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# FILL THE GAP

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## FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR

### *Petyan*

Season of wildflowers—  
Late Spring (Late August to  
Mid November)

Wildlife and Wildflowers

In spring the bush bursts  
to life.

Natures rock gardens  
amaze.

The days are warmer,  
although the weather can  
still be tempestuous.

Look for: Bird eggs, Migra-  
tory birds returning, frogs  
calling and wildflowers in  
bloom. An emu appears  
next to the milky way.

## WE SURVIVED WINTER!!

Hello Sunshine! Finally it looks like the sunshine and warmer temperatures are in their way... rain is still forecast but we may be past the coldest part of the year finally. I like the sound of that!

This is a great time of year to head out walking as there are numerous species of orchids and native wildflowers on show. The waterfalls are still flowing and animals are all breeding. There is much activity in the forest to enjoy.

Look out for a number of community activities in the coming months as we all begin to emerge from our winter topor.

If you have a community event coming up please let us know.

## STATS BY CHAS AUGUST

We had 116.0mm rain for August bringing the progressive total to 764.5mm. This compares to the same period last year of 51.5mm with a progressive total of 635.5mm. This has been the wettest August since 2013 when we received 191.0mm for the month with a progressive total of 652.5mm. However 2016 has been our highest progressive total since 2011 when we received 924.5mm.

As of the 31st August Lake Bellfield is holding 54,410ML or 69% full compared to the same period last year of 54,570ML or 69% full. Lake Wartook is holding 28,170 ML or 96% full compared to the same period last year of 22,110ML or 75% full. They are having to release to mitigate capacity and alleviate future flooding events by releasing approx. 50ML per day (about 20 Olympic sized swimming pools). MacKenzie Falls should look spectacular. The total system is holding 214,770ML or 38.57% full compared to the same period last year of 176,336ML or 31.66% full.

Mount William recorded 0 rainfall for August (???) compared to 129.2mm last year. The minimum temperature of -1.1 C was recorded on the 20th August and the maximum of 4.4 C was recorded on the 31st August.

I phoned the Bureau of Meteorology re: Mount William and was told the problem was a faulty rain gauge which was rectified on the 1st of Sept. and unfortunately there will be no official recording for August 2016.

## LOOKING BACK...

Recognise these tennis Guns...?



*And a few names from the May photo...At the Pool—Rebekah Hastings/Dickinson, Jennifer King Leah Heinrich, Jennifer Leach/Kongai, Naomi Mitchell/Hoffman, Christie Baulch*

## FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD

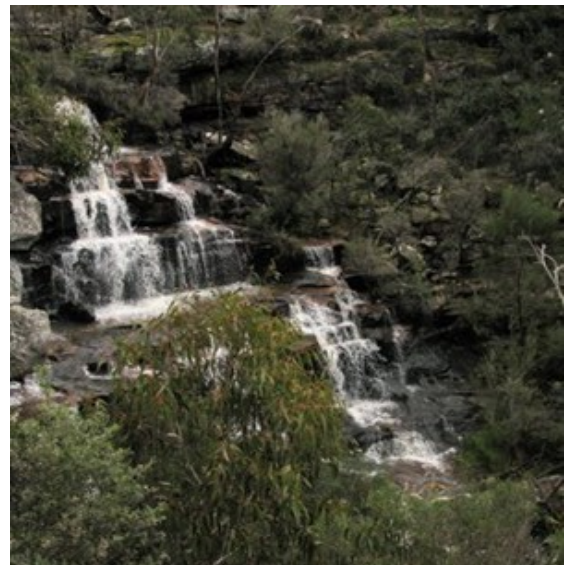
Our August excursion was most enjoyable and useful, even though only a few of us were able to make it. Burrong Falls off the Roses Creek Rd was looking magnificent, water tumbling down its steps. Round Swamp was a round lagoon with the red gums nearby very happy indeed; we managed to remember where the reputed tallest river red gum in the valley is located; and we did some useful work clearing up the Red Gum Walk. This walk has been one of our pet projects from almost the birth of our group in 1983. We cleared a walk in a forest of magnificent red gums, put up signage near the remnants of the timber industry, created the first path that was flat and accessible to wheelchairs. You could even drive a wheelchair right through a huge redgum. But then came the fires in 2006. The logging memories went, the “walk through” tree burnt and collapsed, and nearly all the other old trees were lost. It will still take many years to fully recover its charm. But we saw greenhood orchids and such colourful fungi as we explored.

