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Commemorative Plaque Unveiled at St. Brigid's

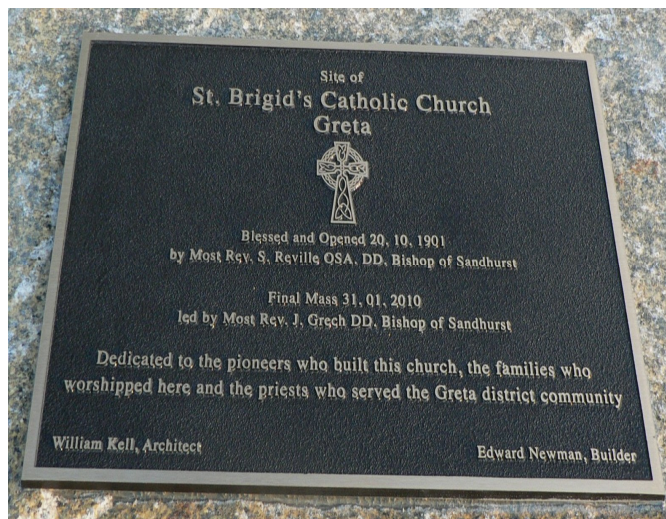
On Sunday May 25th, approximately 50 people witnessed two senior former parishioners June Larkin & Patrick Delaney unveil the commemorative plaque at the site of St. Brigid's Catholic Church Greta.

The crowd gathered outside the churchyard in warm winter sunshine to hear something of the history of the church and pray for parishioners past and present. Angela Mills lit the special Greta candle, commissioned on the occasion of the closing of the church in January 2010. Representatives of long standing church families read the prayers of intercession.

Fr. Mike Pullar, Parish Priest of Wangaratta and Moyhu Parishes conducted the dedication and blessing ceremony and the three Brigidine sisters from Wangaratta were special guests. Members of the Greta Anglican and Uniting Church communities also accepted the invitation to be present.

After the ceremony lunch was served in the nearby Greta-Hansonville Hall and current and former Greta and district residents took the opportunity to enjoy catching up with friends and neighbours. President of the Moyhu Pastoral Council, Donna Richards, welcomed the guests and thanked all who had contributed to making the day such a social success.

If you're driving along the Moyhu-Hansonville Road, near the intersection with Reserve Road Greta, you might pause to inspect the handsome plaque on the tall commemorative stone.



GRETA HERITAGE GROUP NEWS

The Heritage Group are pleased to announce that their application for Centenary grant money has been approved. Their success is one of seven such grants, three of which are in the Wangaratta area. Funds will go towards a war memorial honour board & paved area at the Greta Hansonville Hall.

Details can be found on the Cathy McGowan MP website, the link being as follows:

http://www.cathymcgowan.com.au/indi_anzac_centenary_grants_seven_approvals_a_good_start

Well done and congratulations goes to Noeleen Lloyd, Joan Ellis & Allan Porker for their tireless work.



2014 SILVER CIRCLE

Sunday August 10th 2014

11.00am—3.30pm

\$50 Per Ticket



- 1st Prize - \$2,500 Prepaid Credit Card
- 2nd Prize - \$500 Bet-Easy Voucher
- 3rd Prize - \$200 Fuel Voucher

50th, 100, 150th, 200th & 250th Ticket will get the price of their ticket refunded.

*First three tickets drawn will be the winners but placed in an envelope and revealed at the close of the draw.

Lunch and refreshments provided (beer, wine and soft drink)

from 11am-3:30pm at the Greta Sporting Complex

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Our aim is to have an Access Spot placed regularly in local community newsletters. There is no cost involved for using the articles. We just want the information spread throughout the Hume region to those who need it the most.

Although the internet now allows easy access to up to date information, not everyone has the internet or is able to use it. Also, the internet requires you to have an idea about what it is you are looking for. Many people are required to travel to Melbourne for medical treatment and are unsure of what is the best way to get there or what is available to help them.

Below is a sample of an Access Spot article for the Travellers Aid Medical Companion Service. All the articles have easy to understand information about services which can assist people, as well as contact information.

