### The GRETA BUNYIP

### "YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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### **CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS**

**February** 

Thur 16th Wadley Family benefit meal
Greta Complex 5.00 pm onwards

Sat 18th Greta Carp Classic 3.00 pm

March

Wed 8th Friends of the Bunyip meeting,

Greta Valley P.S. 7.30 pm

Sat 25th Magic Lantern Show Greta

Hansonville Hall 8.00 pm

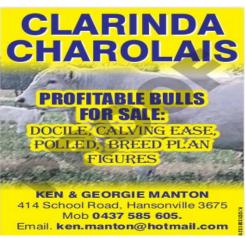
<u>April</u>

**Sat 1st** Proposed opening of new Complex facilities

Mon 3rd Articles due for the April Bunyip

**MAGIC LANTERN SHOW - COMING SOON** 

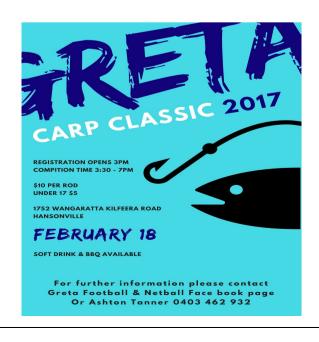




### Greta Valley P.S. 2017 Preps

There are eleven new preps at Greta Valley. Here are nine of them. (It's hard to get everyone in the one place at the one time!) They help make up the 48 students at school this year, all of them enjoying the current swimming program and the new room which is now in use.





### **GRETA CEMETERY TRUST**

Having completed the cemetery master plan in November, the Trust applied for a grant to have the toilet concept plans drafted to building specification standard. We have been successful so will be submitting a further grant application for construction costs by the end of March. We should know in May if we can go ahead with the construction. We are collectively keeping our fingers and toes crossed!

We have received very positive comment about the Trust's master plan which has been founded on both community input and that of Trust members. If you would like to view the master plan please feel free to contact either David Salau 0408 387 582 or Christine Magee, secretary on 57276264.

### **Greta Community Safety Group News**

So far our fire season has been relatively kind to us. Monday 30th January weather was a reminder that we still have a long time to go before the autumn break. It is interesting to note that on Monday afternoon the Fire Danger Index exceeded the predicted "Extreme" range and tipped into "Code Red" for a short period in our area.

Attached for your reference is a combined Emergency Management Victoria flyer containing warning and emergency information and a list of upgraded sources for obtaining emergency information. Please take time to read this and share with your family, friends and neighbours.

If you need to take machinery into high fuel load areas, please consider the time of day and current and predicted weather. Consider rescheduling work on days of high wind, high temperature and low humidity and especially on days of total fire ban. During the Fire Danger Period you are legally required to carry at least 9 litres of water with you to douse any fire outbreak. One spark has the potential to change many lives.

During bad fire days try and make a habit of leaving the air conditioning periodically and going outside to look around and smell for signs of smoke or fire. Remember vigilance is our first line of defence.

The next meeting of the Greta Community Safety Group has been set for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the old Greta school at 7.30pm. If you would like to join our group or just find out more information, please feel free to join us or ring David Salau 0408 387 582.

### Magic Lantern Show Greta Hansonville Hall 25 March 2017 8pm start

- \$20 per ticket
- · Supper provided
- · Bookings essential seats are limited
- Contact Noeleen Lloyd ph 042727637

The Greta Hansonville Hall Committee invite to join them on a trip into the past with the nostalgic 'Magic Lantern Show'. We encourage people to come dressed in period costume. Once the show is over an old fashioned cream supper will be provided. Long before moving pictures and silent movies, people went to see magic lantern shows for their entertainment. Accompanied by music and live entertainment the shows were the forerunner of the 'flicks' and can be traced back to the 1700's.

This show is presented by Professor Ian Edwards and his wife Margery (nee Dinning). Ian's grandfather, the Reverend Percy Edwards, at one time a Parish Priest in the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, was the first lanternist and it his legacy that has been preserved. Now in their 80's, Ian and Margery have travelled the world to put on shows and are well known and respected.

'War & Peace – Australia 1788-1920's' will document Australia's Colonial history through to the 1920's through authentic slides of photos and advertising taken at the time. What did our ancestors laugh and cry at? What did they want to be entertained by? Come along and enjoy the fun.

Join us for an old fashioned night out, sing along with Margery on her harmonica and see what other surprises are in store on the night.

For the camera and film enthusiasts it is an opportunity to see an authentic biunial lantern and accompanying slides in full operation, with the images being projected to a screen. Seating is strictly limited to ensure good viewing - Bookings are essential. Please contact Noeleen Lloyd for further information.



