# The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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### Commemorating the Greta Valley ANZACS Information Day May 4, 2014

The information day was a resounding success, with approximately 60 people braving a chilly day. With many displays, photos and memorabilia on show, there was much to keep the crowd interested. A particular talking point was the almost 100 year old Greta/Hansonville Hall that looked magnificent on the day; with a full afternoon tea and the wood fire keeping everyone warm.

Adrian Younger presented an excellent and very well received talk on the Battle of the Nek, which was fought as part of the Gallipoli campaign. The feedback from the crowd was that they learnt several new things and came away with a greater understanding of this period of the war. Geoff Dinning also presented an excellent talk accompanied by great photos of walking the Kokoda Track.

Three ex regimental volunteers from the 8/13th Mounted Rifles Association Museum came from Bandiana and set up a wonderful display. They were then on hand to provide information and answer questions about the Light Horse and WW1. Both Bill Sykes and Tim McCurdy visited and offered their encouragement of the project.

There was much interest and discussion about the project, with overwhelming support and encouragement from those who attended, as well as many apologies. Several people brought memorabilia along on the day - including photos, documents and medals. All of these were photographed and collated; other families provided their contact details so that interviews and information gathering can occur at a later date.

It was wonderful to see different families connecting and coming together to share and gather information about common ancestors. One of the main aims of the project is to reconnect people and for them to have input and ownership into the stories of the men and the district.

Several people travelled long distances, with family members coming from Narrandera, Melbourne and Riddell's Creek as well as more locally from Greta/Hansonville, Wangaratta, Wodonga, Mansfield and Benalla. Mrs Peg Porter attended, representing her father who made the original Honour Board that was lost in the 1952 fire.

Joan Ellis, Noeleen Lloyd and Allan Porker spoke about the Greta Heritage Group and the current project as well as other areas of interest. The crowd was asked to encourage anyone with any information about the ANZACS or Greta to get in contact with the group, as there are still many soldiers for whom there is no family contact.

The Combined Committee wants to thank everyone who assisted to make the day a success.





## **"BUY—A—BRICK" CAMPAIGN**

The Greta FNC with assistance from the state & local government has recently completed the construction of a new netball court surface. This \$60,000 project has included the removal of the existing court & construction of a new court & draining system. Our club has contributed over \$30,000 towards this project and would now like to move onto Stage 2, that being completion of the court surrounds including shelter and seating.

The Greta FNC is asking for your generous support to help us raise the necessary funds for this important upgrade.

We are launching a "Buy a Brick" campaign which will give supporters the opportunity to have their contribution to the facility upgrade recognised for many years to come.

A single brick will cost \$50 and you can include your name, coaching or playing history, premiership history, years involved or anything that you believe appropriate. Basically it's anything you want to have displayed on the brick.

Be creative and do whatever you want with your brick! Single bricks can have 34 characters and up to 3 lines. You may discuss with the club plans for double bricks or logos (these bricks are more expensive). Hand drawn images are also acceptable.

Thank you so much for your consideration to support this initiative. Without the generous support and members, supporters and the Greta community projects like this would not be possible.

We look forward to having the opportunity to show you what your contribution has achieved.

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Ipod Shuffle Night

Sunday Sips

Trivia Night

Sunday Sips

Ladies Night

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Ball

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### **GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP**

A highly successful Annual General Meeting and nest box building afternoon was spent at the Fifteen Mile Creek School Camp recently. The committee was pleased to see some new faces and to welcome a couple of those to the committee. We thanked outgoing president Phil Gottschling for his contribution to the group and welcomed incoming president Ashley Schreiber.

The committee will have a busy twelve months ahead of it with several funded projects underway or due to commence and we are always open to considering fresh ideas for activities that will enhance agricultural and environmental outcomes for the Greta Valley community.

Our next event will be a nest box monitoring and installation day, date yet to be advised. If you are interested in participating in this day please let the secretary know and ask to be kept informed.

**Don't forget** ... Greta Landcare members can access our \$250 rebate for native plants in a stock free area and equipment for hire at very reasonable rates.

Information on the Greta Valley Landcare Group and future events can be found at <u>http://northeast.landcarevic.net.au/greta-valley</u> or contact; President: Ashley Schreiber, 0409 594 934 or Secretary, David Briggs 5727 6114 Email: <u>greta.valley@landcarevic.net.au</u>



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