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Lurg Hall & Reserves Committee Inc

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7.00PM

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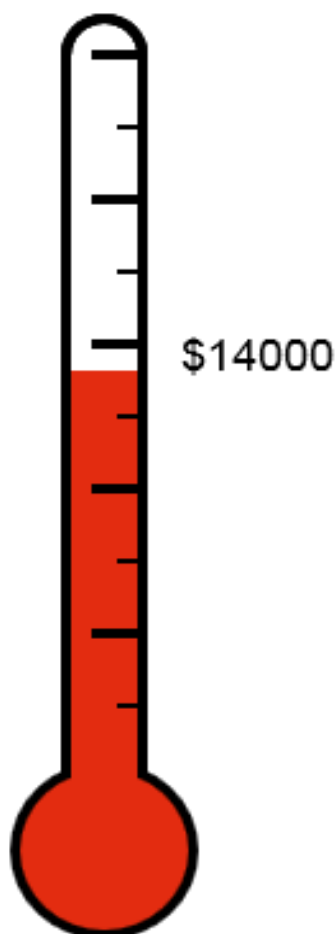
For all your needs contact Ned

'The Gathering Place'

Commemorating the ANZACS from the Greta Valley

The Gathering Place project was recently boosted by the fantastic news that we had been successful in our application for funding from the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

Target: \$25000



This funding means that we are now more than half way towards our goal of \$25,000. This total amount will see the project through to completion. The first stage will include the semi-circle paved area, flag poles and commemorative rock at the front of the Greta-Hansonville Hall. It is anticipated that we will have this area ready in time for Australia Day, 25 January 2015. We are planning a flag raising ceremony for this day.

The second part of the project will focus on the recreation of the lost Hansonville Honour Board; this board will include names of all the soldiers who served from the district. A memorial plaque will be attached to the rock and it is anticipated that a book will complement the Honour Board.

This second part of 'The Gathering Place' project will be unveiled in October 2015, the 100 year anniversary of a farewell held in the district for a large number of recruits.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Cash donations are being sought from the community and local businesses as every little bit helps! If you would like to make a donation please speak to one of the Committee members for further information and payment options.

Allan Porker

Greg & Jane White

Patricia Wadley

Ken & Joan Ellis

Adrian Younger

David Dinning

Noeleen Lloyd

Trevor Dinning

Helen Champlin

Francis O'Brien

Bill McMonigle

DID YOU KNOW?

- That the first shot fired anywhere in the world in WW1 was in Melbourne?
- The First Australian Imperial Force (1st AIF) was formed on 15 August 1914.
- Most of the enlistments from this area occurred in the years 1915-16, however men continued to enlist through to the end of the war in 1918. Men enlisted far from home, wherever they were working at the time.
- The men who enlisted saw action in Egypt, Gallipoli, Palestine, The Somme and the Western Front and fought in all the major battles of the conflict.
- Some of the local men were working in New Zealand and enlisted and fought with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF).
- The first recruit to enlist from the Greta area was Albert (Bert) Lloyd on 2 September 1914.
- By August 1915, 43 men from the Greta District had signed up for 'the great adventure.'
- There were 10 sets of brothers who served; with many cousins, brothers-in-laws, nephews and uncles serving together.
- The first casualty directly from the district was George Goodland, KIA at the battle of Pozieres, France, on 28 July 1916. He has no known grave.
- 11 men would never return; some 'Killed in Action', others died of wounds whilst some would die of diseases such as malaria and pneumonia.
- The Whitehead brothers were killed on the same day, 3 May 1917, at the battle of Bullecourt.
- Men of the district fought hard and valiantly; there were numerous reports of men being 'mentioned in despatches' as well as several Military Medals and two Military Crosses being awarded.
- The women of the district were quick to band together and the Greta Red Cross was formed within a month of the Australian Red Cross being formed.
- The district continued to support the war effort by fundraising for over four years for the war effort and sending parcels to the 'boys.'
- Some soldiers wrote home every fortnight and their letters were published in the local papers. They wrote not only the sad story of war and terrible loss but also of mateship, ongoing commitment and the strong bonds forged by tragedy.

Noeleen Lloyd is researching all of the soldiers from the district and is keen to hear from anyone who has information or photos of family members. Ph 0427276372 noeleenlloyd@hotmail.com