

Issue: September 2024

# FILL THE GAP

Produced by Halls Gap Community Association & Halls Gap Neighbourhood House

Articles for October FTG need to be received by the 25th September 2024 See page 14 for details

### In This Edition:

Stats by Chas	Page 1
HGNH	
Community Lunch	Page 2
Multicultural workshop and Musical Event	Page 3
Men's Shed	Page 4
RunNation Film Festival	
HG Community Garden	Page 5
GG Botanical Garden	
HG Landcare	
School Holiday fun	Page 6
Pomonal Native Flower Show	Pages 7-8
Stawell Orchid Society Spring Show	pages 9-10
HG Primary School	Page 11
Notices & Markets	Pages 12-14

### FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR



#### petyan

season of wildflowers - late spring (late august to mid november)

#### Wildlife and Wildflowers

In spring (season of wildflowers or petyan), the bush bursts into life. Nature's rock gardens amaze. The days are warmer, although the weather can still be tempestuous.

### WRAP UP...

Petyan is here... Spring flowers are starting to show. It is time for flower shows and so much more.

Check out what is happening to celebrate the 40th Pomonal Native Flower Show. There will be fabulous flower displays, plants for sale, Pomonal Village Market and interesting guest speakers. Clarence Slockee from ABC Gardening Australia will be there to talk about bush foods in containers- pages 7 -8.

The Stawell Orchid Society Spring show is on the next weekend with a new competition for the best indoor plant- pages 9-10.

Check out our local community gardens in Halls Gap to see what's growing.— page 5

The first week of the school holidays we have a dolls exhibition in Halls Gap. There are also other great activities for all the family- page 6 for more details.

### STATS BY CHAS...

August 2024 - Rainfall by Chas: 96.5 mm for August bringing the progressive total for August 2024 to 492 mm. This compares to the same period last year of 63.5 mm for August with a progressive total of 699 mm.

As of the 28th of August Lake Bellfield is holding 68,220ML or 87% full compared to the same period last year of 76,840ML or 98% full. The total system is holding 314,470ML or 56.13% compared to the same period last year of 425,770ML or 75.99% full.

Mount William received 126.6 mm for August 2024. The highest temperature of 15.8 C was recorded on the 25th of August and the lowest of 0.1 C was recorded on the 1st of August 2024. The highest wind speed of 115 km/h was recorded on the 30th August 2024.

## What's on in September at your Neighbourhood House

We are open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3.15pm

- **Tuesdays** 1.30-2pm Gentle Exercise
- **Tuesdays** 2pm to 3pm Coffee Catch up
- **Wednesdays** 10am-12noon Craft & Chat Come along and share your skills or learn a new one.
- **Thursday 19th** 6pm Halls Gap Book Club
- **Thursdays** 1.30-3pm Finska
- **Fridays** 10am-10.30am Qi Gong
- **Fridays** 10.30am-11.30am Coffee Catch up



**Tuesday to Friday** 9am-3.15pm

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

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



**SUNDAY  
15 SEPT 24  
12-2PM**

Spirit of Punjab  
\$5 per person  
**CASH ONLY**



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

# **HALLS GAP COMMUNITY LUNCH**



## **HOW TO BOOK**

### STEP 1

'Make a Reservation' at  
[www.spiritofpunjabrestaurant.com](http://www.spiritofpunjabrestaurant.com)  
Or in person at Spirit of Punjab

### STEP 2

Pay \$5 per person **CASH ONLY**  
At the door on 15 Sept

*Drinks for purchase including  
Grampians beer & wine*

Questions? Contact  
[snappygappians@gmail.com](mailto:snappygappians@gmail.com)

**Let's celebrate spring with  
a community lunch!**

- ✔ Catch up with friends & neighbours
- ✔ Meet new community members
- ✔ Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch

**SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

Hosted by the Snappy Gappians  
together with Spirit of Punjab

Supported by Northern  
Grampians Shire Council



# Multicultural Workshop and music Event



Free  
entry!