Our September activity is looking at wildflowers and recovery in the burnt areas of the Northern end of the Park on September 10. Phone Rodney for details 0427 836366.

Botanic Garden News:

It keeps raining on our working bees! But no complaints, the plants are loving it. But then again so are the weeds. We are hoping to get some helpers so it will be looking good for the Wildflower Walk-about weekend on October 1 and 2, plus for the many walkers already coming through on their way to Venus Baths. Anyone who can spare some time in September please contact Margo on 0429 202 139.

*Images right: Red Gum Walk, Burrong Falls and Fungi.*



## GRAMPIANS WALKING TRACKS SUPPORT GROUP

In conjunction with Parks Victoria steps are gradually being taken to get the contribution of volunteers to the upkeep of walking tracks onto a more organised basis. One major step forward will be more efficient auditing of the need for maintenance. To this end Parks are developing a digital application whereby GPS data and photographs can be recorded by a walker and later put into a data bank.

This should be available later this year and volunteers could be trained to use it, so that those who enjoy walking in the National Park can make a contribution to its upkeep.

Parks Victoria have also installed counters on 12 key tracks to provide data on their usage, and this could also be an opportunity for volunteers to help. The Support Group is setting about trying to identify local volunteers who would be interested in these sorts of activities, as well as engaging in our working bees.

I have been pleased in recent times to welcome Graham Parkes as a fellow co-ordinator of the Group. He is bringing a new impetus to our work. We have recently been looking at Golton Gorge where Parks management have indicated that they are willing to reinstate the picnic area but where we would also like to see the return of some walking opportunities.

We have funds from the donation boxes which hopefully can be leveraged to obtain grants for such projects. Another of our longer term aims is to influence the reopening of the track down Delley's Dell.

David Witham 5356 4300 [david@witham.net.au](mailto:david@witham.net.au)

## GRAMPIANS PETANQUE

To those of you who may not know, Halls Gap has a fantastic little Grampians Petanque club, with a selection of two types of piste to play on, one flat and even, one irregular shaped and undulating, and a real challenge, there is even a tree you play through, that's a fun test of your skills.

We have a thriving group of anywhere between 12 and 20 people turn up regularly each Saturday afternoon at 2pm weather permitting, plus many visitors that come just for the day, or see us play and want to learn about the game, so join in with us.

It is a fun social club and there is much rivalry and sledging amongst the players and lots of laughter.

So if any body wishes to join in, you do not need boules, we have plenty on hand to borrow, and it costs only a \$2 donation for an afternoon of fun.

We also have several corporate members, who can send their guests for a game, or enjoy a bit of stress free time themselves.

So come along and try it, with spring around the corner, there is no better time.

You can find more information on our Grampians Petanque Club web site

Treasurer Renate Weinert





## HALLS GAP CFA

The Halls Gap CFA Brigade continued to support our community and visitors to the area at several callouts throughout the last month. The first of these was to what was classified as a structure fire which was started when flammable materials were too close to an electric heater; it is a reminder about how important it is to have safe practices and to have an emergency plan for both home and when the broader community is under threat. Fortunately all involved were safely evacuated and the fire extinguished.

Families who are well-prepared are more likely to escape their homes safely and without panic.

As part of your plan, all family members should know:

The two quickest ways out of every room

How they will exit from upstairs if your home has a second storey

An agreed-upon meeting place outside, such as the letterbox

How they will call Triple Zero (000)

Other brigade callouts included a request for support for a rescue evacuation from the National Park. While this work is not our core responsibility we are at times called to support the Police, SES and Ambulance Victoria.

Other brigade activities included a station working bee, training session for all members, a brigade management team meeting and a general brigade meeting. Representatives from the brigade attended a Stawell and district group meeting. Two members attended a Fire Line Leadership course held across two weekends, which was held in Halls Gap. A key component to our fundraising is the Fire Extinguisher Maintenance service provided to businesses in the area by several of our fully trained and qualified members. We would like to thank the businesses that contract this service through the brigade.