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Moulding (floorboards, decking, arcs etc.)

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### Greta Valley Landcare Group - February News

Goodbye 2016 and welcome to 2017! Thanks to everyone who came along and had some fun at our Christmas celebration in early December at the Greta Hansonville Hall. It was great to see so many up on the dance floor following our dance instructor's moves. About 50 enjoyed the dinner dance, with yummy food provided the Greta Valley Primary School parents. Thanks very much too all the cooks and caterers

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to David Evans of Myrrhee, who was a founding member of our Group and has been a Committee member for 24 years. We were able to present David on the night with his own special rain gauge for home, in recognition of the extensive rainfall records he has kept! We would also like to send out a warm welcome to those families who have just joined our Landcare group.

To kick off the New Year, we have a few upcoming events:

### Local Bird Monitoring – 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February

In June 2016, we were involved in a project to set up ten long-term bird monitoring sites in our Landcare area, which are located within the catchment between Glenrowan and Myrrhee. These sites were surveyed in June (Winter) and then October (Spring). It is now time for our Summer assessment of these sites, which involves a 20 minute walk while recording what you see and hear. We are currently co-ordinating times and dates for the monitoring of these sites and we would love to get more people involved in this project. Please ring Sally Day (0437 136 162) to find out more about sites that might be near you and how you can get involved.

### Erosion Workshop – Monday night, 6th March 2017

Do you have a small erosion site on your property? We are running a small evening session in Greta West to discuss the causes and options for treatment of common erosion problems like gullying and sheet erosion. We will demonstrate the use of some new biodegradable coir (coconut fibre) and hessian erosion control products, as well as some other treatment methods using brushing, lucerne bales and chicken wire. Join in the discussion and share your experiences. Please RSVP to Mary Anderson (0438 537 462) by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. BBQ tea provided.

### Whole Farm Planning sessions

Ever thought about developing a whole farm plan for your property? Now is your chance! We have the opportunity to run a Whole Farm Planning workshop locally within our area and are calling for Expressions of Interest from landholders who would like to participate. Landholders work on a large A0 map of their property to look at land classes, soils, pastures, water and native vegetation. Great presenters and lots of practical exercises. We need a minimum of 6 landholders to get this happening. Sessions would be offered between March and June 2017 and run by Agriculture Victoria. Please ring Sally Day (0437 136 162) by 17<sup>th</sup> February to register your interest in participating.

### Do you have an idea for a project on your property?

Whilst we don't have grant money available for new projects now, we are hopeful that some new grants will be announced in the early part of 2017. In order for us to act on these quickly, it helps if we have your project written into our planning. So please give us a call to discuss your idea and we will see if we can help to get it happening. Please call Sally Day (Project Officer) on 0437 136 162 or email sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au

For more information on any of these projects or other activities of the group, please contact Mary Anderson (Secretary) on 0438 537 462 or secretary@gretalandcare.org.au



### **WADLEY FAMILY BENEFIT**

The Greta cricket, football and netball clubs are holding a benefit training and casserole dinner on **Thursday 16th Feb.** from 5.00 pm on.Dinner at 7.00pm This is to support Simon and Kat Wadley and their family. Seven year old Lily Wadley has leukaemia, requiring nine months of intensive treatment at the Royal Children's hospital with an expected 2 ½ years of treatment in all. If you can't make the night then donations can be made be contacting either Kevin Naish or Justin Triffett. If you wish you can email the Bunyip for details. Lily's family asks that you consider becoming a blood donor or register as a bone marrow donor. Lily has already had several blood transfers and the importance of this treatment can't be stressed enough by her parents.

### YOUNGER'S LAWN AND WOOD

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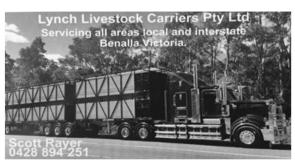
Trenches, culverts, tree & stump removal, livestock burial

We also install and service Garage Door and Remote Control Units For all your needs contact Ned

### Friends of the Bunyip Meeting

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March Greta Valley P.S. 7.30 pm

We welcome all community members to this meeting. The financial report will be tabled. Ideas shared for improvements to our community newsletter. Anyone interested in supporting the Bunyip by writing articles or formatting the newsletter is very welcome.







### 2017 Greta Football Netball Club

The Greta Football Netball Club is looking forward to the 2017 season which shows much promise and excitement for all the supporters and players. Both the football and netball teams have recruited well and the new committee is already

hard at work to ensure that the club has a successful year.

