

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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Greta Cemetery Committee

Land for the Greta Public Cemetery was first 'Gazetted' in July 1869. The numbers of settlers in the district had grown, and with the closest cemetery for families to bury their loved ones being Oxley, the need for a local burial ground was evident. Land was selected and an application made to the Government

The first Trustees of the cemetery were made up of two representatives from each of the prominent religious denominations. A public meeting was held at the residence of John Woods and the minutes read ...'**Episcopalians: John Dennett & Henry Ainge, Presbyterians: Duncan Bauchop & John Woods, Methodists: Thomas Smith & John Bryson..... Michael O'Connell and William O'Brien were appointed to represent the Roman Catholic Body.**'

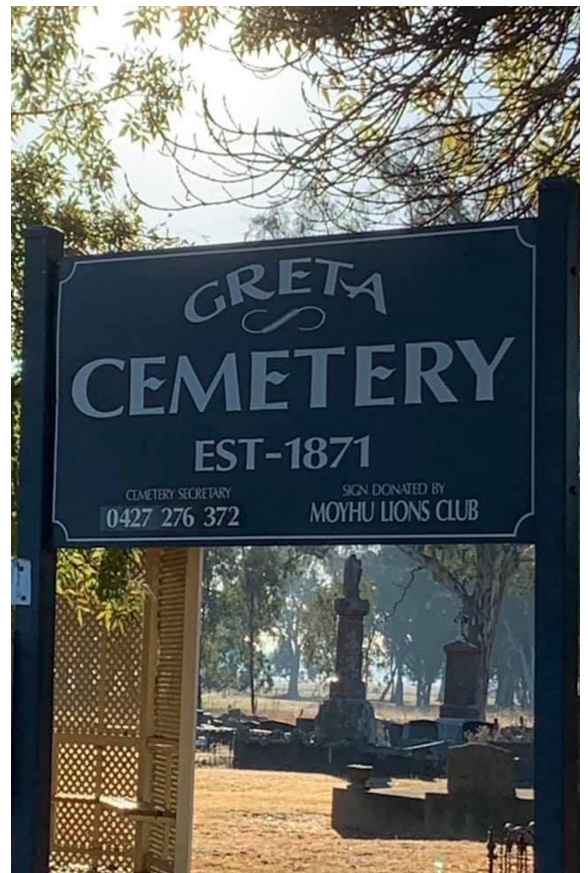
Land was cleared of trees, laid out in sections for each denomination. There was a '**drawing of straws**' to determine which section would be allotted to the four religious bodies. Tenders were called for the fencing and improvements.

The first burial occurred in March of 1871, three-month-old baby, Ellen Gunn, the child of Alexander and Annie (nee Kelly) Gunn.

Life in rural Victoria was full of natural perils. In November 1871, 22-year-old Mounted Constable John Alexander Duff left the Greta Police Station to collect the mail. He was thrown from his horse on the return journey and killed. He was buried in an unmarked grave in the corner of the new cemetery on 11 November. In February 2019, a headstone was unveiled and dedicated in a ceremony attended by family descendants, the Victorian Police Commissioner, local members and many district residents. The Victorian Police Historical Graves Committee placed the headstone.

As visitors walk in the gate, they will notice a monument on the right-hand side, dedicated to the memory of William Petty. Petty joined the Victorian Bush Contingent and went to South Africa to fight in what would be known as the 'Boer War.' He contracted dysentery, died, and is buried in Pretoria, South Africa.

The local community raised money for what is now a recognised war memorial in his name.



The cemetery is the final resting place for veterans from the Boer War, WW1, and WW2. Of note is Joseph Delaney, a WW1 Veteran who was awarded the Military Medal for valour. He returned home and joined the Victorian Police Force. He was killed in the line of duty at Swan Hill in 1923, and his body was returned home for burial at Greta.

Amongst the headstones, visitors will see the names of the pioneers of the district; and a large rock with a commemorative plaque stands at the gates. John Dennett was the first farmer to select land in the newly established Parish of Greta, his large handsome headstone is easy to spot.