### Smoke Alarms - Key messages

- Only working smoke alarms save lives.
- Smoke alarms have a ten year life span. If your smoke alarm is more than ten years old, replace it with a long life lithium battery powered smoke alarm.
- Change your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks at the end of daylight saving.
- Test and clean your smoke alarms regularly.
- CFA and MFB recommend photoelectric smoke alarms.
- Always have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your house, as well as one in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.
- Many hard-wired smoke alarms have back-up batteries that need to be replaced. All smoke alarms should be tested at this time of year, even if they do not need to have batteries replaced.
- Our sense of smell lessens while we sleep; a working smoke alarm is needed to wake people in your house if there is smoke or fire.
- Help your elderly family, friends and neighbours to test their smoke alarms each month.
- Building regulations state that every home in Victoria must have a smoke alarm complying with Australian Standard AS3786.
- For rental properties, it is the tenant's responsibility to regularly test the smoke alarm. Landlords are responsible for cleaning and maintaining smoke alarms (including changing smoke alarm batteries).
- Public housing tenants need to regularly test their smoke alarm and if there are any issues report them to the local Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) office or contact the Housing Call Centre on 131 172.
- Smoke alarms are also available for the hearing impaired. These feature a flashing strobe light and vibrating pad that can be placed under the pillow. For more information visit [vicdeaf.com.au](http://vicdeaf.com.au).

## CFA CONTINUED...

### Statistics

If you do not have a working smoke alarm in your home and a fire occurs, you are:

57% more likely to suffer property damage

26% more likely to suffer serious injuries

Four times more likely to die.

In 2015:

There were 3,211 preventable house fires in Victoria (1,646 in CFA districts).

Total property loss was \$74.7m (compared to \$90m in 2014).

41% of fires started in the kitchen Updated: 11/03/2016

Smoke Alarm 2016 Key Messages

9% of fires started in the lounge room

7% of fires started in the bedroom

The most common fires were electrical fires, with the most common cause being unattended cooking (18%).

Heating-related fires account for 13% of the total number of home fires. Source: CFA FIRS and MFB statistics, January to December 2015

## BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

We Held a successful First Aid Course on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 13 did First Aid – 9 updated their CPR

Have decided to run 2 courses next year – one in February 2017 another one in August 2017, so keep us in mind if you need to update First Aid & CPR also check Stawell Neighbourhood House as they run courses too. Organisations or clubs if you can get at least 8 people I can run an extra course.

“Computers for the Terrified” started on Monday 22 August 1.30 to 4.30

Still need at least one more person

\$75 or \$65 concession

Course runs for 12 weeks (11 more to go)

Taking Bookings now for:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 6-10pm

RSA – Responsible Serving of Alcohol - \$100

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10am-2pm - \$100

RSA – Responsible Serving of Alcohol

\*\*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 6-10pm - \$100

RSG – Provide Responsible Gambling Services

\*\*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10am-3pm - \$105

Food Safety\*\* CANCELLED THROUGH LACK OF NUMBERS\*\*



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Neighbourhood House*

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Neighbourhood House is looking for volunteers – have you a spare hour or two? (weekly-fortnightly -monthly)

Need arty – crafty person to help organise and run activities.

Computer person to help keep information up to date.

Help with organising community activities (come up with ideas for activities)

Help with opening House when I have to go to meetings. – House has to be opened 20 hours per week.

Drop in and have a cuppa , find out what neighbourhood Houses are about, they are community focused so can't run without community support. What does Halls Gap Community want, need more ideas and more Community interaction.

## HALLS GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

A couple of weeks ago JSC organised a fundraising activity called "The Block" and a casual dress day. We got into groups and designed our own houses then let our imagination fly. Once we built our own houses out of play equipment inside, we began to auction them off to the teachers with the highest price of 3 million dollars. Everyone was surprised when we went above fundraising target considering we're a small school. We were hoping that we could buy some pebbles for the Agnes Folks grave behind the caravan park, as soon as possible. If you're not sure who Agnes Folks was she was a little baby girl who died in the 1870s because her family couldn't get to town because their wagon could not cross the flood. She sadly passed away.

Last week it was cluster day and we had to dress up in a character from a book. Halls Gap, Pomonal and Great Western Primary Schools all went to spend the day at Concongella. There were three activities - art, writing and a bush food presentation. In art we painted something that was special to us on a totem pole. Blake from Blake's Bush-Foods came and he taught us about bush food and what not to eat and what to eat. We also did some writing about a place that is special to us.

