

# The GRETA BUNYIP

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## Successful Greta Heritage Afternoon

Approximately 45 locals, visitors & former residents attended the Greta Heritage afternoon on Sunday Nov. 20, 2011 at the Greta-Hansonville Hall. The focus was on three areas of interest: names for an honour board commemorating district service personnel, information about the original district primary schools & stories about the establishment the Greta-Hansonville Recreation Reserve after the 1952 fires destroyed the Hansonville Hall. The afternoon was the first opportunity for the Heritage Group to establish a resources register of what collections exist in the community. The group is also working towards supplying families with a DVD copy of their collections in the near future.

Sincere thanks go to Bob & Georgina Cusack of the Wangaratta Family History Society who volunteered to bring the society's new scanning equipment out to Greta. Thank you too to Val Brennan for 'behind the scenes' organization, also to Shirley Lloyd and Val McMonigle who prepared & served afternoon tea. A highlight of the afternoon was Colin Graham's story regarding the sale of the judge's box used at the Greta Races & its subsequent modification & daily use by the Graham family. Allan Porker recorded several interviews including one with Bob Fry who assisted with the shifting of the Greta Hall to its present site in 1954. Bob's job "was to hold up the power lines!"

Copies of events recorded in the Benalla & Wangaratta newspapers were displayed around the hall walls, creating much interest for senior residents. George & Lorna Hillas were thrilled to receive the 1954 report of their welcome to the district after their marriage & June Larkin (nee Tanner) was surprised to find a report of the "Greta Younger Set" which raised money to fund soldiers Christmas parcels during WW11.

A continuing mystery is what happened to the Greta District Honour Board, formerly in the Hansonville School. Any updates on 'last seen in the storeroom' would be gratefully received. Noeleen Lloyd & Adrian Younger are currently researching prior to establishing a replacement Honour Board. Protocols for inclusion are strict but the Heritage Group expects obtaining a grant for the board will be comparatively easy.

This year another heritage afternoon is proposed for **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. A focus for the day has not yet been chosen but it will be just 60 years since fire swept through the Greta district with resultant loss of life, homes, stock & property. Any information on this disastrous event would certainly be welcome. Mark the date in your diary & watch the Bunyip & local papers for more information.

The Heritage Group invites people who are interested in the story of our community to keep in touch & become involved. Let us know your ideas so that together we can work to ensure the valuable past & present heritage of this district is recorded & celebrated.

**Refer Page 2 for photos**

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2012

### Thursday 2nd

1st Day of School—Term One

### Saturday 4th

Tatong Market

### Sunday 5th

Wangaratta Speedway

### Thursday 9th

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Saturday 11th

Violet Town Market

### Sunday 12th

Rutherglen Farmer's Market  
Wangaratta Market

### Thursday 16th

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Saturday 18th

Euroa Market  
Moyhu Farmer's Market

### Sunday 19th

Wangaratta Market

### Thursday 23rd

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Saturday 25th

Benalla Market  
Mansfield Farmer's Market

### Sunday 26th

Wangaratta Market  
Wangaratta Speedway

### Wednesday 29th

Greta Valley Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

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## MARCH 2012

### Thursday 1st

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Saturday 3rd

AFL NAB Cup—Essendon vs.  
St.Kilda, Wangaratta  
Tatong Market

### Sunday 4th

Wangaratta Market

### Thursday 8th

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Saturday 10th

Greta Valley P.S White Elephant  
Sale & Market  
Tastes of Rutherglen Festival  
Violet Town Market  
Wangaratta Speedway

### Sunday 11th

Rutherglen Farmer's Market  
Wangaratta Market

### Thursday 15th

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Saturday 17th

Euroa Village Farmer's Market

### Sunday 18th

Wangaratta Market

### Thursday 22nd

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Friday 23rd

Yackandandah Folk Festival

### Saturday 24th

Benalla Market

### Sunday 25th

Wangaratta Market

### Thursday 29th

Greta Valley P.S Playgroup

### Friday 30th

Last Day of School—Term 1



## Heritage Day Photos—Sunday November 20th 2011



Allan Porker interviews Eddie Hooper & Bob Fry



An enjoyable Afternoon Tea



Pat Delaney & Colin Graham

## Greta Valley Landcare News

The Greta Valley Landcare Group is currently looking at a number of funding programs to support future on ground works. Some of the options available at present are – increasing soil carbon/soil health, biodiversity/habitat restoration and pest animal control. If you think you might want to undertake any activities along these lines, or indeed anything else in the coming year you are encouraged to make contact with GVLG committee members.

No firm commitments are necessary but an indication of what landholders are looking for helps enormously with our ability to source financial support for on ground work.

Are you an active Landcare member? Don't forget some of the benefits of Landcare membership include:

Equipment hire including: roto-wiper, spray unit, direct seeder, ripper and pipe layer.

Financial incentives and practical advice for revegetation projects. \$250 for purchase of native plants planted into stock free areas.

**Your Greta Valley Landcare Committee Executive are:**

**President; Phil Gottschling – 5727-6068**

**Vice President: Trevor Dinning**

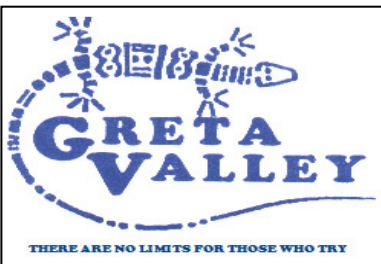
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**Treasurer: Anthony Griffiths**

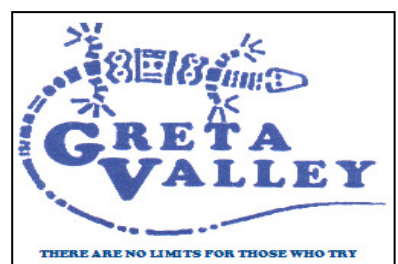
Landcare email: [gretalandcare@greta.vic.au](mailto:gretalandcare@greta.vic.au)



**Greta Valley Neighbourhood Watch**  
Next meeting is scheduled for  
**Wednesday February 29th 2012,**  
**Greta Hansonville Hall @ 7.30pm.**



**GRETA VALLEY P.S.**  
**White Elephant Sale and Market**  
**Sat. March 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, 9.00-12.00**  
**Stall holders invited @\$10.00**  
**Come along and support our local school**  
**Contact Kris or Tina for details, 57 666 344**



# Bill Sykes MP

Member for Benalla

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# FIFTEEN MILE CREEK CAMP, GRETA SOUTH

Everybody knows 15 Mile Creek Camp. It's where you went in grade three and first conquered the flying fox, and where you sat in grade 4, getting drenched under your carefully constructed bush hut as a ruthless teacher poured water over the roof to see how well you had made it.

15 Mile Creek is still where it's always been, nestled between Spring Creek, Middle Creek, and of course, its namesake 15 Mile Creek. But in the last two years lots of changes have been happening in this quiet corner of Greta South. 15 Mile Creek is no longer just a camp. We've teamed up with Bogong Outdoor Education Centre, to become a multi-campus outdoor residential school. Outdoor residential school? That means that 15 Mile Creek has been funded by the Department of Education to resource our campus so that students from all state schools can come to 15 Mile Creek and make the bush their classroom as they explore and learn in the outdoors.

This new structure has been in place since the start of 2010. With help and mentoring from our more established campus and a dedicated staff of 8 teachers and 6 education support staff, 15 Mile Creek will continue to grow and develop, so we can educate and inspire Victorian students for many more generations.

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