Saturday  
14 September  
From 2.30pm-7pm  
Stawell Town Hall



A Melbourne-based  
famous Multicultural Band  
**Yusupha Ngum and  
The Affia Band**

My Mentor National Tour

a collective that celebrates the  
fusion of **Afro, Australian, Asian  
and European** musical traditions

**An immersive experience of:**

culture and sounds of world  
jazz fusion, folk music, ska,  
mbalax, rap and Afro-fusion  
music all in one place



**Don't miss this opportunity  
to connect with music,  
culture and creativity!**

## WHAT TO EXPECT

**Workshop starts at 3pm**

The band will assist in facilitating a hands-on workshop, providing participants with a rich, immersive musical experience.

**Open session starts at 4pm**

Practice session with the band

**Live performance starts at 6pm**

A unique opportunity to perform or  
dance alongside the band.



**Please, RSVP**

by 12/09/24 to:

[grampiansmulticulturalhub@gmail.com](mailto:grampiansmulticulturalhub@gmail.com)

Grampians  
Multicultural  
**HUB**

Advertised by:



August was another busy month down at the shed with our membership numbers increasing yet again and us welcoming more folk into the fold. We have been quite busy building new racking systems for storage in the workshop and spending much need times over a hot cuppa, snack and much important conversation solving all manner of world problems. We have

completed work on a time capsule for the primary school which will be officially placed later in the year and look forward to beginning more community projects for other local groups. We manned the BBQ's for Hansen & Yuncken's community BBQ which was a great time for those who attended.

The all inclusive sessions to include our female members every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening form 7pm – 9pm are running very well with good attendances and an influx of new members.

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 some 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.



**When: Saturday 21 September @ 6pm**

**Where: Camp Acacia (63-67 Grampians Road, Halls Gap)**

**Presented by Absolute Outdoors and Gariwerd Trail Running.**

All proceeds will go to Gariwerd Trail Running - a local community organisation that aims to promote and connect trail runners with the incredible Gariwerd landscape.



*Hi to all the residents of Halls Gap and Pomonal,  
The Halls Gap Community Garden is alive and well. There is a lot of produce available at the moment with a lot of seedlings growing quickly with the arrival of the rain and sun.  
This is an invitation to you to drop in and pick some of our lovely food. There are herbs and salads which are ideal for a salad mix or stir fries and pastas. We have put a lot of work into the community garden and enjoy giving our produce away.  
The 6 resident chickens are busy laying eggs and working diligently in the garden. They would love to meet you.  
There is no expectation of work as we have plenty to give away and the garden is easily managed. It looks beautiful at the moment.*

*Cheers Tim and Oa*



Winter period in Botanic Gardens fairly quiet with a very small group of volunteers doing a lot of weeding & mulching, garden bed edging, some weed spraying when weather fine . Most blackberries are now

dead and some rough areas in west of gardens have been slashed, lots of wind meant some large branches broken and hundreds of sticks to be picked up, a couple of trees taped off for future chainsaw work. At time of report no work done on Mural and no reply from Barb Venn as yet, but supposed to be completed by end of September School holidays - more info by meeting. End of month mowing and rain has gardens looking great.

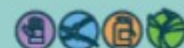
**Warren**



September 2024 Halls Gap Landcare Notes Over the last few weeks the wattles have been brilliant. One wattle, Sallow Wattle, has

magnificent blooms, but doesn't belong here. While it is native to Australia's east coast, it is classified as a weed in our area. Halls Gap Landcare is working to control Sallow Wattle and many other weeds that can spread and threaten our native bushland. Below are some notes that help to identify the plant. In other news Our next Power Hour working bee will be in Mackeys Peak Road - 7 am Monday 9 September. If you would like more information, please email: [landcare@hallsgapcommunity.org.au](mailto:landcare@hallsgapcommunity.org.au)

**Sallow Wattle**  
*Acacia longifolia*



An Australian species but does not belong in this area. Invades woodlands and will take over large areas if not controlled. Flowers in August and September and produces large numbers of seeds spread by ants and birds. Cut off at ground level below the lowest node or cut and paint. Treat before seed. Hand pull small seedlings.