This term we are studying dinosaurs. In the last few weeks we have been doing some activities to do with dinosaurs. One of them is doing a poster and an oral presentation about a selected dinosaur, the two to sixes are achieving this goal. The prep ones are learning about dinosaurs too. We have also been made a dinosaur of our choice with boxes that we all brought in from home. This activity required you to work with your buddy or buddies, some students have done this task before. This task proved that we can work together to create something spectacular. We also used bubble wrap to print a huge dinosaur to put up on the wall.

Written by the Grades 5 and 6 students



## PARKS VICTORIA

As spring rolls in, the park is looking absolutely stunning! Native orchids and wildflowers abound. Ducks and Birds are beginning to breed or lay eggs and the frog chorus at night is just amazing.

Roads in the park have certainly been wet this winter and we advise residents and visitors to remain out of low lying forested areas and swamps until late spring when the water should start to dry up.

### Fire Recovery Update

There are a few exciting re-openings in the Northern Grampians in time for the September school holidays.

Mt Difficult road will be reopened providing access around Lake Wartook. There will however continue to be a closure along the Mt Difficult Range to cater for works on the Mt Difficult and Briggs Bluff walk and hiking campsites.

Stapylton Walk will have the lower section of the loop walk reopened, once again providing access to the Stapylton Campground. Further track works are required on the upper section of the loop walk so this will remain closed.

AND IN BIG NEWS...Stapylton Campground will reopen for the September School Holidays!! After a long recovery period, the much anticipated reopening of Stapylton Campground is here.

The site has had a complete makeover with newly installed toilets, picnic tables and BBQ's, and sites have been redesigned to cater for wheelchair access, tents and larger vehicles such as camper trailers and off road caravans. There are also a number of large group sites which will cater for groups of up to 16 or 32 people—perfect for school groups and large family groups.

Bookings will be required and will be available in the week leading up to the holidays. By the way the Thryptomene as always is looking lovely up there at the moment.

Goat management activities (using firearms) will continue throughout the closed fire affected area on the Mt Difficult Range over the coming months.

Works continue to stabilise the Zumstiens Pise cottages and install shelters to protect from further damage, and Mackenzie Falls landscape design planning continues.

This week we say goodbye to our long term roading legend John Rudolph. After 46 years of service Johnny has stepped out of the grader for the last time and is heading off to enjoy retirement. Johnny has been the guru in the grader for the majority of his time here in the Grampians and we have been privileged to have such as master behind the wheel. The road and track network in the Park has been kept to a high standard and we will certainly miss his skill and knowledge on the area.



## GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

Piccaninny Walk is open again! If you haven't already, head out and take a look at the upgraded sections of track and the new hand-built rock steps that have made one of the steeper sections of track much easier to trek. There are lots of stunning wildflowers on show along this walk at the moment as well. Behind the scenes a lot of work is going on in the planning space, with the team getting closer to firming-up the trail alignment, hiker camp and trailhead locations. The Grampians Peaks Trail team would like to thank the efforts of bushwalking clubs for their input and local knowledge that has greatly assisted with refining options for the project.

We are also working with Gariwerd Traditional Owner representatives on designs and other project opportunities, like ways to share cultural stories as part of the walk experience.

Sections of mesh boardwalk for the Major Mitchell Plateau area are expected to be constructed off-site soon, and installed early in the new year.



## WAMA Nature Play Event

On 24 September, the WAMA team is providing a Nature Play afternoon for young families to come together, relax and enjoy time and play, in a natural environment.

Such family events were founded by 'Nature Play', an organisation based in Western Australia and now also operating in South Australia and Queensland in partnership with government. The concept is based on research that has shown the health and life benefits for children who spend time playing outdoors and exploring the natural environment. Through this, relationship is built, curiosity and connection is developed and the seeds of responsibility and stewardship are planted for the future benefit of the local environment and the planet.

WAMA's Nature Play event is a first for the Grampians area. It brings to community attention the benefits of spending quality family time in nature and is setting the scene towards such family activities taking place all over Victoria in the future. More information on Nature Play is available at [www.natureplaywa.com.au](http://www.natureplaywa.com.au).

Activities on the day will include unstructured play such as mud-play (gumboots and spades needed), cubby building or exploration. Some structured activities will also be provided such as building stick towers to reach the stars or creating a bush fairy's house. There will also be face painting, art activities and a discovery hunt! Denis Crawford, our local insect expert will be there to bring wonder and delight to children as they discover the magical world of small critters that can be found in gumtrees or under logs.

Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch or afternoon tea and fruit will be provided for the children to enjoy.

