

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

May

Wed 11th, 7.30pm Greta Cemetery Trust Community discussion at Greta Hansonville Hall

Mon 23th, 1.30pm CWA Hoy day at CWA Hall Templeton St Wangaratta

Wed 25th, 7.00pm Greta & District Action Group meeting

7.30pm Towards a safer Greta Community Meeting both at Greta Valley P.S.

June

Fri 17th 7.30pm Bird enthusiasts meeting Moyhu Memorial Hall



Greta-Hansonville Hall building turns 100

It was fitting that for a 100 year celebration there were over 100 people make the trip out to Greta. Yes, it was hot, but that didn't stop everyone from coming to spend a few hours with old friends, share stories and partake in an old fashioned afternoon tea - or "supper" as our Hall President referred to it. A massive vote of thanks to Patricia Wadley who runs the kitchen like a well oiled machine with her army of helpers - and to everyone who brought a plate to share. A magnificent effort. Adrian Younger, current Hall President welcomed everyone to the afternoon and spoke briefly about the history of the Greta and Hansonville Halls. He then asked fellow Committee members Ken Ellis and Trevor Dinning to join him as the 100 year "birthday cake" was brought out. These three men are all descendants of the respective founding Greta and Hansonville Hall Committee members. Patricia Wadley, also on the Committee, was asked to actually cut the cake. The birthday cake was a sight to behold - and tasted even better. Thanks to our friend Chris who makes these cakes and donates them and her time to the Greta community. (Chris also made the '56 Poppies Cake' for 18 October last year) Wade Dinning provided our background music - thank you again for that special touch as well as being our general "handyperson" - especially at the end of the day when some people could barely drag their feet. As we wandered around the Hall, people were concentrating on photos and memorabilia and we could hear them telling each other stories. There was lots of laughter and it was wonderful to hear people's memories of the times that they spent both in the Hall and around the district. The day celebrated our rich and varied heritage. The day was chosen to be as close as possible to the original opening on March 17 1916 - how hot would it have been for the ladies in full length dresses and corsets and the men in suits? No air-conditioning then. Today, as it was 100 years ago, the Hall Committee is a small group of volunteers. (New members are most welcome). The Hall has no income other than hiring fees from the small number of functions held - we rely on these and small donations. Our aim is to have air-conditioning and we continue to apply for Government and philanthropic Grants to assist us. Thank you for your ongoing support - we could not continue without it. We would love to hear your suggestions for future gatherings.

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Greta/Hansonville Hall today



From left: Shelby, Mitchell, Ilka, Cody, Jessica, Kate, Logan, Olivia. Absent Thomas.

GRETA VALLEY P.S. GROWING

The local Greta Valley P. S. welcomed 9 preps (Foundation class) in January 2016.

The school has 44 students this year, with Howard Gibson as principal and teaching grades 2 & 3, Cassie Hines teaches grades 4 to 6 and Rosalie DiRamacca teaches the Foundation & grade 1 students. The school offers Italian, Swimming, Music, Art, Library & Science specialist teachers. It has recently entered into an agreement with the Education Department to build a large new learning space so check out the progress as you drive past. Exciting times for a small, thriving rural school.

Open Invitation

from the

Greta Cemetery Trust

to a

Community Discussion

**to aid in the development
of a Master plan
focusing on future amenities**

Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm

Greta-Hansonville Hall

448 Reserve Rd

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Light Supper provided

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New Fence Erected at Greta Recreation Reserve

Most people will have noticed the new fence that has been erected along the front of the local sports ground, from the ticket office back towards Greta West, a length of 152 metres.

Local rural fencing contractor, Geoff White, who donated his time, equipment and skills to achieve an excellent result, erected the fence.

Wangaratta Stock Foods and Farm Supplies donated the material for the project and our thanks go to both these businesses for their generous support of our community.

The previous fence was erected by volunteer labour circa 1954. The new ground for the Greta Football Club and other sporting events, formally known as the Greta Recreation Reserve, was opened on May 1st, 1954. The red gum for the road fence was sourced locally and the red box and stringybark timber for the original oval fence came from Greta West.

The Greta Hall, which was shifted to its present site on April 9th, 1954, was not opened until May 3rd the following year. It was now to be known as the Greta-Hansonville Hall as the two districts combined to have one hall after Hansonville lost their hall in the 1952 bushfire. The project was partially funded by the insurance from the Hansonville Hall. The road fence of course provided security to both the sports ground and the hall.

The successful relocation of both the Greta sporting and social facilities was made possible by landowner Mr Henry Wallace of Hansonville who was a strong supporter of the Greta Football Club and affairs of the Greta district. Mr Wallace agreed to swap 12 acres of his land, the present location of the Greta Recreation Reserve, for 19 acres of land adjacent to the 15 Mile Creek, which was Crown Land and had been set aside for use as a recreation reserve for the Greta district. However, because of its location and limited access, this would never be suitable for such a facility.

The legal document entitled Greta Lands Exchange Bill was introduced into the Legislative Assembly in 1949. Hence plans to relocate the Greta Football Club whose previous home was on the private property of Mr Alec McKenzie, directly opposite the Greta Cemetery, were in place some years before the 1952 fire.

