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FILL THE GAP

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WRAP UP...

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FROM THE GARIWERD SIX SEASONS CALENDAR

PETYAN (LATE SPRING)
Season of wildlife and
wildflowers.



In spring between
August and November
the bush bursts into life.
The days are warmer,
although the weather
can still be tempestuous.

A very brief edition of FTG this month! That's not to say that it has been quiet in our town—far from it. The school holidays have brought a good number of tourists who have enjoyed the warmer sunnier weather. It has been a busy time for the SES crews called to assist injured walkers along many of our popular walking tracks.

During the school holidays workmen have been busy making the changes to the pathways and parking along School Road as part of the Stage One works for HG. We look forward to seeing and using the improved and safer area.

We hope you were able to visit the Hub over the weekend to see the magnificent display of local wildflowers displayed by a small group of hardworking volunteers. Visitor numbers were good and the displays were stunning!



FROM THE HISTORY ROOM

Do you recognize
this building?



STATS BY CHAS - September 2018

A very disappointing 25mm for September bringing the progressive total for the month to 721mm. This compares to the same period last year of 118 mm for the month with a progressive total of 720.5 mm.

As of the 26th of September Lake Bellfield is holding 67,370ML or 86% full compared to the same period last year of 73,240ML or 93% full. The total system is holding 293,300ML or 52.35% full compared to the same period last year of 368,491ML or 65.77% full.

As of the 30th of September Mount William received 49.6 mm of rain. This compares to the same period last year of 111.4 mm.



The maximum temperature of 16.6C was recorded on the September 11 and the minimum of -2.6C was recorded on the September 16. The highest wind speed was recorded on September 6 of 109 km/h.

WILDFLOWER SHOW

This year's show was one of the best for the past few years, both in terms of quality of our displays and the number of visitors coming through. Despite the dry weather our team of licensed pickers managed to collect plenty of specimens from the National Park, various private properties, and our own Botanic Garden for our team of plant specialists to label and everyone else to place in vases for the public to enjoy.



But the wildflowers were only part of the show. We also had a magnificent photographic display from the Stawell Camera Club, workshops on both days on dyeing with native vegetation, a display

of Gould league and Tetley tea cards, paintings by the late Sue McInness from Wartook, and our resident artist Lynne Stone with her exquisite lifesize wildflowers. We were also fortunate to have two large bird sculptures on loan from Ararat Art Gallery – they are still in the VIC for a week, so if you missed them do pop in to see them; they were made at the Eel Festival at Lake Bolac earlier in the year.

A few amusing memories: the man who thought \$2 was far too much to pay to see wildflowers he could see for free out in the bush, in contrast to the woman whose comment in our Visitors' book was that we weren't charging enough and the field naturalist who mistook Lynne's flowers for the real thing.



There are so many people to thank: the Grampians Tourism staff from Marc to the busy folk on the desk who moved furniture, put up with our mess as we set up, and were so co-operative as we worked alongside each other;

Wimmera CMA for giving us such good support with organisation and publicity; the school and the Neighbourhood House for the children's work we were able to display; Marion, Rae and Lodi for the dyeing workshops, and all of you who worked so hard from Wednesday till Sunday, and for so many hours leading up to the show getting the Botanic Garden ready. What a great team!

Next month we should be able to give you some figures. And don't forget we are still selling printed guides on easy routes to get out to see the flowers in the wild.

The Raffle was won by Tony Baird, a tourist to the area.

David setting up for the wildflower Show –proving that rock climbers never give it away, they just modify their climb!



Botanic Garden

The Pomonal Flower Show is being held this weekend, October 6 & 7. It also promises to be a great show. It features Australian native plants from every state.

As reported in the Wildflower Show news, our team has been working so hard over the last month to prepare the garden for the school holiday invasion. After the show we've also welcomed a group of campers at Tandara who spent an afternoon weeding and mulching. Next week we will be burning our piles of bark and sticks.

The fountain project progresses slowly, and the completion date is expected to be some time in November.

Plus some really exciting news. We have been successful in our grant application to the Bulgana Windfarm Community Grants programme. We will soon be able to put bench seats, a wheelchair friendly picnic setting, noticeboards and a rainwater tank in our new shade shelter. A big thank you to all of you who wrote us letters of support.

RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS Association



Rubbish Collection day to change.

Rubbish collection in Halls Gap will change from each Friday to each MONDAY, commencing Monday October 7. This includes our recycle waste which will continue every second week, and this will commence on October 23. Bins should be put out on Sunday night.



However there has been some feedback that Tuesday would be even better for our cleaners who arrive on Mondays to clean many rental properties, so it may change. Please let the Shire know your thoughts. Emails need to be sent "attn Waste Manager" ngshire@ngshire.vic.gov.au

The next HGRRA meeting will be held on Wednesday December 5. Meetings are held in the Supper Room of the Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

Friends of Grampians Gariwerd

FOGGS had a fascinating day in September exploring Mt Dryden. We learnt about the geology, how the rocks there are thousands of years older than those of the Grampians ranges, about the settlement history and current farming plans. Plus fantastic views in every direction.

Our next activity is a wildflower drive along Mt Difficult Rd on Sunday October 14. Meet at Boroka Lookout at 10 am. Road suitable for 2 wheel drive. Visitors welcome.



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FROM THE HISTORY ROOM

The photo on the front page is of the original Halls Gap Bakery which was built in 1929 by John and Florence Warren and their daughter Ida. Ida later married Robert Greer and they had a daughter, Rae. The street where the Bakery was located is now known as Warren Road.



This photo shows the inside of the Bakery with Robert -Bob the Baker, as he was known.



26, 27, 28 OCT 2018 HALLS GAP JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

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Whether you are a musician or loyal follower Halls Gap welcomes you all to this wonderful weekend of get togethers and great music.