Details are: 12-4pm on 24 September at the WAMA site on the corner of Ararat- Halls Gap Road and Neals Road, Pomonal. Entrance: by Gold Coin Donation. To find out more about WAMA's Nature Play event, contact Michele Forbes on 0438 067 848.

### Some memories from ten years ago:

As part of the fire recovery project, singer songwriter Fay White was here conducting workshops with us, composing songs and teaching them. Remember this one from the school children?

The green things growing  
Harp intro  
I love them so -- the green things growing  
And I think that they love me without false showing  
For by many a tender touch, they comfort me so much  
With the soft, mute comfort of green things grow - ing  
Flute interlude  
I love it so – the small creek flowing

And I think that it loves me without false showing  
And I like its watery sound, as it winds its way around  
And I love to listen to water flow – ing  
I love them so -- the green things growing  
And I think that they love me without false showing  
For by many a tender touch, they comfort me so much  
With the soft, mute comfort of green things grow - ing  
Flute coda



Verse 1 words by Myrtle Pickering aged 12 years "The Pinnacle" Oct 1926  
Verse 2 added by Fay White from the children's stories at the Hall's Gap workshop July 2006. This verse from Chelsea Chatfield's story





# JOIN THE WAMA NATURE PLAY EVENT

Young families are invited to come and enjoy playing in the beautiful, natural environment at the WAMA site.

WHEN: 24 September, 12-4pm. GOLD coin donation.

WHERE: WAMA site, Corner Neal Road and Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Pomonal.

ACTIVITIES: will include mud play, cubby building, exploration, face painting, building stick towers and bush fairy homes, a discovery hunt.

Denis Crawford, our local insect expert will be there to bring wonder and delight to children as they discover the magical world of small critters that can be found in gumtrees or under logs.

BRING: gumboots, spades for digging and picnic lunch or afternoon tea.

CONTACT: Michele Forbes on 0438 067 848





### **Saturday October 1st and Sunday**

#### **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Spring is just around the corner and the excellent rainfall throughout the last months means the Grampians wildflowers should be abundant this year. Soon it will be time to show off our fantastic floral heritage to the many visitors to the region.

Once again **The Grampians Wildflower Walkabout** will be happening over the first weekend of October, with a variety of activities for wildflower enthusiasts and for those who simply enjoy the beauty of nature, to get up close and personal with the flowers, plants and fauna of the area.

**The Grampians Wildflower Walkabout** activities are based at the Halls Gap Centenary Hall with a comprehensive labelled display of flowers that are indigenous to the Grampians, as well as wildflower based art and craft displays by local artists and a children's corner. The show also gives visitors a chance to see plants in the 'wild' with guided walks through the Halls Gap Botanical Garden and tag-along car tours to wildflower hotspots.

An enthusiastic (but small) group of locals have been working to present this iconic event as part of the Halls Gap calendar again this year. We have group members with extensive botanical knowledge, so plant identification and labelling is expertly managed. But we need and would welcome some extra helpers for the general tasks associated with the show. We know that there has been a recent swell of enthusiasm from both long term Halls-Gapians and those new to the area to "get things happening" around the Gap. So here is your chance to be involved with a proven crowd pleaser.

#### **So the nitty-grittys.**

***Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 am.*** A general working bee at the Halls Gap Botanical Gardens (behind the tennis courts) to get the gardens neat and tidy ready the Walkabout Weekend. No special gardening knowledge needed, just come along and join in a busy morning with other locals. All equipment is supplied.

#### ***Thursday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> morning starting at 9.00am***

1. We need helpers to assist with setting up the display area in the HUB foyer.
2. Flower collection (done under Parks Victoria Licence). You will be paired with one of our knowledgeable 'experts' for a very pleasant morning out and about in the Grampians.

#### ***Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> morning starting at 9.00am. (Our very busy morning)***

1. Final flower picking trips for display flowers.
2. Picked flowers need to be sorted and placed in vases, ready for the 'experts' to attach labels and display areas completed ready to open the doors at 9.00am Saturday..

#### ***Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>***

##### ***We require volunteers—3 people per shift to:***

- A) *Welcome volunteers to the hall and take bookings for walks and tours.*
- B) *Devonshire tea serving*

*8:30—11:00am, 11:00-1:00pm, 1:00-2:00pm and 3:00-5:00pm*

#### ***Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>***

##### ***We require volunteers—3 people per shift to:***

- A) *Welcome volunteers to the hall*  
*8:30—11:00am, 11:00-1:00pm, 1:00-2:00pm and 3:00-5:00pm*
- B) *between 5:00-6:00pm to pack and clean up*
- C) *at 6:00pm we gather for a celebratory dinner afterwards*

#### **What to Do Next**

We would love to hear from you if you are able to help at one or more of these times. A great opportunity to give a hand and get to know some more locals.