**Alternatives:** *Acacia retinodes* is locally native and grows to a similar height.

**Watsonia**  
*Watsonia meriana bulbifera*



Native to South Africa. Long stiff strappy leaves with a single central vein sent up from a large bulb mass. Pink white or orange stems of flowers visible in late Winter and Spring and dying back over Summer. Remove with wick wiping or physical removal. Take care with disposal of garden waste.

**Alternatives:** *Stypandra glauca*, *Dianella revoluta* and *Lomandra longifolia*

# Y-FACTOR

## SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER STAWELL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

### 7PM

1st prize - \$400 + 2 Tickets to The Push All-Ages Tour Horsham  
 2nd prize - \$150 + 2 Tickets to The Push All-Ages Tour Horsham  
 3rd prize - 2 Tickets to The Push All-Ages Tour Horsham

Solo Performers must be under 25  
 Bands must have at least half their members be under 25  
 Entrants can register at




Registration closes  
 midnight 15/9 2024  
 For More Info Contact  
 0484531614

This is a free, family-friendly, smoking, vaping,  
 alcohol and drug-free event.



## BRING HUGE ALL-AGES GIGS TO YOUR COMMUNITY



### JOIN THE ALL-AGES EVENTS TEAM WITH FREEZA

Contact [melissa.mair@gch.org.au](mailto:melissa.mair@gch.org.au) to join Grampians Youth Events

All-ages events team, to co-present **The Push All Ages Tour**



**Friday 22 November**

Maydale Pavillion, Horsham

The Rions, South Summit, Jem Cassar-Daley,

Triple J Unearthed competition winner + Local support.



## STAWELL LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

ALL AGES



**THURSDAYS  
2-5PM**

**SEPTEMBER 26  
OCTOBER 3**

Call 03 5358 1274 for more information



## 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.



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
- 

## **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



**STAWELL ORCHID SOCIETY  
SPRING SHOW  
STAWELL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**

**Main St STAWELL**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 9-4pm**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 9-4pm**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 10-4pm**

**POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS**

**Sat & Sun 2pm**

**Orchid Growing Advice , Plants for Sale**

**New Section Open for Public Entries**

**INDOOR PLANT COMPETITION**

**Entry \$5.00 (Children Free) Incl Tea & Coffee**

**Contact Mark 0417 530 515**



*Mark Albert*



**Held In Conjunction with  
The Stawell Orchid Society  
SPRING SHOW**

**Indoor Plant Competition**

**Open to Stawell Orchid Society Members and Non-Members.**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

**Prize Awarded to Best in Show**

**Entry Forms Available at the Door**

Bring your Plant: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Between 2.00pm and 6.30pm to the Foyer

Stawell Entertainment Centre

Main St Stawell



**Enquiries Ph Mark 0417 530 515**





# Halls Gap Primary School

Resilience *~* Excellence *~* Compassion



It's been a busy month with plenty of fun activities, keeping us entertained through the cold, wind and rain. So wonderful to see the sunshine this week, drying out the oval and seeing the children running and playing.

Recently we've enjoyed BookWeek, travelling to Concongella Primary for crafty book related activities. Participated in the annual golf clinic with super coach, Tony! Our long strokes and putting are definitely improving. Our grade 5/8 students competed in the Black Ranges football competition and the grade 3 students have had an amazing three day camp at Kangarooie on the South Coast.

All children have been involved in procedural writing which has seen the prep and grade 1 students making fairy bread and the grade 2/3 class making icecream . . . delicious!



## 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](mailto:halls.gap.ps@education.vic.gov.au)





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 entry



Inform police when you are away from your home

Call 131 444 or visit [police.vic.gov.au](http://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    ✉ HGTWILIGHTMARKET@GMAIL.COM  
 CNR HEATH ST AND GRAMPIANS 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](http://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](mailto:hallsgapcommunity@gmail.com)

Upload your community events details to  
the Community Association webpage:

[www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au](http://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
- 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](mailto: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—