

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AT GRETA



Kevin Cooper welcoming the group and participants listening to Brooke Morham singing.



Locals enjoying morning tea in air conditioned comfort.



Kevin Cooper, Ken Clarke, Kris Porker, Brooke Morham and David Dinning

AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR COMMUNITY

David Dinning was the MC on Saturday 26th Jan 2019 at the Greta Australia day event. He welcomed attendees and participants. Kevin Cooper performed the Welcome to Country ceremony and dance after which Brooke Morham entertained the guests with her beautiful singing. Ken Clarke spoke on behalf of the Rural City of Wangaratta Council. The Greta Hansonville Hall Committee provided a fabulous morning tea which was enjoyed while people viewed community photographs and chatted in the new air conditioned hall facilities.

The Greta Cricket Club fields 7 teams, one in each grade – 3 junior and 4 seniors. Home games are played at both Greta and Moyhu as a second ground is required for all these teams. Andy Wheelens and Francis O'Brien look after the pitch and ground at Greta and do a fantastic job. The A grade side recently won the T20 ToxFree Bash for Cash for the 2018 / 19 season which may be the first A grade premiership since the old Sunday social days.

The Greta Valley School now has an enrolment of 55 students. Last year the school introduced collaborative learning which was well received and excited the students. Classes came together, working in groups on a Food and Culture unit, culminating in an information evening for family and friends where children showcased their projects and cooked food from the country they had chosen. As well as providing a full curriculum the school offers the children a broad excursion and sporting choice too. In 2018 the grade 6 children had a 3 day sailing camp and a day at the Grand Prix. The whole school spent 3 days at Echuca learning about Australia's early history, with a visit to the Kyabram fauna park along the way. Throughout the year the school has participated in numerous sporting events with other King Valley schools including their Cluster Athletics Day in Wangaratta and a Melbourne Victory Soccer clinic.

The Greta Sporting Complex suffered major damage in the Dec 2017 storm. The set back certainly slowed the development of the facilities for a while.

With the assistance of insurance and many willing workers the repairs are now finished with pleasing results. The major user groups are still the Football and Netball club and the cricket club. The Complex committee, a committed group of people dedicated to sport and local events, meet the first Thursday of each month. They will be hosting the CFA championships for District 23 in March this year. Anyone can book the complex for events by contacting the committee.

The Football and Netball Club have had a very successful year.

Seven out of eight teams made it into the 2018 Finals Series. The A Grade Netball won the 2018 Premiership (back to back wins) and the under 15's Netball (Baby Blues) won the 2018 Premiership. Greta FNC was recognised in the AFL North East Border's "Outstanding Initiatives" Awards Category. Nine members of the Greta FNC received high accolades at League level ... a massive highlight for the Club. A \$5,000 grant was received for a Verandah around the Netball Change Rooms.

Greta Hansonville Hall

Several successful fundraising events occurred during 2018, most notably the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the publication of the acclaimed Ned Kelly book 'Australian Son'.

The fundraising efforts of the Hall Committee, along with a grant from the FRRR, enabled air conditioning to be installed in the Supper room late last year. Fans will be installed in the Hall proper in the next few weeks.

The Hall is supported by a strong volunteer committee, dedicated maintaining and upgrading the facilities to keep the Hall functional and comfortable.

Greta Cemetery The trust continues to be administered by a group of committed volunteers. The Trust held several working bees during the year, well supported by community members. These working bees will continue to keep the Cemetery looking tidy.

In mid 2018, work started on the long awaited toilet and storage shed facility. This is the first stage of the Master Plan which was developed in consultation with the Greta Community. The facility is due to be finished shortly.

A headstone has recently been placed on the grave of Constable John Duff's, who was accidentally killed in 1871. This is a project of the Police Historical Graves Committee and the unveiling Ceremony will occur on 20 February.

Greta Valley Landcare is a very active group. In 2018 they gained \$168,000 in funding to run events and subsidies on ground works over the next 2 years. They ran 8 field days, planted 1200 trees, installed guards around 400 paddock trees and monitored 10 sites for birds. 4 dams have been stocked with Southern Pygmy Perch.

The Greta Community Safety Group has continued to meet over 2018 with its annual activities culminating in a Community Forum in October. The forum was attended by 33 community members who were addressed by representatives from Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Rural City of Wangaratta, State Emergency Service, Parks Victoria and the CFA. The focus of the forum was to highlight the roles of each agency in emergency management and to highlight the risks associated with the upcoming fire season.