By 2020 there were over 600 people buried in the Cemetery, but less than a third have headstones. The cemetery is a 'working cemetery' meaning funerals and burials still occur.

In 2013 Ned Kelly's remains were buried in an unmarked grave. The Cemetery is the final resting place for many of his family and friends and a memorial marker has been placed at the front gate.

Today, the Trust comprises publicly appointed community representatives, all of whom volunteer their time. Of special note is the plaque on the gate to recognise the 50 plus years that Jack Dinning served as Secretary of the Greta Public Cemetery Trust.

The current Trust members are

David Salau – (President) Ken Ellis – (Vice President) Noeleen Lloyd – (Secretary/Treasurer)

John Tanner, (past President Life Member and over 40 years' service)

Anthony Griffiths, Adrian Younger, Peter Ryan, David Dinning, Tony Tanner.

The Trust would like to acknowledge the service of two valued Trust members who died in 2022

- Rex Hartwig (Life member and 51 years' service) and David Tanner (over 10 years' service)

The Trust would also like to acknowledge the valued service of past Secretary Christine (25 years' service) and Neal Magee (Life member and over 30 years' service) who have both retired this year.

The Trust acknowledges the whole of the Greta District Community who assist them with working bees and keeping the Cemetery looking in good shape.

Please contact Noeleen Lloyd on 0427 276 372 for all enquiries related to the cemetery.

On 4th September, Safa Molan from the Rural City of Wangaratta and representatives of the community organizations in Greta met to discuss the possibility of establishing a **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP**.

The focus of the partnership is to build the capacity of the community to cope in times of crisis or disaster such as bushfire, flood, storm, pandemic etc. Of important note under this arrangement, the community determines its priorities according to its own unique needs and situation and is supported by the municipality.

It is well documented that the first 72 hrs during or after a major threat is a period that communities may have to fend for themselves as first response agencies are likely stretched to the limit addressing the threat. We also know that communities that have established networks and have prepared disaster response plans recover more quickly.

Built upon the previous **Greta Community Safety Group**, representatives from the CFA, SES, Uniting Church, Craft Group, Cemetery Trust, Greta Hansonville Hall Committee, Greta Heritage Group, Greta Sporting Complex Committee and Landcare Group discussed many issues and confirmed the need for community-based disaster and emergency planning, with communication issues being in the forefront.

Those present at the meeting agreed to formalize a group and meet again on Thursday 19th October, 7.30pm at the old Greta school next to the fire station, to discuss a name for the group and begin to prioritise ideas and actions.

We need your help! The strength of community-based planning and disaster response is only as good as community commitment. Everyone has something to offer and we invite you to attend the next meeting to share your ideas and/or consider joining the steering group.

If you have any questions please feel free to call David Salau on 0408 387 582. Hope to see you there.



GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the last month/term our Grade 3-6 students have been involved in an intergenerational project at St John's RESPECT. They have visited every Tuesday, each buddied with a resident. They have played games, completed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities, created art and craft and many other activities enabling them to get to know each other. The students have shown great growth throughout this program and a number have been to visit the residents outside the program. This program culminated with a 'Graduation' dinner and speeches at the end of September.

We know both the students and residents will miss their weekly visits but we hope that the students and their families will continue the relationship they have built with each individual.

In Term 4 the whole school is off to Feathertop Camp at Harrietville to do lots of team building and personal growth activities. Stay tuned for those photos in the next Bunyip.

Greta Valley PS will also be having their yearly concert at the Molyullah Hall on Thursday the 12th October at 7pm. The local community is very welcome to attend.

Last but not least, we are currently taking enrolments and offering tours of the school at a mutually agreeable time. If you or someone you know is looking at a fantastic rural school, head them our way for a chat and a tour.



