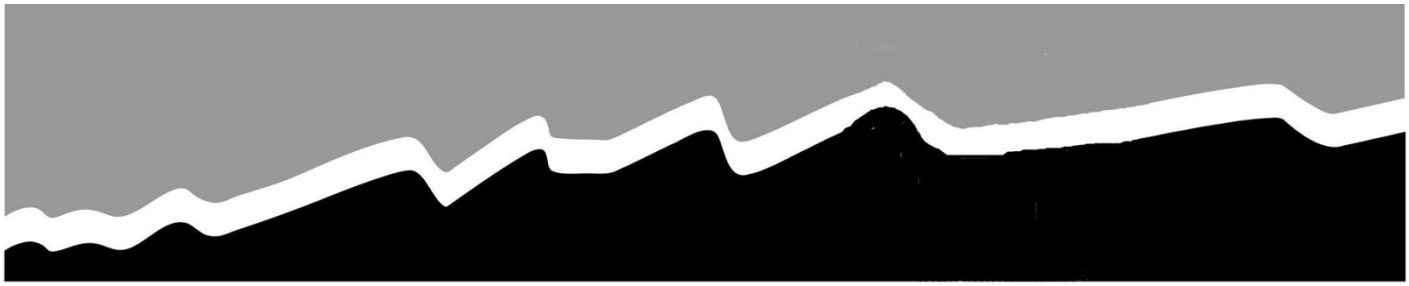

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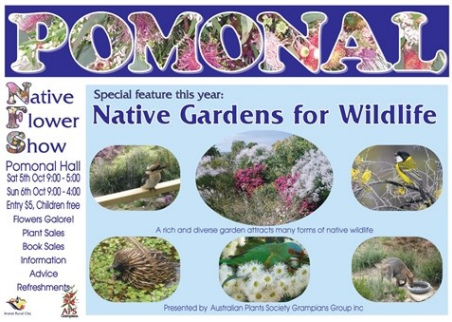
FILL THE GAP

Produced by the Community Association & Budja Budja Neighbourhood House.

Wrap up...

The size of our FTG this month is testament to how busy we are during spring.

Thanks to Margo and her small band of volunteers for a wonderful Grampians Wildflower Show. If the GWS was not enough the Australian Plants Society - Grampians Group will be celebrating our wonderful native plants. Check it out



There are lots happening check out the community website (**www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au)** for more information on what is happening in our wonderful

STATS BY CHAS...

September 2019 - Rainfall by Chas; 67.5mm for September bringing the progressive total for 2019 to 725.5mm. This compares to the same period last year of 25.0mm for September with a progressive total of 721mm.

As of the 25th of September Lake Bellfield is holding 59,970ML or 76% full compared to the same period last year of 67,370ML or 86% full. The total system is holding 560,311ML or 44.61% compared to the same period last year of 293,300ML or 52.35% full.

Mount William received 91.4mm for September. The highest temperature of 15.8C was recorded on the 20th of September and the lowest of -2.7C was recorded on the 17th of September. The highest wind speed of 109 km/h was recorded on the 15th of September.

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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 (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.

Step back in time...

50 years ago... on the 6th of October 1969 Sir Henry Bolte officially opened Lake Bellfield - from the History Room

GRAMPIANS WILDFLOWER SHOW

REPORT ON HALLS GAPS LONGEST RUNNING EVENT -THE WILDFLOWER SHOW

It's all now tucked away safely until next year except for the sculpture which Dee and Nichola with helpers of all sizes and ages helped to create. That is there outside for the rest of the week; do go and take a look at this creative and fun way of recycling milk cartons etc. Many thanks to the Budja Budja crew for organising this for us.

If you missed us, you missed a lot. It wasn't just our flowers (which were stunning), but we had on sale the brand new book on our wildflowers by Steffen Schultz, we had native orchids in pots, we had Jalluka Landcare, we had magnificent photos from Stawell Camera Club and guest David Oldfield, we had our regular visitor Lynne Stone with her exquisite textile flowers.

Despite illnesses causing some folk to reluctantly pull out, we did have enough volunteers, and we are so grateful to the hard workers who cheerfully took on whatever role they were asked to do.

Now, if you were unable to come at the weekend or you have new guests arriving, our suggested wildflower drive and walk notes are still on sale at the VIC and at Brambuk. All proceeds go to our Botanic Garden.

