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& Halls Gap Neighbourhood House

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Congratulations to the Snappy Gappians (SG) and their volunteers who provided a really fun family film night. There was fruit, pop corn, pizza and lots of laughter on the night.

SG will be running more events over the next few months thanks to the support of Northern Grampians Shire community grants. The next event turn to page 5 for Dancing in the Dark.

Interested to find out more in the meantime or help out with these events? Contact the Snappy Gappians on snappygappians@gmail.com

Also Congratulations to GYE, Freeza & co and for another pop culture event Arcad-i-con during the school holidays

Stawell.

STATS BY CHAS...

June 2024 - Rainfall by Chas:

63.5 mm for June bringing the progressive total for June 2024 to 251 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 175.5 mm with a progressive total of 426.5 mm.

As of the 26th of June Lake Bellfield is holding 67,170ML or 86% full compared to the same period last year of 74,220ML or 96% full. Mount William received 77mm for June 2024.

The highest temperature of 13.8 C was recorded on the 22th of June and the lowest of - 1.5 C was recorded on the 18th of June 2024. The highest wind speed of 93 km/h was recorded on

the 25th June 2024.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX **SEASONS CALENDAR**



season of nesting birds - early spring (late july to late august)

Nesting Birds and Changeable Weather Early-spring |season of nesting birds or larneuk) is usually the wettest time of the year with rivers running high. It is a time of dramatic weather changes, with up to six seasons in one day.





Some rain has freshened up the gardens and made weeding and planting easier, with weeding and mulching around play area and Epacis garden bed completed, 8 new donated trees and shrubs planted with some more being grown or grown on, a picnic table inscribed with our gardens name also donated, steel bird bath rewelded.

A talk was given about the Gardens to school group from St Joseph's Mildura last week.

Mural is awaiting final approval from NGSC before commencement.

A nest hollow and 2 nest boxes installed on behalf of Halls Gap Landcare.

Our large bonfire was lit and reduced to a pile of charcoal for some of the garden beds, much pruning and dead plants added to it.

Thanks to our great volunteers, please remember our working bees on 2nd and 4th Fridays, Everybody welcome.

HALLS GAP & GRAMPIANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Working bees are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. If you are interested in joining our dedicated workers pop into the History rooms between 2:30-4pm on one of these days.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF HALLS GAP

Meeting held Monday 4th March, 3rd June, 2nd September and 2nd December 2024 at 4.30pm in the supper room at the Halls Gap Centenary Hall.

All locals are welcome.

HALLS GAP RESIDENCES & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

We are a group of residents or ratepayers who meet four times a year to discuss and raise issues that directly impact our town, whether they be big or small. We are fortunate to have our local councilor, Cr Trevor Gready, attend each meeting and provide a direct liaison with the Northern Grampians Shire council. You are welcome to come along to any meeting.

Members pay the nominal fee of \$10 per annum and receive an emailed copy of the minutes from each meeting.

Meetings will be held on Wednesday 6th March, 5th June, 4th September and 4th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room at Centenary Hall, Halls Gap.

All Residents and Ratepayers are invited to attend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS JULY

IF YOU HAVE A EVENT TO ADVERTISE - EMAIL ALLSGAPCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM

MONDAYS

01, 08, 15, 22 & 29 THE HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL FROM 2.00PM – 4:.30PM

01, 08, 15, 22 & 29 POMONAL MEN'S SHED SOCIAL MORNINGS FROM 9.30AM

TUESDAYS

02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 GENTLE EXERCISE AT 1.30PM, HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 PETANQUE IN THE PARK @ 4PM

02 & 16 POMONAL MEN'S SHED INCLUSIVE TUESDAY EVENING 7PM – 9PM

WEDNESDAYS

03, 10, 17, 24 & 31 CRAFT AND CHAT @ HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE, 10AM-12NOON

03, 10, 17, 24 & 31 THE HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL FROM 2.00PM - 4:.30PM

24 GRAMPIANS FILM SOCIETY DOORS OPEN 7PM @ CENTENARY HALL

THURSDAYS

04. 11. 18 & 25 INDOOR BOWLS @ 1.30PM HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

04, 11, 18 & 25 THE HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL FROM 2.00PM - 4:.30PM

11 ARCAD-I-CON, TOWN HALL STAWELL

18 HALLS GAP BOOK CLUB @ 6PM, MEETING ROOM, CENTENARY HALL

04 & 18 HALLS GAP & GRAMPIANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL BETWEEN

04, 11, 18,& 25 POMONAL MEN'S SHED PROJECT MORNINGS FROM 9.30AM

FRIDAYS

05, 12, 19, 26 TAI CHI/QI GONG @ 10AM HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

05, 12, 19, 26 THE HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL FROM 2.00PM - 4:.30PM

12 & 26 GARIWERD GRAMPIANS BOTANIC GARDEN WORKING BEES 9AM-11AM

SATURDAYS

06, 13, 20, 27 PETANQUE IN THE PARK @ 1PM

06, 13, 20, 27 THE HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL FROM 2.00PM - 4:.30PM

