

## **HALLS GAP NEEDS YOU!**

### **VIDEO TRANSCRIPT**

*[Opening credits]: Halls Gap Kitchen Cabinet: We Need You!*

*[Members talking to camera]*

**[Nicki]** While we were still in the midst of the first fires at the end of December 2024, the Halls Gap Recovery Kitchen Cabinet came together, recognising that it's up to us, the Halls Gap community to take action for ourselves.

**[Graham]** We started as a group of 9 volunteers representing community groups and our local businesses. With our open door invitation, we added another 8 volunteers to our group.

**[Blanche]** From the beginning we thought our group would be time-limited – reflected in our name the Kitchen Cabinet.

**[Sally]** Our aim was to be the community care takers in the early days after the fires, and I guess we wanted to be really involved in community connections and making sure that our wellbeing was looked after in the early days.

**[Justine]** Together, we've achieved so much these past few months!

**[Nicki]** Starting with a community dinner on New Year's Eve

**[Luke]** 3 yoga classes, with yoga now running weekly in Halls Gap

**[Rosemary]** 2 relaxation sessions

**[Sally]** 3 art therapy sessions

**[Blanche]** A kids disco pool party on January 27th

**[Alison]** A cool space during the heatwave in February

**[Joy]** roadside clean up events

**[Graham]** 91 hours of pest weed control

**[Alison]** 6 water aerobics classes

**[Justine]** A Pétanque Club community open evening and BBQ on February 24<sup>th</sup>

**[Nicki]** A community recovery workshop on April 28<sup>th</sup>

**[Blanche]** And now, the GLOW Halls Gap Winter Festival from the 5<sup>th</sup> of July to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August

**[Joy]** It's been hard work but so worth it! We've had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs along the way. We've met new people and connected. We've learned new skills – like grant writing, community development, and festival organising! And, we've been able to contribute back to our community.

**[Rosemary]** From all the feedback you've given us over the last 6 months, we've gathered lots of ideas about what you want to do next.

**[Danny]** We know we need to get prepared. We had multiple big fires in the last 12 months and we know that disasters are going to be part of our lives in the future.

**[Luke]** To continue this work, it's time to wrap the Kitchen Cabinet up and to form a new group that will serve the community well into the future.

**[Alison]** To bring a new group and a plan to life, we need you!

**[Luke]** Here's what we're looking for:

**[Rosemary]:** 12 volunteers to be members of a central coordinating committee

**[Justine]:** Volunteers to be part of working groups like the GLOW Winter festival, community wellbeing, community infrastructure, and environment

**[Joy]:** Volunteers for future events

**[Sally]:** Participants in future events

**[Danny]** There are lots of ways you can contribute. Let us know what time you have available or let us know your passion.

**[Alison]** Are you ready to put your hand up for what comes next? We need you!

**[Nicki]** Let us know how you're interested to contribute or if you have any questions by contacting us on [HGKitchenCabinet@gmail.com](mailto:HGKitchenCabinet@gmail.com) by September 8th.

**[Sally]** So if there's more than 12 people who express interest in the central committee – it's a great problem to have – but we'll work out a process to make sure we get people on the committee that's fair and respectful.

**[Graham]** We've achieved so much working together over the last six months.

**[Blanche]** Let's keep the momentum going and come together to help our beautiful community connect, and build our resilience now and into the future!

**[End credits]:** Brought to you by the Halls Gap Recovery Kitchen Cabinet

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