The club especially wants to make sure that all the local community is kept informed about fixtures, social events and other club activities. Local support is vital for the club's success.

Thank you to the Greta Bunyip for providing an information forum but also look out for flyers, newspaper advertisements and community announcements on local radio.

Greta has always had a wonderful reputation as a family club and we want everyone to feel welcome.

### 2017 GFNC Committee

President: Kevin Naish Vice President: Jarrod Franklin

Junior Vice President: Alex Porter

Treasurer: Darren Ross Secretary: Gigi Costenaro

Committee Members:

Andy Wheelens, David Wilson, Elliott Sheather, Greg Brown, Jack Humphries, John McCarthy, Justin Triffitt, Lindsey Humphries, Scott Wallace and Sean Ginnivan

### 2017 Coaches

Football Senior Coach: Greg Newbold

Senior Assistant Coaches: Chris Dube & Jack Frampton Reserve Coaches: Justin Triffitt & Jarrod Franklin

**Netball** A Grade Senior Coach: Lindsey Humphries A Grade Assistant Coach: Amanda Coote

B Grade Coach: Ashton Tanner
Under 17 Grade Coach: Jess Bussell

### Sponsorship

Anyone who has a business that they would like to promote through the GFNC are welcome to become sponsors.

If interested please contact Alex Porter on 0412 168 440.

### Membership

One of the best ways to become involved and also support the club is to purchase a membership

ticket. A range of memberships are available. Please contact Darren Ross ( 0427 081 070) who will be able to assist you.

### **Practice Match at Tatong**

The first practice match of the year is going to be against Yea at the Tatong Recreation Reserve on Saturday  $18^{th}$  March .

It is anticipated that two games of football and two games of netball will be played on the day.

The Tatong Committee will provide catering throughout the day. Food and refreshments will be available after the matches for anyone who would like to stay.

The GFNC look forward to this event which will help support and raise funds for the Tatong community.

This day also provides the opportunity for the Greta FNC community to get together after the summer break. **Sally Trenkner**, Media Liaison Officer, Greta Football Netball Club.

### **Greta Hansonville Australia Day Event - Our Community Achievements**

This year the Australia day event was attended by about 80 people. Harry Bussell, our local council representative, spoke and the day's master of ceremonies was Sally Moore. The community was treated to a singing performance by Jasmine Shultz, a young local performer. She is a Wangaratta girl whose grandfather grew up at Laceby. Jasmine has performed with Kate Cerbrano and came runner up in a competition to raise money for Leukaemia. Jasmine sings modern, pop, lounge room and country music.

Trevor Dinning was kind enough to bring along his rope making machine to demonstrate his skill.

Twenty local artists displayed their work in the hall. We have some incredibly talented people in our community and thank them all for adding to the event.

Community achievements for 2016 were recognised and are listed below.

**Greta-Hansonville Hall Committee** celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from the time it was built, last March. The committee are happy with its progress, with bookings increasing. They are hopeful of a grant and are raising funds to assist them in installing air-conditioning throughout the hall. The roof has been repaired and the supper room painted.

Trevor Dinnings Aunty and Uncle are running it. The theme is called war and peace 1788 to 1920's. Several members of the Hall committee will be dressed in costume.

Greta Heritage Group and Greta Combined Committee major highlight was the Greta Combined Committee was the Community Event of the Year Australia Day Award by RCOW for the Gathering Place/Honour Board event which was held on October 18, 2016. This was a wonderful recognition of their efforts over 3-4 years.

In March the Heritage Group co-operated with the Greta-Hansonville Hall Committee to celebrate the 100-year celebration of the Greta Hall. A number of people had travelled distances to attend and bring memorabilia, including grandsons of the founding Chairman of the Greta Hall Committee. A large number of displays of local and family history were well received. Several of the older generation said how pleased they were that that the district's history was being recorded and celebrated.

At the moment Noeleen Lloyd and Joan Ellis are working on the book, 43 from 40, due to be published in 2017. This work is exciting, challenging and very time consuming. On behalf of the Heritage Group and the community. Noeleen Lloyd undertook a 12-day tour of the Western Front Battlefields as a member of the Families and Friends of the First AIF (FFFAIF)

**Greta Uniting Church** has meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.00 am. We meet alternate months at the Uniting Church hall in Rowan Street, Wangaratta, and the Masonic Lodge in Moyhu.

**Greta Anglican Church** has meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9.00 am

**SALT**, (Sharing And Learning Together) meets on the third Monday of the Month at 6.30 pm for food, fellowship, and discussion. This group is an ecumenical group and anyone is welcome.