20 AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY GRAMPIANS GROUP, STAWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

SUNDAYS

07, 14, 21 & 28 THE HISTORY ROOM, CENTENARY HALL FROM 2.00PM - 4:.30PM

07 STAWELL SHOW MARKET @ LAIDLAW PARK STAWELL, 9AM-1PM

14 POMONAL POP UP MARKET

28 POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET @ POMONAL COMMUNITY HALL 9AM-1PM





The Good, The Bad & the Ugly

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Doors open 7pm

Film Screening 7.30pm

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

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



Halls Gap Primary School

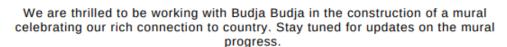


Resilience Excellence Compassion



Wow! Term 2 has come to a close and that marks the halfway mark for 2024. The term has been a busy one with students delighting in a wide range of activities!

Students have enjoyed opportunities to get out about in our wonderful local community with our Grade 2/3 students delighting in a visit to the History Room as part of their research projects into our local history. A very special thank you to Chas who enthralled the students with his wealth of local knowledge and helped answer all their research questions! Our Grade 4/5/6 students paid a visit to Stony Creek this week to conduct water samples as part of River Detectives an exciting education initiative of Catchment Management Authorities. The program aims to inspire students to understand, appreciate and care for their local waterway.



Students celebrated their Chinese studies by participating in a whole school cultural morning where the students made their our own dumplings, Chinese Masks and colourings and enjoyed a delicious Chinese banquet after a few games! A special thanks to Mr Riley for making this morning possible.

The Junior School Council organised a celebration for special people in our lives, incorporating a celebration of our hearts and health with Jump Rope for Heart activities during the last week of term. The celebration began with a cuppa, followed by skipping demonstrations, colouring competition judging, and presentation of skipping awards.

We look forward to returning in Term 3 for more engaging learning opportunities!









We invite all parents of prospective Prep students to contact us for an individual school tour or to discuss your child's educational journey.

Halls Gap Primary School is a unique educational setting for children to learn and grow. With small class sizes and close working relationships with families, the staff at Halls Gap focus on individual student needs.





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SNAPPY GAPPIANS

PRESENT

NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA

DANCING IN THE DARK

WEDNESDAY 14TH OF AUGUST 2024 7:00PM CENTENNIAL HALL MAIN ST HALLS GAP

AN INCLUSIVE HEALTH & WELLBEING EVENT

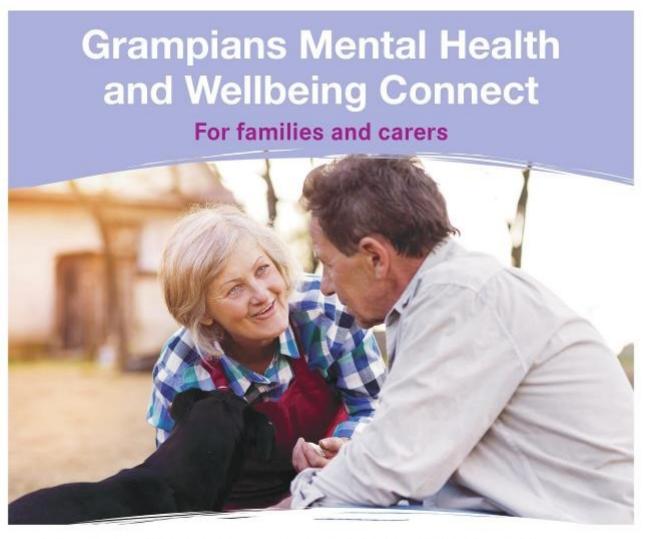
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All of our staff have a lived experience of supporting someone. We are here to listen to families, carers, kin and supporters, and we offer a variety of supports based on your specific needs. We are currently providing phone-based services while we establish our support service offering.

Support is available for people in the Ararat, Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moorabool, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera, and Yarriambiack local government areas.

Telephone 1800 962 008 or email GrampiansMHWConnect@mindaustralia.org.au













WAMA Gallery Building Update

As you drive down the Halls Gap Ararat Road it is hard to miss the construction of WAMA's National Centre for Environmental Art. No one would argue that it has been quite a steady operation with progression seen on a daily basis.

June was again a busy month on site with the weather being good in the first weeks allowing for both the upper and lower roof being completed. This has taken the pressure off as the team from Nicholson Construction move indoors to commence on the internal build. Wall framing has commenced and the ply sheeting to the gallery walls and we will see things start to take shape inside quite quickly.

WAMA has also been busy in the background preparing for opening with our new CEO soon to be appointed and our opening exhibition well underway in the planning stages.

As a whole the project continues to run on time and on budget to be ready to open in April 2025 for both locals and tourists to enjoy.



ABOUT WAMA

For those of you who are new to WAMA or need a recap....

WAMA's National Centre for Environmental Art will showcase the symbiotic relationship between the arts, natural sciences and the preservation of natural heritage, the gallery building plays an important role in bringing the creativity and energy of WAMA to life.

