

Issue: August 2024

FILL THE GAP

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& Halls Gap Neighbourhood House

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WRAP UP...

Another bumper issue.

What a beautiful 1st day of August. There you can feel spring is just around the corner.

Lots of activities on in August and some previews for September.

Halls Gap Neighbourhood House (HGNH) and the Halls Gap Primary School (HGPS) will be running a weekly lunch time craft group. If you are crafty (or even if you are not crafty) and have a hour to spare on a Thursday either contact Alison at the HGNH or the HGPS to register your interest.

Stay safe, warm and well during this time.

Ed Alison

STATS BY CHAS...

July 2024 - Rainfall by Chas: 144.5 mm for July bringing the progressive total for July 2024 to 395.5 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 105.5 mm for July with a progressive total of 635.5 mm.

As of the 31st of July Lake Bellfield is holding 68,220ML or 87% full compared to the same period last year of 75,990ML or 97% full. The total system is holding 314,000ML or 56.04% compared to the same period last year of 413,020ML or 73.71% full.

Mount William received 191.4 mm for July 2024. The highest temperature of 10.3 C was recorded on the 6th July and the lowest of - 2.2 C was recorded on the 28th July 2024.

The highest wind speed of 135 km/h was recorded on the 24th July 2024.

FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



larneuk

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.



Navalny

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Doors open 7pm

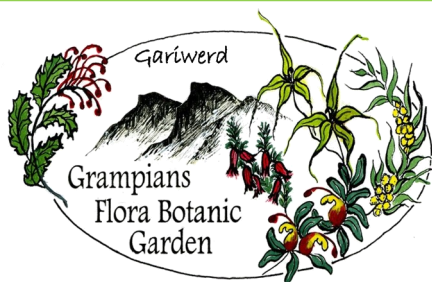
Film Screening 7.30pm

Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

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



Follows the man who survived an assassination attempt by poisoning with a lethal nerve agent in August 2020. During his months-long recovery he makes shocking discoveries about the attempt on his life and decides to return home.



With good rains of approx. 140ml in the gardens the gardens are looking good. The Yam Daisy sign and steel Bird bath reinstalled and the push mower blades have been replaced.

Mural design approved and materials for it onsite and all being well will be completed by the end of the next school holidays.

Looks like several school groups will help out in the gardens next month.

With lots of wind we had several small trees down as well as branches, twigs and bark through out the gardens which our working bee has started to clean up. Three Yellow Hakea planted, mowing of lawn areas started, mulching of fallen leaves, a great job of small chainsaw work and bed and edge weeding undertaken. **A great thanks to our Volunteers for all their work.**

Our working bees are 2nd & 4th Fridays 9 - 11am Everybody welcome.



Looking back at July this year sees yet another busy month down at the shed as we had our AGM chaired by Mayor Bob Sanders and elected a new committee for the next 12 months. We also continued the work of helping bushfire victims with various task and re-building throughout the community. We have received some new timber and steel that we are sorting through that will help us do a variety of community projects

and also facilitate our school woodwork program much better. We are still growing in membership and are very pleased with the comradery, mateship and support within the shed shared by our members, it's just a great environment.

On the first Tuesday of this month we were joined by Kerrie Thorpe who gave a second follow up talk on domestic violence and some strategies that can help us all help each other through awareness and support.

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.

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 time over a hot cuppa and good humour.

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 or for **any information contact Russ Kellett on 0438 024 929.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS AUGUST

MONDAYS

05, 12 21 & 26 POMONAL MEN'S SHED WEEKLY SOCIAL MEETING FROM 9:30AM

TUESDAYS

06, 13, 20, 27 GENTLE EXERCISE AT 1.30PM, HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

06, 13, 20, 27 PETANQUE IN THE PARK @ 4PM

13 POMONAL MEN'S SHED INCLUSIVE TUESDAY EVENING 7PM – 9PM

20 BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION FOR 12 –25 YEAR OLDS @ STAWELL LIBRARY 4PM—6PM

WEDNESDAYS

07, 14, 21 & 31 CRAFT AND CHAT @ HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE, 10AM-12NOON

14 DANCING IN THE DARK 7PM @ CENTENARY HALL

28 GRAMPIANS FILM SOCIETY DOORS OPEN 7PM @ CENTENARY HALL

THURSDAYS

01, 08, 15, 22 & 29 FINSKA FUN, HGNH 1:30PM– 3:00PM

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

01, 08, 15, 22 & 29 POMONAL MEN'S SHED PORJECT SESSIONS FROM 9.30AM

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

FRIDAYS

02,09, 16, 23 & 30 TAI CHI/QI GONG @ 10AM HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