This weekend continues the tradition in the lovely valley of Halls Gap, 'Heart of The Grampians' with all genres of jazz music on offer. Some to enjoy include Trad, Big Band, Swing, Bebop, Mainstream, Modern, Fusion, Funk, Latin, Groove and Blues.

A Weekend badge for entry to all venues will cost \$80.00 while day passes and single session tickets start from \$25.00

PARKS VICTORIA UPDATE

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park>



Healthy Parks
Healthy People

Throughout the school holiday period the Grampians saw a high level of visitation at both our campgrounds as well as our visitor sites. Warm, dry weather brought people out in droves to seek out the beautiful wildflowers and orchids in bloom.

To better manage the high numbers of visitation the Parks Victoria team have been installing new signage in the park. Boroka and Reed Lookout now have new barrier signage to address management issues involving people going over or around barriers for a photo, but increasing risk to themselves. Mackenzie Falls and Zumsteins have received updated risk and advisory signage, the former focusing on risks around waterways, and the latter urging visitors to remember to take a water bottle on their walk, as well as to take their rubbish with them when they leave the park. Lastly, installation of Emergency Markers has begun in the most popular areas of the park, with the number of Emergency Markers to be installed totalling 150 when complete. The markers allow emergency services to locate distressed or injured people quickly and efficiently to improve health outcomes in the case of an incident. Look for Emergency Markers throughout the park on directional straddles, in information shelters, and other signage within the Grampians.

Four exciting Junior Ranger programs were fully booked out over the school holiday period. Park visitors were signing up weeks in advance to join Rangers on the hour-long activities. A 'Mini Beast' activity involved searching for macroinvertebrates in the Fyan's creek wetland and building a 'bug mansion'. The Junior Rangers learned about why ecosystems, habitats and communities are important no matter what the size. The 'Tracks and Traces' activity involved Junior Rangers becoming bush detectives to search for the hidden gems of our National Park. Booked out programs allowed for team work and families to learn identification skills of the native flora and fauna.

With an increase of interest for these programs from park visitors, Parks Victoria will be holding more over the summer holiday period just after Christmas. We will see our new Seasonal Rangers begin just before the holiday period who will be involved with the Junior Ranger programs and helping with the seasonal rush. We can't wait to have more hands-on deck and look forward to the upcoming summer season.



Budja Budja Neighbourhood House

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap *(behind the Medical Clinic)*



The House can also be used by community groups as a meeting venue or if anyone wants to run an activity. All members of the public are welcomed.

New Opening hours as of 3rd September 2018

Tuesday -	9am to 3pm	(Lee-Anne)
Wednesday -	9am to 3pm	(Lee-Anne)
Thursday -	9am to 4pm	(Lee-Anne & Alison B)
Friday -	9am to 3pm	(Alison B)

Tai Chi

Every Thursday 10 to 11am at Neighbourhood House , then a cuppa & chat (alternate between local cafes).

All welcome.



Beginner Bird ID Workshops

Free Event everyone welcome

Join local bird enthusiast Jess Bettess, for a two-part workshop to help you ID common birds in your backyard and the Wimmera

**Part 1- Tuesday 9th October Laharum Hall 7:30pm- 8:30pm
(following Laharum Landcare AGM)**

In this one hour session Jess will cover the theory of basic bird ID, the equipment needed and help you to familiarise yourself with local birds found in the area followed by supper.

**Part 2- Sunday 14th October Wartook State Forest 11:00am
(following Laharum Landcare veggie swap)**

Join Jess in the field as she takes you to one of her favourite local bird hotspots in the Wartook State Forest. Here we will put our skills learnt earlier in the week into practise, with a chance of finding up to 30 different bird species to ID

RSVP by Sunday 7th October

Jessica Bettess secretaryllg@outlook.com or
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BOOM! Woohoo! We have lease approval! Paper Scissors Rock Brew Co will now officially be joining the fight to bring better beer to the world! As you can see we're super excited, we're ready, and we can't wait to deliver. There is a new hope for all lovers of craft beer. May the force be with us. Cheers Marty, Pat

Halls Gap - THE GRAMPIANS



Coming in 2018



Develop your interest in fibre arts and textiles at Grampians Texture 18. An opportunity to work with Australian and international textile tutors in 2, 4 and 6 day workshops.

- Ro Bruhn – mixed media
- Mahdi Chandler- eco dye/mixed media
- Jan Clark – mixed media
- Teresa Dair - knitting & dressmaking
- Fiona Duthie (Canada) - felt
- Philomena Hali - bojagi
- Pam Hovel -felt
- May Jacobsen Hvistendahl (Norway) - felt
- Anita Larkin – sculpture/felt
- Anna Lizotte – basketry
- Sandra Meech (UK) – machine stitch
- Liz Powell – paper & indigo
- Julie Ryder – natural dyeing
- Angharad Rixon – surface design
- Shona Skinner (UK) – machine embroidery
- Carolyn Sullivan – hand embroidery
- Sandy Webster (USA) – construction
- Liz Williamson – weaving
- Meredith Woolnough – resin/machine embroidery

St. John's Anglican Church Halls Gap



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photos to us by the 25th of each
month to:

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Upload your community events
details to the Community
Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

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Q: How excited was the gardener about
Spring?

A: So excited he wet his
plants!



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Regular Events

- Chas Mangle Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the History Room at the Centenary Hall most days except Tuesdays from 1pm - 5 pm. Ph. 0439 837 052
- Grampians Film Society
- Various sport/fitness groups.. Check the community website for details



The Halls Gap History Room in the Centenary Hall is open most days except Tuesday from 1PM - 5PM. Locals and visitors are most welcome and there is no entry fee.