The building will include a climate-controlled art gallery that meets international standards, along with a café, retail store, and a large multi-purpose room for workshops and gatherings.

The gallery will hold major exhibitions of art inspired by the natural environment, borrowing from leading galleries and collections in Australia and internationally.



WAMA is planned to be open in early 2025

Dolls Dolls

200 Avonleigh dolls on display at the Halls Gap Centenary Hall

The first weekend coinciding with the Pomonal Native Flower Show





There will be porcelain, celluloid, plastic composition dolls... old & new, large & small... some with interesting histories & amazing costumes



to the
Pomonal Bushfire
Recovery Fund

Saturday 21st September 2024 to Sunday 29th September 2024



During the School Holidays 10am - 4pm Entry:- Gold Coin

Proudly Support by





This display will be presented in the "Powerhouse" at Hopetoun on 1st October for a further 6 days.

Halls Gap Book Club

Held Third Thursday of the
month from 6pm
February to December
at Meeting Room,
Halls Gap Centenary Hall





117-119 Grampians Rd., HALLS GAP VIC 3381 m: 0417 883 445 e: info@hallsgapnh.org.au

It has been a busy first 12 months for the Halls Gap Neighbourhood House (HGNH). We are now listed as a charity which will assist in our future plans. We are waiting on our deductible gift recipient (DGR) from the ATO. This will allow donations to the HGNH tax deductible.

HGNH provides opportunities for people to met and share skills and knowledge. We run events and provide opportunities for healthy exercise. HGNH also works with the Snappy Gappians, Halls Gap Community Association, Grampians Youth Events, Grampians Community Health, Stawell Neighbourhood House and others to bring community activities and events to Halls Gap and surrounds.

If you have a great idea for a program or event call Alison on 0417 883 445 or drop into the office Tues—Fri 9am-3:15pm to see how we can make it happen.

Gentle Exercise



Every Tuesday 1.30pm at Halls Gap Centenary Hall Enter from Heath Street

Gold Coin Donation





Activities Update 30th June 2024

June has once again been busy at the shed as we continue to get the shed set up with new storage areas and racking. We have moved the remaining donated bushfire relief items to a storage shed at the back of the hall and the relief hub are now passing them on to those who need them. We have been and will continue to help local residents with their clean up processes and build various structures from sheds to housing. We are getting ready for our AGM in July which will see the election of a new committee re shuffle for the next year and look forward to some great community projects we have received grant funds to make happen. Sprits are running high within the shed as memberships are still increasing and all programs are running well, with members supporting each other in many ways as we still recover from recent events.

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 Monday morning, we are 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 are slowly producing some items for sale at the monthly markets. We also have a BBQ lunch at least one of these sessions per month.

Wednesday's from 1pm in the meeting room we have had our Patchwork session with our female members doing a variety of patchwork and sewing projects enjoying some girl time over a hot cuppa and good humour.

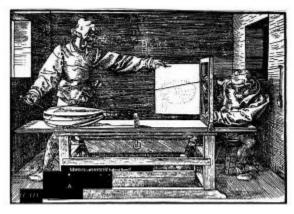
The all inclusive sessions to include our female members every 2nd Tuesday evening form 7pm – 9pm are running very well with good attendances and an influx of new members. We have also seen members making extra time for more nightly sessions as required with the shed being used a lot more.

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 run 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 and explaining some of our various activities.

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.

For more information contact Russ Kellett on 0438 024 929.



Learn to Draw Like the Masters With Mason Chamberlin.

Fridays at **Powerhouse** 10.00am – 2.00pm Stawell Neighbourhood House 42 Sloane Street Stawell.

\$25 for set of three workshops \$10 for materials.

(Starting with Beginner workshops & further workshops to come) Bring your own A3 Visual Diary

Fees must be paid prior to beginning of the workshop set.

Workshops will begin Friday, July 19, 2024

Bookings through Stawell Neighbourhood House

Enquiries PH. (03) 5358 3500 Email. office@snhlc.org.au

Artwork by Albrecht Durer



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Local Knowledge



Spend some time in the Halls Gap Community Garden. You will find it at the Halls Gap Recreation oval, next door to Tim's Apartments. There is always something yummy to find and always plenty of weeding.

Check out what our chickens are up to.





Pomonal Village Market

2024 Market Calendar

28th January
25th February
No Market in March
28th April
26th May
30th June
28th July
25th August
21st & 22nd Sept
29th September
27th October
24th November

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

29th December

Local Markets



Halls Gap Market dates



Sunday 10th March Sunday 31st March Sunday 9th June

Sunday 3rd Nov

Mark the dates in your calendar. The only market which supports the small school of Halls Gap and it vital to their fundraising. Over 70 stalls - Local Products - Local Produce - Food & drinks - Crafts & Giftwares - Homewares & clothing - Music & more www.hallsgapmarkets.com.au



Halls Gap Market

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

David, Sarah 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
- BADGAR: 1300 223 427

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://hallsgapnhe.org.au/
- * Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details—