9 & 23 GARIWERD GRAMPIANS BOTANIC GARDEN WORKING BEES 9AM-11AM

SATURDAYS

03, 10, 17, 24 & 31 PETANQUE IN THE PARK @ 1PM

SUNDAYS

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

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

25 NATURE PLAY @ WAMA 11AM

IF YOU HAVE A EVENT TO ADVERTISE

EMAIL HALLSGAPCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM





Halls Gap Primary School

Resilience  Excellence  Compassion



We held a fun-filled afternoon at the end of Term 2 with students inviting a 'Special Person' to enjoy afternoon tea. The students then put on a display of their skipping skills while raising money for the Heart Foundation. In all, they proudly collected \$140. Prizes were awarded for the best Heart Foundation colourings from each class, most number of skips and fanciest tricks! Our special visitors all joined in to test their own skills!



Heart
Foundation



Do you have some spare time? Like to contribute to our great little school? We are starting a weekly lunch time craft group. Please get in touch if you think you could help.

This term we have had a large focus on playing kindly and fairly with others both in the playground and indoors. We have been promoting inclusion and communication to encourage positive play. It has been wonderful to see a wide range of activities, peer groups and mixed age buddies.



PREP ENROLMENTS 2025

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.



5356 4235 / 0409 4370 555



halls.gap.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Grampians Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect

For families and carers



We will provide a warm and welcoming space for family, carers, kin and supporters of all ages and backgrounds of people with mental health and/or substance use challenges. You will be able to connect with peers, access tailored information, resources, advocacy, support (individual and group-based), and brokerage funds through Tandem's Carer Support Fund.

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, Ovens Plains, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Mooroop, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera, and Yarrulblack local government areas.

Telephone 1800 062 008 or email: GrampiansMHWConnect@ndisconnect.org.au



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 Alberto Duran

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

IT'S FREE - COME & TRY

IF ENOUGH INTEREST WE CAN MAKE THIS A REGULAR EVENT

SUPPORTED BY

NORTHERN GRAMPAINS SHIRE & HALLS GAP NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

INFORMATION: PAIGEN 0410 232 818 OR SALLY 0407 988 010

[HTTPS://WWW.NOLIGHTSNOLYCRA.COM/](https://www.nolightsnolycra.com/)

HALLS GAP, VIC

Pine-apple Creations

RESIN ART WORKSHOP

Get Creative!

Pine-apple Creations offer private workshops for arts groups, fundraisers, NDIS participants, hens parties, birthday parties - for any occasion!

RESIN ART WORKSHOP - SERVING BOARD, COASTER AND BONUS ITEM!

Create an OCEAN or FREESTYLE design on a wooden serving board 30 cm approx (stock may vary) using Pine-apple Creations coating resin. All materials, refreshments and nibbles included.

All workshops are beginner friendly. 11-1.30pm

OR

JEWELLERY & TRINKETS WORKSHOP

Create dazzling -
8-10 PAIRS EARRINGS
1 PENDANT ON BLACK CORD
1 KEYCHAIN
1 BIRD
2.30-4.30pm

WHERE: Halls Gap Centenary Hall, 115 Grampians Rd, HALLS GAP, VIC
WHEN: 9th November 2024

BOOK TODAY

NDIS CLAIMABLE***
NOT SUITABLE FOR
PREGNANT WOMEN
RESIN FOR ADULTS
ONLY



Pine-Apple Creations

0424 963 699

www.pineapplecreations.art



Old Time Dancing



Stawell Senior citizens

9 Victoria Street

Social Dance

4th Friday of each month

8pm - 11:30pm

\$8 - \$10

Ararat

Barkly Street (next to town hall)

Every Monday Beginner dancing

7:30pm - 9:30pm

\$3

Social Dance

2nd & 3rd Friday of each month

8pm - 11:30pm

\$8 - \$10

Everyone is welcome.



Dolls 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



All Proceeds
to the
Pomonal Bushfire
Recovery Fund

Saturday 21st September 2024 to
Sunday 29th September 2024

10am - 4pm

Entry:- Gold Coin



During the
School
Holidays

Proudly Support by



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



WAMA UPDATE August 2024

WAMA Gallery Building Update

Things are continuing to develop at a rapid pace on the WAMA site with the last of the outside building works including the roof installation, brick work and wall cladding being complete.