And put it in your 2020 diary now. Grand Final weekend, forget about the football, come and marvel at nature's display!

Grampians Wildflower Show

BUDJA BUDJA MEDICAL CLINIC

20-22 Grampians Road, Halls Gap 3381

PH: 03 53564751

www.budjabudjacoop.org.au

OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019
Dr Carol Head 1,2,3,4 8,9,10,11 15,16,17,18 22,23,24,25 29,30,31	**Dr Carol Head** 1 **Dr Partridge** 5,6,7,8 12,13,14,15 **Dr Barbara Hoare** 19,20,21,22 26,27,28,29	**Dr Barbara Hoare** 3,4,5,6 10,11,12,13 **Dr Partridge** 17,18,19,20 **Closed** 24,25,26,27 30,31

WE ARE OPEN

Carpark upgrade

From 7th of October until further notice

please access medical clinic and other Health providers via back entrance (Warren st.)

Thankyou for your Cooperation

GRAMPIANS FILM SOCIETY

The Grampians Film Society evenings are held from January to November. The doors open at 7pm and screenings commence at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles are served prior to the film and a light supper is served afterwards.

Membership is only $45 annually, $25 half-year or $15 for three consecutive months. Contact Janet Witham 03 5356 4300 or Alison Bainbridge 0417 883 445 for more information.

Come along and enjoy viewing, being entertained and discussing the merits of films we screen. We endeavour to cater for a variety of tastes as well as have a fun social night.

Film: **Fences,** USA, Period Drama
Date: Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 7.30pm
Venue: Centenary Hall, 117 Grampians Road, Halls Gap

Troy Maxson (Denzel Washington) makes his living as a sanitation worker in 1950s Pittsburgh. Maxson once dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player, but was deemed too old when the major leagues began admitting black athletes. Bitter over his missed opportunity, Troy creates further tension in his family when he squashes his son's (Jovan Adepo) chance to meet a college football recruiter.

HISTORY ROOM

26th September 2019 - An exciting day in the History Room today....

OUR 10,000 VISITOR IN THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS SINCE WE HAVE BEEN OPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS...

Pictured Mrs Ann Galway from Point Lonsdale who has been a regular visitor to the Grampians for many, many years. Mrs Galway has a connection to the Grampians as well,her maiden name was Robertson and her forebearers lived at the Moora Moora in the 1840's (This is well documented in our book "Victoria's Wonderland A Grampian History").

Mrs Galway is pictured receiving a complimentary book.

WELL KNOWN HALLS GAP IDENTITY DIES

It is with much regret we note the passing of "JED". No-one ever knew his surname, but Jed was a much loved and recognizable soul as he walked the streets of Halls Gap. Hail, rain or shine he walked, stopping along the way, providing a comforting gesture to all he came across.

He will be missed by all, but never forgotten!

R.I.P. Anon.

PARKS VICTORIA NEWS UPDATE

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

Parks VICTORIA — Healthy Parks Healthy People

Grampians National Park Access Update

September School Holidays - 2019

Throughout the year Grampians National Park may have closures in place from natural events (storms, floods and bushfires), park operations and projects. **Before visiting the park always check for closures on the list below. Please adhere to signs and notifications, and do not enter closed areas.**

Closed Day Visitor Sites

- **Golton Gorge Picnic Area and Walking Track** – Realignment works are in progress.
- **Buandik Picnic Area** – Limited access.

Closed Roads and Tracks

- **Coppermine Track** has recently been opened and now provides access to Coppermine Campground. A four-wheel drive with good clearance is required.
- **Harrop Track** is closed until November to replace bridges and causeways.
- **Red Rock Road** is closed until late September to replace bridges and causeways.

All seasonal roads are now closed.

See the **Grampians National Park Road Report** on parks.vic.gov.au for more information on individual road conditions.

Remember to consider the suitability of your vehicle for the parks roads:
Sealed Roads: All vehicles
Unsealed Roads: All vehicles, 2WD use caution
Vehicle Tracks: 4WD vehicles only

Closed Walking Tracks

- **Golton Gorge Walking Track** – redevelopment works underway with a reopening date TBC.
- **Longpoint East Hiker Camp to Boroka Lookout Walking Track** - pending Grampians Peaks Trail works.
- **Ngamadjidj Shelter** – Open!