Please email [r Irvine@amnet.net.au](mailto:r Irvine@amnet.net.au) to add your name to the list; or call Alison 0417301431 or Margo 0429201139 for more details.

An event by



# EXPLORE THE *Extraordinary* GRAMPIANS TO GREAT OCEAN RD



Showcase your town  
at the RACV Great  
Victorian Bike Ride

Sat 26 Nov – Sun 4 Dec 2016

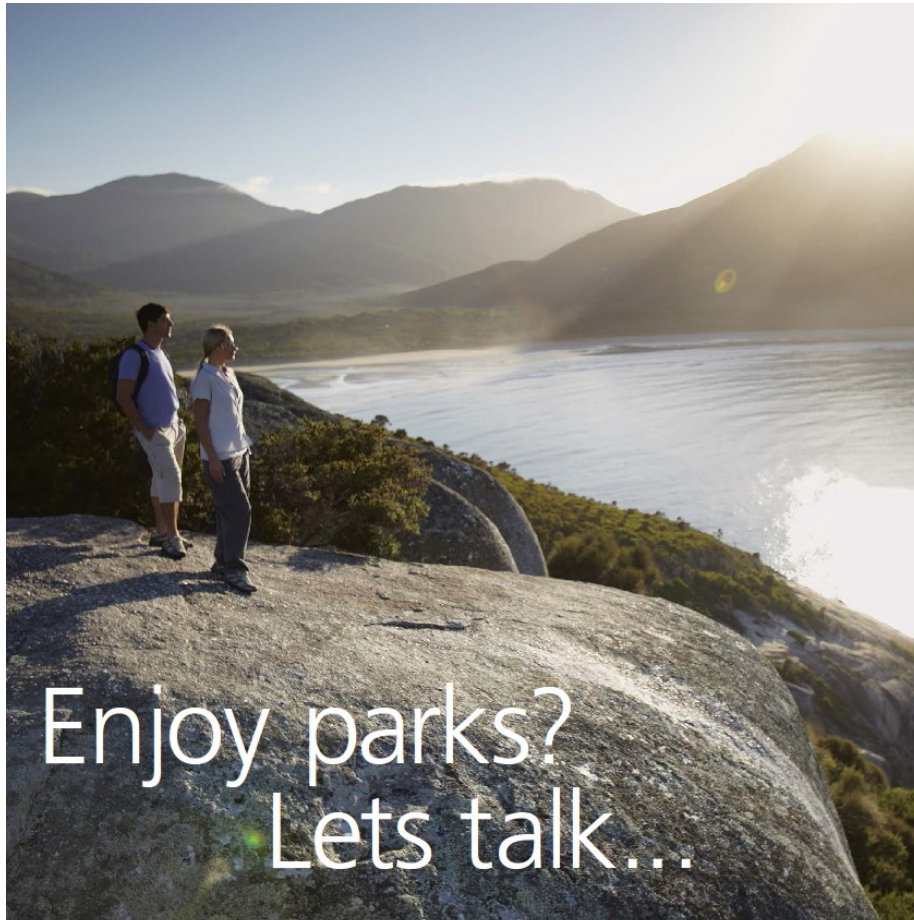


## Halls Gap

**Location:** Halls Gap Hub Visitor Information Center  
**Address:** 117-119 Grampians Road, Halls Gap VIC 3381  
**Date:** Monday 12th September  
**Time:** 6.00pm

Please RSVP to Amelia Ingrisciano  
m: 0418 329 789 or e: [ameliai@bicyclenetwork.com.au](mailto:ameliai@bicyclenetwork.com.au)





# Enjoy parks? Lets talk...

Throughout September 2016 Parks Victoria is talking to Victorians and visitors about how you enjoy the parks and places we manage, including waterways, ports, heritage and cultural sites.

What do you want from your parks experiences, and how can we help you enjoy parks more?



