in both directions. We thank the communities of Halls Gap, Wartook and surrounding areas for their continued patience while these works were completed.

For more information, call 133 788, or email westernprojects@roads.vic.gov.au



Day Walking and Visitor Sites

Winter weather conditions may impact on your walking experience. Stay safe and get the most out of your 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.

www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/visitor-safety-tips-in-parks

Mackenzie Falls

Mackenzie Falls has reopened. In the interest of visitor safety, access to the rock shelf opposite the waterfalls remains closed and the rock stepping stones over the river have been removed to help to manage the risk under the falls.



Epacris impressa (Common Heath) near Werdug GPT Hike in Campground

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. Please note that the track has temporarily changed from a walking Grade 2 to Grade 3 in difficulty, impacting 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.



Campgrounds

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



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.



Rock Climbing

Rock climbing access has changed in Grampians National Park. The Greater Gariwerd Landscape Management Plan was released in 2021 to ensure 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 a balance between conservation and recreation. For updates on rock climbing in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park visit: www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/grampians-national-park/rock-climbing-in-gariwerd

Watchtower, Halls Gap

The popular Watchtower designated climbing area located near Halls Gap in the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park and regularly used by school groups and Licensed Tour Operators is undergoing trail remediation and improvement works.

Works commenced on the base trail on 22 May with completion anticipated in early July 2023. Works will include the removal of old damaged and degraded timber steps, significant repairs to the existing stone access trail and construction of new stone steps and drains.



Watchtower Access Track – current trail remediation works

▲ Grampians Peaks Trail

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

Road access (Griffin Track) to the Griffin Trailhead for the Grampians Peaks Trail is currently closed to vehicles due to poor road condition. Walkers can access the GPT on foot via the Griffin Track from the Grampians Tourist Road.

Redman Road Trailhead carpark is currently closed. The nearest site for parking is at Borough Huts Campground.

Water provisions on Grampians Peaks Trail

Water may be available at hike-in campground water tanks, depending on seasonal rainfall. Parks Victoria regularly services the following water tanks along the

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. Contact Brambuk at (03) 8427 2258 or brambuk@parks.vic.gov.au, or contact Parks Victoria by calling 13 1963 or visiting www.parks.vic.gov.au



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:

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

King’s Birthday Weekend - Sunday 9th June

Pomonal Village Market

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

2023 Market Calendar

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| 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 | 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.



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

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| | | | | |
| 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

Halls Gap is a Cat Free Zone

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Pam, Abbie and Alison

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

hallsgapcommunity@gmail.com

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.

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**
- * **Halls Gap Neighbourhood House** - check the program at the house and online - <https://hallsgapnh.org.au/>
- * Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details—
www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au