Walking tracks closed due to roadworks on Harrop Track until further notice:

- Manja Shelter
- Hut Creek Walking Track
- Fortress Walking Track – only accessible from the Eastern end as a return walk. No access onto Harrop Track.
- Victoria Range Overnight Walk
- Billimina Shelter

Closed Campgrounds

- **Buandik Campground** – Limited access.
- **Coppermine Campground** – open!
- **Coppermine Group Camping Area** – Closed. Development underway.
- **Troopers Creek Campground** – Open!
- **Briggs Bluff** (GR294055) & **Mount Difficult Hiker Camps** (GR284030) are permanently closed.

Rock Climbing Access

Rock climbing access has changed in Grampians National Park. For more information please refer to the Grampians National Park page at parks.vic.gov.au.

GRAMPIANS PEAKS TRAIL

For the latest Grampians Peaks Trail information please visit: parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park/plans-and-projects/grampians-peak-trail

Further Information

For the latest information about the park, please visit Brambuk the National Park and Cultural Centre 2.5km south of Halls Gap, visit a local Accredited Visitor Information Centre or call the Parks Victoria information centre on 13 1963.

The conclusion of the flood and fire recovery works has resulted in the re-opening of a number of sites.

* Coppermine and Troopers Creek Campground have both been completed. Situated in the northern Grampians these sites are now open for campers to enjoy.

* Ngamadjidj Shelter is also near completion. With new signage and trail alignment this important Aboriginal art site can be accessed from Stapylton Campground.

For more up to date information be sure to check the Change of Condition son the Parks Victoria website.

Parks VICTORIA

VICTORIA State Government

Parks VICTORIA Healthy Parks Healthy People®

Grampians National Park Update – Parks Victoria

With lower visitation over the past couple of months Parks staff have had a great opportunity to focus on the delivery of on ground projects. Along with the end of the fire and flood recovery funding a number of sites have been completed or are very near completion. This includes two new campgrounds, Troopers Creek and Coppermine. Troopers Creek provides camping sites suited to tent based campers, groups and those with caravans or camper trailer set ups. Along with great views of the Mount Difficult Range, this site is expected to be very popular.

Recruitment for this seasons Summer Rangers and Project Fire Fighters has also been taking place. Upcoming training and induction processes will welcome an enthusiastic team to help full time staff manage the high fire danger and peak visitation over summer.

The spring holidays are sure to be exciting with an excellent school holiday program. Both ranger guided walks and junior ranger programs have been scheduled in throughout the school break. Rangers will encourage kids to get active out in nature. Participants will learn about the park along with other great skills and knowledge. For more information visit juniorrangers.com.au or parks.vic.gov.au.

As part of the development of a new management plan for the Grampians (Gariwerd landscape), a number of management plan engagement sessions have taken place across the landscape and in Melbourne. The sessions have cultivated conversations with users of the Grampians National Park to ensure the management plan takes into account all values.

Kailee Savoia I Parks Victoria

Ranger I Gariwerd

Halls Gap Landcare Update

The Grampians is one of the best places to enjoy spring. Warmer days, wildflowers, great walks.

It is also an excellent time to note the pest plants which may be establishing and becoming a problem in our valley.

Halls Gap has the opportunity to make use of the services of Ararat Landmate Crew this spring to control various pest plants around the town. This crew has been tackling a number of pest plant occurrences, mainly the introduced Kunzea and Blackberry. The Kunzea is probably the biggest environmental problem around Halls Gap and has the potential to spread well into the National Park. Another garden plant, Watsonia, is also an issue.

Project Platypus has offered to supervise Landmate works in the valley.

We are keen to get your reports of pest plant occurrences in and around Halls Gap, particularly those threatening the National Park. If you would like to report any observations, please don't hesitate to call Graham Parkes on 0429 839179 or email graham@grahamparkes.com.au

Graham Parkes - Community Association of Halls Gap

Pomonal Village Market has changed its opening times to 9-1pm

Pomonal village Market from October 27th will be from 9-1pm. Pomonal Village Market the last Sunday of every month from 9-1pm at the Pomonal Community Hall.