Join the conversation online, or find information on community events near you at [lets-talk.parks.vic.gov.au/strengtheningparks](http://lets-talk.parks.vic.gov.au/strengtheningparks)

Image: Pillar Point, Wilsons Promontory National Park

**Come along to the Halls Gap Open House and share your feedback about Parks Victoria. What do you want to see in parks, what do you value, what can we do differently to ensure a stronger future for Parks Victoria? Please Join us at:**

<b>Halls Gap</b>	Community Open house	Sat, 10 Sep 2016	9.00-12.00pm	HG HUB—Halls Gap  Visitor Information Centre
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Twenty fantastic tutors are offering a range of 2 & 4 day workshops covering charcoal, oils, watercolours, drawing, life drawing, portraiture, botanical, landscape, sculpture, contemporary and traditional.

**Special Exhibitions in Halls Gap for Grampians Brushes:  
Halls Gap Community Hub**

Ron Penrose will be working as Artist in Residence: painting the faces of Halls Gap, come and see him working each afternoon and the exhibition of his work.

**Halls Gap Estate Winery**  
Judy McPhee *THE COLOUR OF THE COUNTRY*  
(10 am—5 pm Wednesday—Sunday, 9 September - 4 November)

**MOCO Gallery**  
Stacey Rees *WONDERLAND*  
(10 am—5 pm Tuesday—Sunday, 9 September — 2 October)

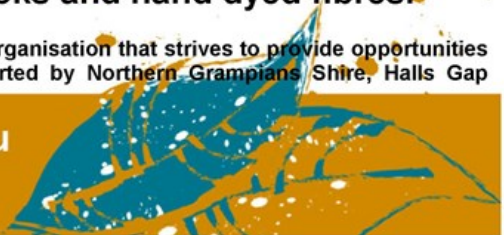
**Kookaburra Hotel**  
Leanne Onley *Life without Traffic Lights*  
4 pm until late daily except Monday, 9 September - 4 November)

**At 3.30 pm sharp Thursday 17th Sept.** The community are welcome to the open studio at Centenary Hall, Halls Gap to view the work undertaken in the workshops

**Halls Gap Community Hub daily during Grampians Brushes- on sale** ●  
**large range of art supplies, art/craft books and hand dyed fibres.** ●

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. Supported by Northern Grampians Shire, Halls Gap Tourism.

**W:** [www.grampiansbrushes.com.au](http://www.grampiansbrushes.com.au)  
**PH:** 0428 825 971



## FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE:

Lee-Anne, Margo, Jenny and Tammy

Please email your articles and photos to us by the 20th of each month to:

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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

Like our Halls Gap Community Watch and Events Facebook Page

## WE NEED MORE PICTURES :-)

Please send in relevant pictures or Advertisements as jpegs with a short description and we'll do our best to include them.

Can we also please ask that all standard articles be submitted be in word format or as text via email and kept to under one page if possible to allow for pictures as well. Thanks ,editors.

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## Think Local - Shop Local

The Small Business Festival kicked off across Victoria this month which is a good reminder for everyone to think local and shop local to support our many wonderful local businesses and employment opportunities.

Shopping locally helps boost the fortunes of local businesses which in turn means they have more money to spend on local goods and services.

The Lowan electorate has many fantastic businesses and it is great when people do their best to support them by shopping in town, rather than online or elsewhere.

Local businesses can provide the quality face-to-face service that customers value and there are often added benefits to supporting your town by shopping locally.

MEDIA RELEASE

**EMMA KEALY MP**  
MEMBER FOR LOWAN

**THE NATIONALS**  
*for Regional Victoria*

Grampians Tourism is now considering all applications from commercial, community and nonprofit groups for casual use of the Halls Gap Hub.

This modern spacious site offers a unique range of opportunities in a highly visual and popular location in Halls Gap.


Possible use of the site includes popup commercial space for local producers, exhibition and performance space for local art groups, musicians and schools as well as high traffic outdoor areas for fundraising and performance activities.

Applications from buskers and other performance artists are encouraged.

Community groups and nonprofit organisations are able to use the Halls Gap Hub free of charge.

Please contact Jason Meehan at the Halls Gap Visitor Information Centre on 5361 4404 or [hallsgap@visitgrampians.com.au](mailto:hallsgap@visitgrampians.com.au) for more information.

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### For the diary:

Social coffee at Brambuk Tuesday 6 September 11 am.  
BG regular Working Bee Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30.  
Wildflower Show planning meeting Thursday 22 in the supper room of the hub at 3.30. Set up for the Wildflower Show starts on Thursday 29.