Five property advice visits were conducted by Paul McCallum (Greta Fire Brigade Community Safety Coordinator) as a result of the forum. 2019 will continue to see the roll out of Emergency Contact cards, continued efforts in further recruitment to our community-based team and building community networks

Greta Fire Brigade

It was a great year for the Greta Fire Brigade on the sporting field, winning both Senior and Junior State Championships at Warrnambool in April 2018. It is the first time Greta has won both Senior and Junior Titles in the one year. Sarah and Nathan Hooper took out the senior female and male Firefighter sprints and Beth Evans won the 13 -15 age Female Junior sprint.

Ken & Georgie Manton

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Rangan Park Rio Bravo

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COMMUNITY FORUM
How best to protect our human rights?

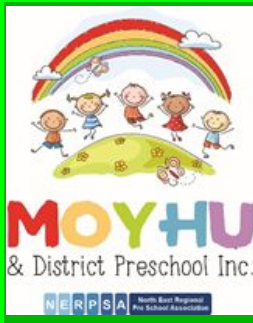
Panel discussion and Q&A session with

Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller - Rector of St. Matthew's Albury
Gillian Triggs - Former President of the Human Rights Commission
Lee Carnie - Human rights lawyer, campaigner and panel discussion facilitator
Teela Reid - Wiradjuri and Wailwan woman, lawyer and human rights advocate

7- 9.30pm Thursday, 14 February 2019
Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre – MDF Alpine Theatre
33-37 Ford Street, Wangaratta, Victoria

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Please join us in a community event to mark the
10th anniversary of the Black Saturday fires

Date: Saturday 23 February 2019
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Bowmans - Murrumbidgee Hall,
Stone Bridge Lane, Murrumbidgee

BBQ meal and non alcoholic drinks provided for everyone
(BYO alcohol)

Live country music, special activities and treats for children
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Please note that in the event of a Code Red Fire Day this event will be cancelled and rescheduled

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Ron Hooper receives Hume Region C.F.A. Life Membership Award.



On Friday October 12th 2018 Ron Hooper was awarded the Hume Region Life Membership at the Gateway Motel. Ron has been a member of C.F.A. since 1956, he was elected as 2nd Lieutenant on 01/07/1981 and two years later elected as 1st Lieutenant. He worked tirelessly beside Captain George Hillas until 1995 when he became Greta's fifth Captain. He saw many changes come in whilst he was Captain and was very well respected in the area. He remained Captain for 14 years until 2009 when Malcolm Dinning took over as Captain. Ron has been active within the Wangaratta Group as 3rd & 4th Deputy Group Officer, Group Delegate and VFBV Delegate. In 2007 he took up the position of Junior Leader to help with the Greta Junior State Championship teams and continues to be an integral member of the District Rural Championships. Ron's enthusiasm and work in the youth area, has not only been a benefit to Greta Brigade but also to Eldorado - when they expressed an interest in establishing a competition team. Ron volunteered his time and experience to help both the Eldorado Junior and Senior teams. Many brigades surrounding Greta have had Juniors join the Greta program and then return to their home brigade and eventually become leaders within their brigade. Ron has worked tirelessly with members to encourage and support them with the Rural and State Championships. He has competed since 1956, seeing many changes in the format and events, and since retiring as a competitor has coached Greta be the State Champions that they are today.



"It's No Too Late"

Whilst Summer is well and truly upon us it is not too late to consider some items that are required by all emergency agencies...Is your property number clear from both directions and can it be easily seen by light at night? Is your gate opening wide enough and drive through access large enough to allow for large emergency vehicles? 3.5m wide is minimum ... 4m better. This should also take into consideration overhanging branches along your drive entry.

From a fire perspective, is there clear access to a water supply on your property? If you have a water tank do you have a CFA compatible (3 thread per inch) male coupling that a fire tanker can hook up to? Finally, many people have done a clean up around their property before summer. Recent thunder and windstorms have left significant amounts of tree debris in gutters, on roofs and around buildings. You may consider a quick re tidy.**If you would like more information please contact our group on 0408 387 582. Greta Community Safety Group**

GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP

DECEMBER NEWS



January has been a hot one and certainly tiring for us all. This constant hot weather reinforces how important shade is in paddocks for your stock - please contact us if you would like to discuss options for increasing shade on your property. We would like to hear from you if you would like to be involved, as we are currently applying for more funding for the group.