Remember the extra markets in conjunction with the Pmonal Native Garden show Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October 2019 from 9am–4pm

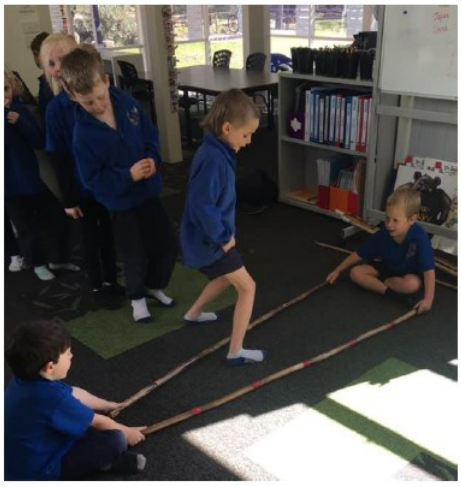
Run by volunteers of the Pomonal Progress Association to raise money for the community of Pomonal. Site enquiries: call the market coordinator on 0417 883 445.

Halls Gap Primary School

Halls Gap Primary School - September

Asian Cultural Day

Halls Gap students had the opportunity to experience Chinese culture this past week. Activities were organised by their language teacher Ms Athena Li and supported by Stawell Secondary College students.



Dancing shoes were tapping to traditional bamboo dancing, muscles were flexed as students challenged themselves with the Jianzi and Japanese Origami. Finally stomachs were filled with self-made spring rolls for lunch. Everyone had a fun day learning more about traditional Chinese and Japanese activities.

A big thanks to Ms Li and the Stawell Secondary College students for putting the day on for the whole school.

Footy Colours Day

On the final Friday of Term 3 students dressed in their favourite footy team's colours for good cause. Students participated in footy themed activities which included singing team songs, goal kicking, handball and taking speckies! All the activities were organised by the junior school council and the day was a fabulous success. Students were asked to bring along a gold coin donation with all funds going towards the Children's Cancer Council. The school community managed to raise $91.50 which is a fantastic result for a worthy cause that helps out less fortunate children.

BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

September was a huge month for the House.

We had a great time making nuno felted scarves thanks to Judith for a great morning working hard to make our amazing scarfs.

The knitting club has had so much fun on Thursday's after school. Learning to knit purl and plain as well as increasing and decreasing to make our beautiful butterflies.

The yarn group has learnt many new skills when making our motifs for blankets.

What's happening at the House in October**

Christmas Cooking - Monday 7th 10-12pm
First Aid & CPR - Monday 14th 9-3pm
RSA - Friday 18th 6-10pm
Food Hygiene - Saturday 19th 10-3pm

Move it Move it - Exercise program for seniors - Watch this space
Tai Chi - Every Thursday 10-11am
Yoga - Every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm
Dancing - for fun and exercise every Tuesday during school terms 7-8pm
Finska - Every Friday during school term 1-3pm

Sewing - Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday during school terms for 10-12noon
Yarn Group - Every Thursday during school terms from 1.30-3.30pm
After School Knitting Club - Every Thursday during school terms from 3.30-5pm
Walking & Drawing - TBC

Pomonal/Halls Gap Play Group - Friday every second week during school term starting 18th
Halloween Party - Thursday 31st 4.30-7pm

** Please note some programs may incur a cost.

RSA (SITHFAB002)

Date: Friday 18 October 2019
Time: 6pm -10pm
Venue: Budja Budja Neighbourhood House, 20-22 Grampians Rd, HALLS GAP
Cost: $105

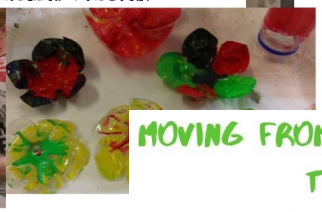
Food Hygiene (SITXFSA001)

Date: Saturday 19 October 2019
Time: 10am -3pm
Venue: Budja Budja Neighbourhood House, 20-22 Grampians Rd, HALLS GAP
Cost: $105

Enrol before 24th September 2019 by calling Lee-Anne or Alison on 5356 4751 or email; neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DEE AND NICHOLA HELPING CHILDREN CREATE FLOWERS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



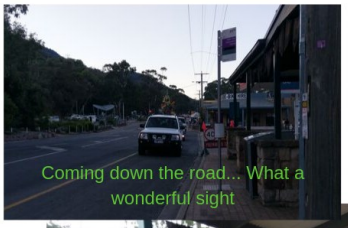
Thanks to Dee, Alison & Nichola for helping us to make a wonderful sculpture

The children had such fun… The concentration on their faces was great to see

MOVING FROM BUDJA BUDJA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE TO HALLS GAP CENTENARY HALL

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who came in at the last moment to ensure our sculpture arrived safely

WE MADE IT SAFELY TO HALLS GAP CENTENARY HALL



Our volunteers were amazing in helping us to get our sculpture safely from Budja Budja NH to Halls Gap Centenary Hall

HERE WE ARE READY FOR THE SHOW

Everyone who saw our sculpture loved it. We had some more helpers to make more flowers and mushrooms.