Paving of the surrounding pedestrian pathways is creating a wonderful boarder that compliments the building and the surrounding bushlands and gardens. Meanwhile, building works are now moving indoors just in time for the wet weather. Windows and door frames have been installed, glazing and internal walls being prepared for the gallery space.

The WAMA team continues to be busy in the background in preparation for opening ensuring our operations will be second to none. Watch this space for the announcement of our new CEO in the coming months.



WAMA Upcoming Events

Nature Play Day, Sunday August 25



WAMA's Winter Nature Play Day will be held on Sunday August 25 with all your favourite activities to get kids of all ages learning through play and exploring nature.

Some activities include potting plants, painting and decorating, getting tactile with moulding clay, water play adventures, campfire cooking, natural science and nature arts and crafts.

Activities commence at 11.00am at the WAMA site. Please meet at the gate to be guided to the Nature Play area.

Wet weather clothing and gumboots are recommended. Please bring a packed lunch or something to cook on the campfire.

Yatra: Fragments of Life, works by Lariane M Fonseca

Yatra: Fragments of a Life is a retrospective of Lariane M Fonseca's creative practice over 50 years.

The exhibition will include Photographs, Paintings, Printmaking and Botanical works on paper.

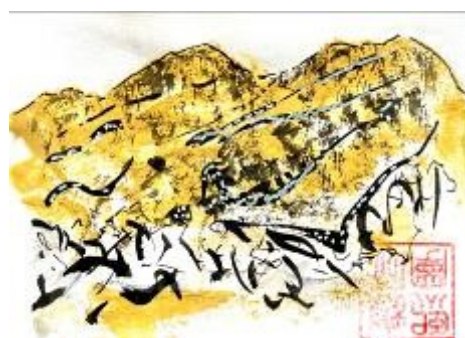
Many of the works on display are from Lariane's time spent as the Artist in Residence at Grannes Studio in 2023. Grannes is the private art studio of WAMA Patron, Glenda Lewin nestled in her private residence garden on the edge of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, Victoria.

A portion of the proceeds from artworks sold go towards the WAMA Foundation and the National Centre for Environmental Art

When: OPENING EVENT Sunday, 8 September at 2.00pm- 5pm The exhibition runs from 12 September till 27 October by appointment only.

Where: Grannes Studio, 207 Pomonal Road, Stawell VIC 3380

Contact Us: info@wama.net.au to arrange an appointment.





Staying Connected

CommunityConnect aims to foster community connectedness and enhance preparedness for emergencies and disasters. It serves as a platform for local businesses, community groups, and residents to engage, share information, and promote events.

1. Community Noticeboard

A digital noticeboard where local businesses and community groups can post advertisements, announcements, and promotions.

2. Events

A feature dedicated to listing and promoting local events, gatherings, and community activities.

3. Group Directory

A comprehensive directory listing local businesses and community groups.

4. User Notifications

Real-time notifications to keep users informed about important updates, events, and announcements.

5. External Links

Enables integration with external websites for additional resources and information.

6. Map Screen

A visual map interface showing locations of events, businesses, and community groups.

User Benefits



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Encourages interaction among community members, fostering a sense of belonging and collective responsibility.



INFORMATION SHARING

Provides a centralised platform for disseminating information about local events, businesses, and initiatives, catering to users who want to distance themselves from traditional social media.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Supports the community in staying informed and prepared for emergencies through shared information and resources.



Download CommunityConnect Now!



Download on the
App Store



GET IT ON
Google Play



Pomonal

Australian Plant Society
Grampians Group

Native Flower Show

40th Anniversary

SPECIAL FEATURE

Edible Australian Native Plants

SPECIAL GUEST

Clarence Slockee
(ABC's Gardening Australia)

SEPTEMBER 2024
SAT 21st & SUN 22nd
9am-4pm



\$5 ENTRY

(Children Free)

POMONAL HALL

3360 Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Pomonal Vic 3381

Market | Refreshments | Plant Sales | Book Sales
Expert Speakers | Information & Advice



Pomonal
Native Flower Show



Ararat Rural City



Speaker Timetable



SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

- 10:30 am **NEIL MARRIOTT**
WAMA and plants endemic to the Grampians
- 12:00 pm **CLARENCE SLOCKEE**
How to grow bush foods in containers
- 2:00 pm **JULIE WEATHERHEAD**
Creating a Native Pantry: growing and cooking with Australian native foods
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SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

- 10:30 am **NEIL MARRIOTT**
WAMA and plants endemic to the Grampians
- 12:00 pm **CLARENCE SLOCKEE**
My top 10 favourite edible native plants
- 2:00 pm **JULIE WEATHERHEAD**
Creating a Native Pantry: growing and cooking with Australian native foods
-

GRAMPIANS BRUSHES 2024

7-12 SEPTEMBER | THE GRAMPIANS VIC



Grampians Brushes is an annual workshop program for painters and print makers and provides an opportunity for participation in two, four or six day workshops with some of Australia's best artists and tutors for introduction level to experienced artists.