PLEASE don't forget to keep your bird baths topped up in this hot weather, as wildlife in our gardens are seeking water and cool areas for respite from the heat too.

Dry Seasonal Conditions Support

In October last year the State Government announced \$25 million in various forms of support for farmers who will be facing difficulties due to ongoing dry seasonal conditions.

Information about the drought support package and a list of support services for Northern Victoria can be found on our website at www.gretalandcare.org.au/Events/dry-seasonal-conditions-support/

A dedicated dry seasonal information board has also been established in the Wangaratta Government Centre foyer where people can pick up brochures and funding information.

Managing your farm water supplies in dry times

Monday 11th February - 6.30 pm @ Moyhu

Greg Bekker from Agriculture Victoria will be available to discuss on farm water issues and strategies to manage your livestock water supply. Now is the time to assess your situation and develop key strategic decisions to manage your livestock water supply in the future.

Light dinner provided from 6pm. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/GVLGfarmwater by Thursday 7th of February. This is a FREE event.

This project is supported by the Greta Valley Landcare Group and the North East CMA through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Queensland Fruit Fly

Warm weather can really increase numbers of fruit fly. Fruit Fly can be successfully controlled right up to April when the weather cools. If you can reduce your population that is present over winter, you will reduce the number of early flies in Spring next year.

Our last shipment of control products for this season includes:

- Male monitoring traps - \$5 per unit
- Female GEL lure & bait stations - \$5 per unit
- Female GEL lure & bait refills (you use your existing yellow housing) - \$3 per unit
- Exclusion netting (6m x 6m) -\$15 per piece

The GEL and baits in the traps have a 3 month lifespan once they are placed in the trap. So if you put up your trap in October, you will need a refill NOW.

Please contact Sally Day our Group Project Officer on 0437 136 162 or sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au for further information about our events or projects.



2019 Greta Football & Netball Club

The Greta Football & Netball Club is looking forward to an exciting 2019 Season. Both the Football and Netball teams have recruited well and the Committee is hard at work to ensure that the Club has a successful year.

The Club especially wants to make sure that all the local community and supporters are kept informed about fixtures, social events and other Club activities. Information can be found on Facebook, in the Greta Bunyip and community announcements on the local radio.

The Club is also in the process of developing a new look Greta Football & Netball Club website which will include current and up to date information, as well as the Club's historical data, plus more.

2019 Coaches

Football

Senior Coach: Greg Newbold

Assistant Senior Coaches: Chris Dube & Josh Bell

Reserves Co-Coaches: Jarrod Franklin & Damiun Cassidy

Netball

A Grade Senior Coach: Lindsey Humphries

B Grade Coach: Emma Hunter

B Grade Assistant Coach: Bec Duryea

B Reserves Coach: Netty Atteridge

B Reserves Assistant Coach: Stacey Emms

C Grade/Under 17's Coach: Warwick Hutchinson

Under 15's Coach: Bree Spasojevic

Membership

If you would like to purchase a Membership Ticket for the 2019 Season, please contact Darren Ross on 0427 081 070.