HALLS GAP MARKET

The **Halls Gap Market** was established in 1997 and is proudly brought to you by the Halls Gap Primary School. Located at the base of the Wonderland Range (Grampians) in the magical Halls Gap Primary School grounds, this truly unique market is a must.

The **Halls Gap Market** is an outdoor market and boasts a range of high quality stalls offering arts, crafts, fresh produce, plants, fine food, coffee and more. School parents serve hot and cold refreshments along with a barbecue featuring delicious egg and bacon rolls. All proceeds go to the Halls Gap Primary School. Check the website for information on becoming a stall holder: - http://www.hgps.vic.edu.au/craft.html

The Market Dates for 2019 are:

Melbourne Cup Weekend – 3rd November (Halls Gap School)

The Market Dates for 2020 are:

Labour Day – 8th March (Halls Gap School)

Easter Sunday – 12th April (Halls Gap School)

Queen's Birthday – 7th June (Halls Gap School)

Melbourne Cup Weekend – 1st November (Halls Gap School)

Halls Gap Village Market
November 17th 2019
8:30am - 1pm
Halls Gap Hall

Come along & enjoy a great day out in the beautiful Grampians.

We offer you a great range of handmade crafts, treats for the home, plants health & wellbeing, treasures, books & lots lots more.

New stallholders very welcome to join us.

For more details see our group on Facebook Halls Gap Village Market & follow us.

Looking forward to seeing you.

POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET

Pomonal Village Market on the last Sunday or every month from 9am—1pm at the Pomonal Community Hall. Run by volunteers of the Pomonal Progress Association to raise money for the community of Pomonal. Site enquiries: call the market coordinator on 0417 883 445.

Market Dates for 2019

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October (Pomonal Native Flower Show), 27th October, 24th November and 29th December.

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	Hi-Lift Jack
Snatch Straps	Tree Trunk Protectors
Winch Extension Straps	Bow Shackles
Snatch Blocks	Soft Shackles
Shovel	Rated Recovery Points
Air Compressor	Chainsaw
UHF Radio Ch 20	GPS Assistance
Fridge	Local Knowledge

FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS GARIWERD

Woohlpooer woodlands flora

Hamilton Field Nats and Roger Edwards

When : Sunday 20th October at 9.20am

Where : Meet at Cavendish Soldiers Settlers Memorial at 9.20am

Time : 9.20am to 3pm Bring own lunch and chair.

RSVP secretary@friendsofgrampiansgariwerd.org.au

We join with Hamilton Field Naturalists Club and expert Roger Edwards for a wildflower stroll / drive around Woohlpooer

FRIENDS OF GRAMPIANS - GARI WERD INC.

FILL THE GAP COMMITTEE

Lee-Anne, Margo, Alison , Jenny and Tammy

Please email your articles and photos to us by the 25th of each month to:

neighbourhood.house@budjabudjacoop.org.au

Upload your community events details to the Community Association webpage:

www.hallsgapcommunity.org.au

Like our Halls Gap Community Association Facebook Page

Like our Halls Gap Community Watch and Events Facebook Page

1. to the man in the wheel chair who stole my camouflage jacket, you can hide but you cant run.

2. What's the same about scramble eggs and the English Cricket team? They both get beaten!

Cheers Lucy J, Grampians YHA Eco Lodge

Regular Events

- Chas Mangle Justice of the Peace is available for witnessing documents in the History Room at the Centennial Hall most days except Tuesdays from 1pm - 5 pm. Ph. 0439 837 052
- Budja Budja Neighbourhood House - check the program at the house and online
- Check Social Coffee catch-ups at Brambuk 11am on the first Tuesday of the month.
- Various sport/fitness groups. Check the community website for details

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