Mr and Mrs Wallace are now long gone but they would be greatly pleased by the enormous and continuing improvement that has brought the Greta Recreation Reserve to what it is today.

Future plans include renewal of the rest of the front fence that runs adjacent to the hall.

Recycling of some of the old fence posts into hat and coat racks for inside the hall foyer is currently under way.

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Proudly working with White Ribbon to create a safer workplace
Australia's campaign to stop violence against women



Benalla Health on the way to becoming an Accredited White Ribbon Workplace

EDITED PRESS RELEASE

Benalla Health is proud to announce that it has been accepted by White Ribbon Australia to work towards Accreditation as a White Ribbon Workplace.

Coinciding with the release of the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence, by joining the White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation Program, Benalla Health provides an example and leadership to other business within Benalla around dealing with Family Violence in the workplace. A recent survey showed that 30% of women in the workplace had experienced family violence. This disturbing statistic impacts negatively on businesses in terms of decreased staff performance and productivity; increased staff turnover and absenteeism. Furthermore it damages the organisation's reputation and image in addition to the serious impact family violence has on women, children and families affected.

The White Ribbon Statement of Commitment signed by Janine Holland the Chief Executive of Benalla Health and Libby Davies, Chief Executive Officer of White Ribbon Australia, states that Benalla Health is committed to:

Encouraging greater understanding, knowledge and action around violence prevention within Benalla Health for the benefit of both the employer and all employees;

Demonstrating that Benalla Health recognises violence against women as a human rights issue that must be addressed in the workplace and

Participating in the White Ribbon Accreditation Program for the purpose of gaining accreditation as a White Ribbon Workplace.

Why is domestic and family violence a workplace issue?

In Australia, approximately one woman is killed by her current or former partner every week, often after a history of domestic and family violence.

- 17% of women have experienced violence from a current or former partner since the age of 18 (compared to 5.3% of men).

Domestic and family violence is not just a private or personal issue. When an employee is living with domestic and family violence, there are often very real costs and negative impacts that flow on to the workplace.

Economic costs:

- In the 2008/09 financial year, the cost of intimate partner violence to the Australian economy overall was estimated to be \$13.6 billion.
- If no preventative action is taken, this cost is projected to rise to \$15.6 billion annually by 2021/22.
- \$456 million of this \$15.6 billion will be borne by employers and \$609 million will be borne in productivity losses.

If you would like to know more about how you can make a difference in the workplace, contact Neil Stott, Director of Community Health and White Ribbon Ambassador, on 5761 450

TOWARDS A SAFER GRETA COMMUNITY

It is well documented that communities who have considered their risks and planned for emergency or disaster events, cope with and recover more quickly after an event than those that have not.

Emergency Management Victoria, (the peak body in Victorian for overseeing emergency management arrangements), recognises that safety is a shared responsibility between communities, emergency services, local government and other support agencies.

Recently, many local community groups have been addressed about the concept of establishing our own community safety group. The idea has been favourably received and has the endorsement of the CFA, and the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Community ownership of the planning process is essential for strong, local adoption of plans. It is important to note that community plans do not take over the roles of emergency services and other support agencies. Rather, the community developed plan provides the basis for emergency services and local

government to work together with communities in times of crisis in ways that best support the unique needs of each community.

It is inevitable that at some time in the future the Greta district will be visited again by significant emergency events such as fire, flood and storm. The 1952 fires, 1993 floods and recent violent storm activity are testament to this.

The next step is to gather a team of interested community members to discuss the formation of a community safety group. You do not have to be a member of an emergency service to become involved. You may represent one of the active community groups in Greta or come along as an individual community member interested learning about and sharing your knowledge and interests in community safety.

A get-together has been planned for Wednesday 25th May at the Greta Valley Primary School at 7.30pm. In this instance the meeting is being hosted by the Greta and District Action Group.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information, please contact David Salau 0408 387 582.

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hospital.

You can prevent falls in your own home by:

- Reducing clutter around the home
(eg. electrical cords are out of the way)
- Wearing properly fitting footwear
- Having your vision and hearing tested regularly
- Discussing any dizziness, balance or memory concerns
with your GP
- Being aware of the possible side-effects of your medications,
as some increase the likelihood of falls
- Consulting with a physiotherapist for strength and balance
exercises to prevent falls and improve your mobility
- Considering an Occupational Therapist to assess your home
to improve safety.

For example:

- Handrails in the toilet / shower
- Use of shower chairs and commode chairs
- Improving lighting around your home
- Removing loose mats, consider non-slip flooring surfaces in
the home.



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GRETA FIRE BRIGADE:

Victoria's Best of the Best.

After competing in the three local Championships
and winning the N.E. Zone trophy Greta fire
Brigade travelled to the State Rural Championships
at Colac in April.

The team oriented events use tanks, pumps, hoses
and ladders to simulate many of the tasks
firefighters undertake.

District 23 was well represented by Eldorado,
Greta, Moyhu and Springhurst brigades.