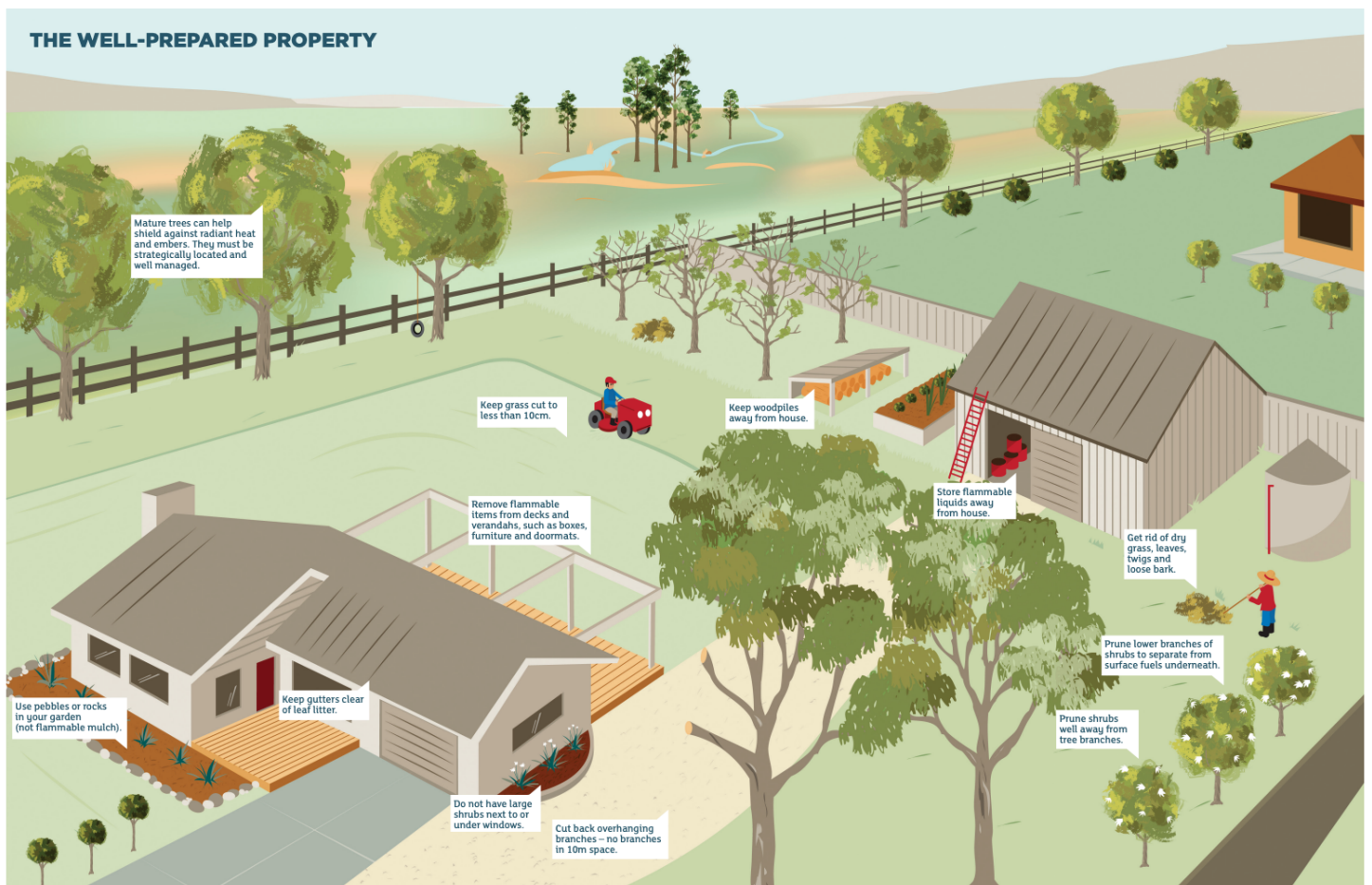


Planning and preparation

Preparing your property means you can reduce the chance of property loss during a fire; even if you plan to leave early. Find more information about property preparation at cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare

- People have lost their homes due to simple things like embers landing on their doormat. Before you leave, move anything that can burn away from your house.
- Do you have family, friends or neighbours who may need help preparing for fires? Talk to them about when they will leave, where they will go and how you can help.
- Have a plan, make sure your family knows it, and stick to it. Don't hesitate when it's time to leave. You could get trapped by fire if you leave too late.
- When planning with kids, make sure you know your local school policy for fire risk days. Some schools will close. It's important to know so you can plan for all situations.