The Greta Football and Netball Club have a new senior football coach. His name is Greg Newbold. He has many new recruits and is anticipating a promising season. Netball girls had 70 at their first training session. Kevin Naish is the new President and Gigi Costenard is Secretary.

The Greta Cricket Club has some teams making the finals this year. We wish those teams good luck.

The Passionate Palettes (local artists group) meet at the end of each month for social painting days, and also hold formal workshops with professional Last year saw 3 formal workshops. artists. Drawing workshop with Kate Jenvey in April, Oil and pastel workshop with Ross Paterson in May and a Drawing workshop with Linda Weil in The group also ran a "tone is king" October. exercise with fellow Passionate Palette Kathy Ellem. Some of the workshops were partly funded by King Valley Art Show Committee who kindly allotted grant money to the Passionate Palettes for skills development. They are also supported by King Valley Learning Exchange who allow use of the Moyhu Hall for social and workshop painting days. There are about 15 regular members of the group - anyone interested in art is most welcome and can contact Sue Hourigan or Nola Jones.

**Greta Craft Group** consists of members with diverse

talents, who meet on Wednesdays. They come from a large area- Cheshunt, Whitfield, Moyhu, Lurg, Greta, Benalla to Wangaratta. They have been meeting for more than 30 years. Over the years they have donated time to community efforts like Stoma Dolls, Breast cushions, Rugs, Quilts, Trauma Teddies, Christmas Boxes, Food hampers, to name a few. The Quilting group meet on Tuesdays. Beautiful Quilts emerge, often being displayed at the Wangaratta Quilt festival. If you were interested in joining, you would be most welcome.

**Greta Valley Primary School** worked on the School Review in 2016. This comprises a 4 year Strategic with three clear goals as a focus:

To maximise student outcomes in all areas of the curriculum, with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy

To ensure students feel safe, happy and motivated to learn.

To enhance student resilience and well being The school's values statement was reassessed and is now Respect, Honesty and Responsibility. 2016 has also seen the completion of our large specialised room designed specifically to meet the needs of special needs children, but will in fact be utilised by all. Included is a disabled toilet, an active engagement space and a quiet learning space.

Greta Cemetery Trust is organising disabled/unisex toilets. They are waiting on funding. It will be a \$70,000 project. They are encouraging the Greta community to be involved when construction starts. Plans will be drawn up and the building will be a heritage building in keeping with the rest of the cemetery.

**Greta Sporting Complex Committee** highlights from a very busy and satisfying 2016:

Completion of new rooms to include change rooms and a trainers' room for the netball girls, an umpires' room, baby change room, toilets for the disabled and a general female toilet. These rooms will be officially opened at the first home match in April

The netball court has been completely resurfaced and a new fence erected. New seating has also been installed for the netball supporters.

An electronic scoreboard has been installed for the football. Underneath this a storage area for the tractor and other ground's maintenance equipment. LED lighting has been installed around the football oval.

This work would not have been possible without an enormous commitment from the Complex Committee, the tradespeople involved and generous volunteers from the Greta and broader communities.

**Greta CFA** have good attendance however they are looking for more volunteers. Greta A emerged as the best local brigade in A division at the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria State Rural Seniors Championships held at Geelong. That means they are the best of the state's 75 teams and Greta B came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Greta Valley Playgroup** has increasing numbers. They meet each Thursday morning at the Greta Valley Primary School.

### **CWA Hoy Day**

On March 27th starting at 1.30pm in the CWA hall at 17 Templeton St.Wangaratta, the CWA will host it's annual Hoy Day. Entry \$5, raffle available, great prizes, lots of laughter and finishing with delicious afternoon tea. The CWA are raising funds to renovate their hall and this is a fun way of helping them reach their goal.

### **Greta Sporting Complex Committee**

The Greta Sporting Complex Committee are hoping to organise the opening of the new Netball rooms and other facilities such as a disabled toilet at the **first home match on Saturday April 1st, 2017** when Greta plays Whorouly at Greta. Check with the club or committee for more details.

## MAGIC LANTERN SHOW

(Presented by Prof. 14n & Mrs Margery edwards)

### SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017

**8PM START** 

GRETA - HANSONVILLE HALL

448 RESERVE RD

### GRETA

- ❖ COST \$20 (PLEASE BOOK BEFORE THE NIGHT)
- ❖ CREAM TEA SUPPER PROVIDED
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# "WAR & PEACE - AUSTRALIA 1788-1920'S"