On Saturday the 2nd of April 2016 Greta A
competing in Division 'A' flew out of the blocks
taking first place in the Low Down Pump and
Ladder, with Greta B coming second. Greta A then
went on to win a further two more first places, a
second place and a third place, breaking the State
record that had been held for six years in the
Hydrant and Tanker event. Greta B bringing home a
first place in the Pumping,

priming and Ladder event, and two second and two third
places.

Greta A won the Division 'A' aggregate with Greta B coming in
third place. Nathan Hooper from Greta won the senior male
sprint.

On Sunday the Greta Juniors competed and the 11-13 year
team won the Hydrant and Tanker event and received two
second places and one third place. The 11-15 year team
received one third place. The 11-13 year team won their age
group aggregate and came third in the Championship Team on
a count back from Springhurst and Ascot.

Logan White from Greta won the 11-13 year old sprint.



Greta Valley Landcare Group – April News

We have funding to **protect scattered paddock trees** in our catchment through fencing and providing native tube stock to establish understorey shrubs. We are looking to identify 50 large paddock trees through this first round of funding and also protect approx. 60 young trees. Paddock trees will be selected based on their health and their proximity to blocks of nearby native vegetation. Please contact Sally Day if you are interested in being a part of this fantastic initiative.

Farm Chemical Users (full/refresher) & 1080 bait training Courses. Did you know your Farm Chemical Users course requires a refresher after 5 years? You will also need this training if you wish to acquire an ACUP (Agricultural Chemical User Permit) for use of restricted supply or restricted use chemicals. Our Group has funding to provide this training at a heavily subsidised cost through GOTAFE. Training will be run over two days for the full course, or one day for the refresher. Training held locally in Moyhu on two Sundays during July (date to be advised). Each participant will be required to pay just \$50 towards course cost (usual fee is \$200-\$300 depending on course type), lunch included. Please ring Sally ASAP to register for this course, as we are limited to a maximum of 25 participants.

For all bird watching enthusiasts! The Swamps, Rivers and Ranges Project are funding the setup of 10 long-term bird monitoring sites across the Greta Valley. The sites will be initially set up by Chris Tzaros, who is an accomplished wildlife ecologist and bird photographer. We are looking for interested community members to help with the monitoring program. There will also be a short discussion about the impacts of Indian Myna birds and demonstration of our new Myna traps. Planned meeting at the Moyhu Memorial Hall on **Friday the 17th of June at 7.30pm**, supper provided. Contact Stephen Routledge at rout@netc.net.au for more information.

Don't forget that now is the time to control your **Blackberries** and undertake **Rabbit** control, including baiting or fumigation. Following some rain, it will also be a suitable time to rip any warrens on your property. Our **next meeting** will be held on Wednesday the 1st of June from 7.30pm at the Greta South primary school. Visitors to our meetings are warmly welcomed. Come along to hear about some of our latest projects and planned events.

For more information contact Mary Anderson (Secretary) on 0438 537 462 or greta.valley@landcarevic.net.au or Sally Day (Project Administration Officer) on 0437 136 162 or sally.day@landcarevic.net.au

Greta Cemetery Trust News and Master Plan

The Greta Cemetery Trust team has for some time been considering the need for the provision of a toilet amenity for use by both mourners and members of the visiting public.

Over the last six months we have been actively pursuing our options both in facility design and funding opportunities.

We have received overwhelming support for the concept by neighbours, members of the public, neighbouring churches, cycling groups and the Greta CFA. A recent meeting with the Rural City of Wangaratta also endorsed the provision of a toilet facility.

At this point, financial challenges provide the greatest hurdle and it has been confirmed by Trust members that we seek funding from Cemeteries and Crematoria Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services via submission in November of this year.

In order to plan effectively for this project, the Trust has decided to undertake the development of a master plan that will include the toilet facility as the primary focus and with the possibility of consideration given to other amenities such as a memorial wall and maintenance equipment shedding. When pursuing funding opportunities, the "master plan" and the development process will add extra weight to our submissions. The Cemetery Trust maintains and manages the affairs of the cemetery on behalf of the Department of Health and Community Services and the local community. When developing our master plan it is really important that we take into consideration the views of our local community therefore you are invited to attend the public meeting on Wednesday 11th May, 7.30pm at the Greta Hansonville Hall to share your ideas for improvement.

Please refer to the invitation in this edition of the Bunyip.

CWA Hoy Day is to be held on May 23rd at the CWA hall in Templeton Street, Wangaratta (between King George gardens and 3NE), starting time 1.30pm. Entry \$5.00 plus raffle tickets available at \$1.00 each. Good prizes.

What is a Hoy Day? It is like playing Bingo with cards. A 52 card pack is divided between 4 players and the caller draws cards at random from a full pack. If all your cards are called out, you shout "Hoy" and receive a prize. It's easy and it's fun. Even if you don't win a game, you still get a prize at the end of the day, then enjoy a delicious afternoon tea supplied by your diligent CWA ladies. Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Val McMonigle on 57662382 or email:valbillmc@bigpond.com