Everyone welcome!

Makers Market + Opening

4:00 – 6:00pm Friday 6 September

Grampians Brushes will open the program at 6pm with a smoking ceremony and welcome to country by Paul Kelly and opened by a NGSC representative.

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

There will be a range of quality hand craft, made by the tutors and students participating in Grampians Brushes + more.

Market Place 7 – 12 September

**GrampianArts Market Place 8am–5pm,
Halls Gap HUB**

Expect to find a variety of products for all your creative needs : a huge range of art supplies, books, hand-made papers + more.

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

WORKSHOP SHOW & TELL

**4pm SHARP!
Sunday 8 September**

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

**3:30pm SHARP!
Thursday 12 September**

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

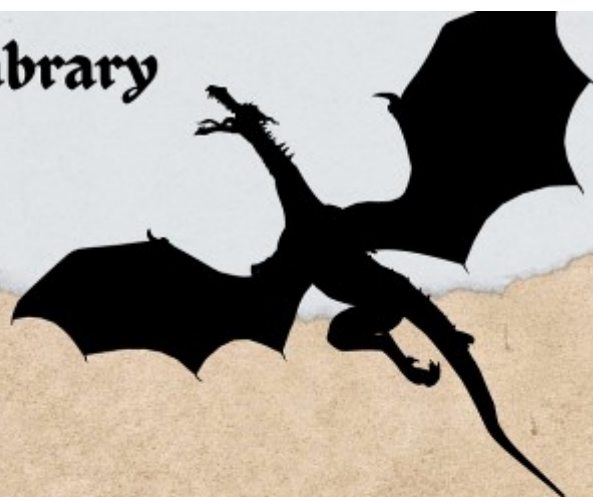
Grampians Brushes is a project of GrampianArts, a not-for-profit organisation that strives to provide opportunities for artists to extend their skills and showcase their work. Grampians Brushes is supported by the Northern Grampians Shire Council.

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

Youth event at Stawell Library celebrating book week!

Tuesday 20 August, 4-6pm

Suitable for 12-25yr age group



RPG ROLE-PLAYING GAME
TABLE-TOP STORYTELLING

Dungeons and Dragons

Dress-ups encouraged!

BOOK SWAP

Including ex-library books

Recommend some of your favourite reads

GAMES

Including giant games

SNACKS AND DRINKS

All this and more, so come along for some after-school food and fun!

Enquiries on 03 5358 1274

Reading is Magic!

Children's Book Council of Australia Children's Book Week

17-23 August





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



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



Report stolen bicycles, property 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

Are You Stuck in the Bush?

Call Glenn on 0419 802 846

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

Take a photo of this flyer.



On-Board Recovery Equipment

Winches – Front and Rear
Snatch Straps
Winch Extension Straps
Snatch Blocks
Shovel
Air Compressor
UHF Radio Ch 20
Fridge

Hi-Lift Jack
Tree Trunk Protectors
Bow Shackles
Soft Shackles
Rated Recovery Points
Chainsaw
GPS Assistance
Local Knowledge



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.

REVEL IN THE GAP

MARKETS, FOOD, MUSIC

Join us for artisan stallholders who make, grow or create, delicious food vans and live music on special Daylight Savings Saturday nights for a festive night out!

5pm - 8pm 27 January	5pm - 8pm 9 March	4pm - 7pm 30 March
4pm - 7pm 13 April	4pm - 7pm 5 October	4pm - 7pm 2 November
	5pm - 8pm 7 December	

[f @REVELINTHEGAP](https://www.facebook.com/revelinthegap) [✉ HGTWILIGHTMARKET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HGTWILIGHTMARKET@GMAIL.COM)
CNR HEATH ST AND GRAMPAINS RD, HALLS GAP VIC 3381



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

29th December

Last Sunday every month

9am - 1pm

Pomonal Community Hall
Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Pomonal

Local Markets



Stawell Market
1st Sunday of the Month
Stawell Harness Race
Track
78 Patrick Street Stawell
3380



Halls Gap Market dates



Sunday 3rd November 2024

Sunday 9th March 2025

Sunday, 20th April 2025

Sunday, 8th June 2025

Sunday, 2nd November 2025

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



FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

David, Pam 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—