Warnings and information :- more info emergency.vic.gov.au and cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/about-warnings





GRETA CRICKET CLUB

2023/2024



Welcome to the 2023/2024 season. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new and existing members to the Greta Cricket Club.

GRETA CRICKET CLUB - MISSION

To create a family friendly, welcoming, professional club environment focused on development and inclusivity of all players and our broader community. Providing facilities and programs that allow our people to thrive. To play our cricket in a positive, fun, and supportive way developing our juniors at every opportunity.

This season the Greta Cricket Club will be fielding the following sides.

- B grade
- C grade
- U/16's – Damien Currie & Simon O'Brien (Coaches)
- U/14's – Ashley Morris (Coach)
- U/12's – Marc Sealey (Coach)

Training will be held Thursday nights at the Greta Recreation Reserve officially starting for both seniors and juniors on the 5th of October, with juniors starting at 4:30pm and seniors at 5:30pm with a meal and drinks to follow.

Round 1 for seniors and juniors is scheduled to begin on Saturday the 14th of October.

Some key people around the club include the following:

- President – Mick Harvey
- Vice President – John Salafia
- Secretary – Lachlan Alexander
- Treasurer – Marc Sealey & Brad Watt
- Child Safety Officer – Ashley Morris
- Junior Coordinator – Scott Wallace

To all those who want to purchase club merchandise there will be a second round of orders around December-January. Items can be viewed and ordered following the below link.

<https://www.qx3sports.com.au/product-category/team/greta-cricket-club/>

We would also like to acknowledge our major sponsors for the upcoming season. Please continue to support them throughout the season.

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- King River Brewing
- Gino's Automotive
- A & E Weeds
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We wish our members all the best for the season ahead.

GO BLUES!

GRETA CRICKET CLUB - TRAINING WICKET UPGRADE 2023

The Greta Cricket Club was founded in 1948 and celebrates its 75th year in 2023. We have a very proud history of providing Greta and King Valley residents an outlet to display their cricketing talents and bringing the community together throughout this time. After a few tough years through the pandemic we are pleased to be fielding 5 teams in the 2023/2024 WDCA season with 3 junior grades (u12, u14 & u16) and 2 senior grades (B Grade & C Grade).

We are a family orientated club focussing on developing our juniors to see them through to senior ranks and we pride ourselves on playing our cricket in a positive, fun and supportive way.

We are in the process of upgrading 2 of our 3 training pitches at our home ground at the Greta Recreation Reserve which have reached their end of life. This will involve ripping up the existing pitches, laying road base, pouring new concrete pitches with synthetic grass carpet top & line markings. The project will cost approximately \$20-\$25,000 so we are seeking donations to help with the upgrade project and help us provide a facility that our players and community can be proud of.



Please contact the club if you wish to donate or follow this QR code

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE COMING EVENTS

GRETA HANSONVILLE PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE INCORPORATED

Notice is given of a
PUBLIC MEETING
to be held at Greta Hansonville Hall
on **22 October commencing at 10am.**

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for GRETA HANSONVILLE PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE INCORPORATED for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 24 November 2023. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Noeleen Lloyd on 0427 276 372.



19 October & 2 November 2023, from 9.30-11.30am

We are mulching the Landcare plantings at Moyhu along the new walking track and need a few extra helpers.

12 November 2023

Breakfast with the Birds! Come along to Greens Road Reserve in Glenrowan for breakfast at 8.30am followed by a bird watching session from 9-10am with David Smith and Angelina Siegrist from the Sustainable Farms Team ANU. Ring Sally for more information on 0437 136 162. All are welcome.

'Voyage'

You are invited to a show at the Myrrhee Soldiers Memorial Hall. **'Voyage' is a new Australian Musical.**

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Saturday 18th November @ Myrrhee Soldiers Memorial Hall 1736 Benalla-Whitfield Rd, Myrrhee

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THURSDAY 9:45 - 7PM
FRIDAY 8:00 - 7PM
SATURDAY, SUNDAY FROM 8AM

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