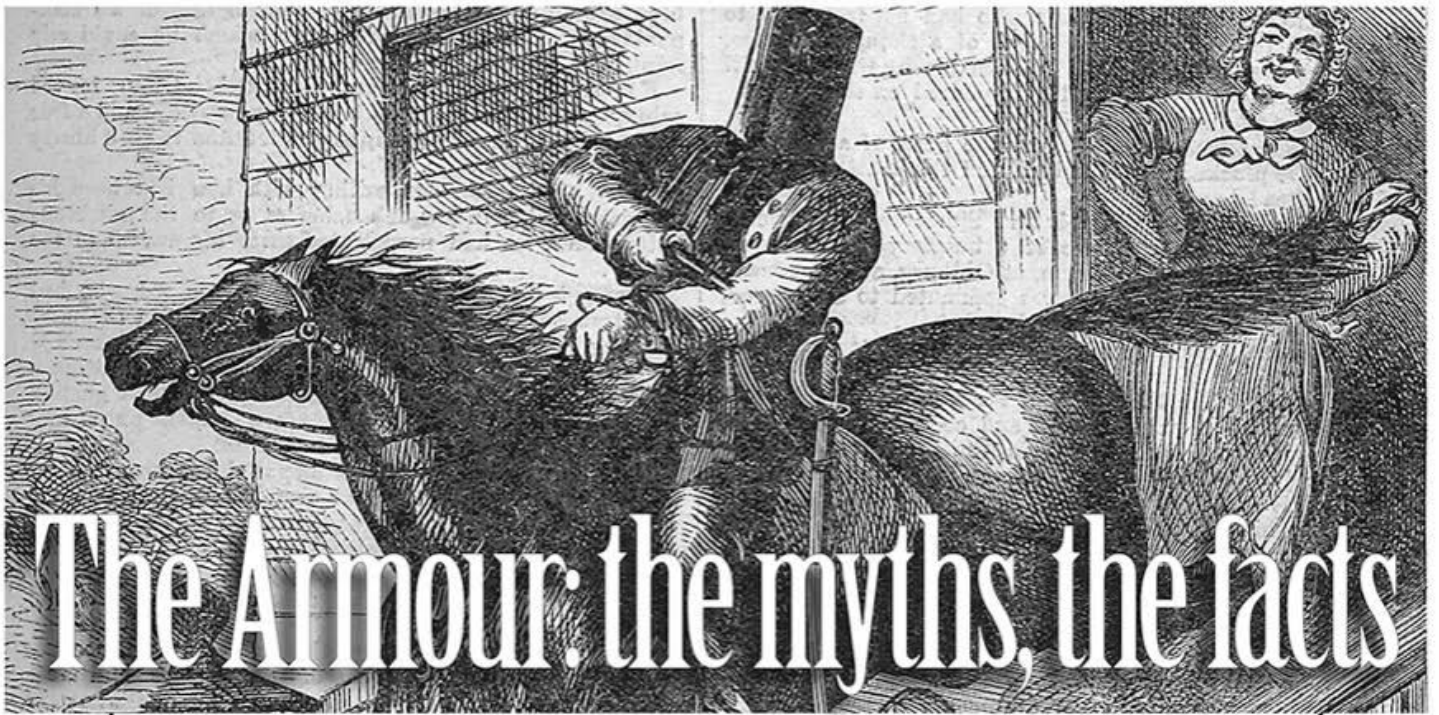
Membership Tickets available include:

- Club Membership
- True Blues Membership
- Past Players Membership

Round 1

The first game for the 2019 Season kicks off on Saturday 30 March ... Greta v Goorambat at home. Look forward to seeing you all there to support the Mighty Blues.

GO BLUES



The Armour: the myths, the facts

Greta Hansonville Hall Committee and IronOutlaw.com presents **The Armour: the myths, the facts** to be held on **Saturday 23 February 2019 from 10am**. The day will be filled with discussions focusing on the Kelly Gang's armour – how it was made, why it was made, and the impact it has had on history, folklore, and popular culture. **Brad Webb** will present a talk on the evolution of Ned Kelly in folklore and how the imagery of the Gang's armour has transcended pop culture on multiple levels from cinema to comic books. Artist **Joe Zapp** will start a Kelly painting as the event begins then, near the end of proceedings, he will discuss the painting: the process and the subject – Ned. Joe will then auction the painting with the lucky winner receiving a one-off signed painting with 50% of the proceeds going to the Hall. Joe has also donated four signed #1 prints from his Ned Kelly series for the silent auction which will also include signed books and other collectable items such as some lovely signed bottles of wine donated by Bob Morrison (so make sure you bring your cheque book or cash). Weather permitting, there will be a demonstration of traditional blacksmithing methods by well known local blacksmith, **Nick Hawtin** who will also be giving a talk on the process of making the armour. Nick owned the famous Rutherglen Forge and has produced some well crafted pieces including replica armours for the Jerilderie Shire (these are still on display and are made to the exact weight and size of the originals). There will also be a number of additional presentations and displays along with a Q&A session. Admission will be **\$25 per person** and includes morning tea and a light lunch. Due to the size of the hall, tickets are strictly limited to a **maximum of 80 seats** (there will be no standing room). Along with a packed hall and program, there will be opportunities to pick up merchandise and maybe take home a prize in the raffle. Most important of all, it's a day where everyone comes together to talk about and debate history, and keep it alive. **All proceeds go to the continued upkeep and refurbishment of the Greta Hansonville Hall**. To reserve your ticket contact Noeleen Lloyd via email on noeleenlloyd@gmail.com

Saturday 23 February 2019

Greta Hansonville Hall, 448 Reserve Road, Greta, Victoria

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information: www.ironoutlaw.com/events