

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

April

- Sat 21st** - Craft Group, 10.00am - 3.00 pm
Greta Hall,
- GFNC 25 Year Reunion, Greta
Sporting Complex
- Silver Circle, 6.00 - 9.00 pm

- Fri 27th** Harry Bussell, Community connection
Greta Hall, 4.00 - 6.00pm

May

- Mon 7th** Friends of the Bunyip Meeting
Greta Valley P.S. 7.00pm

- Thur 10th** Mother's Day dinner, 6.30pm
Greta Sporting Complex

- Fri 18th - Sun 20th**
Supercars, Winton Supersprint

June

- Fri 29th** Harry Bussell, Community connection
Greta Hall, 4.00 - 6.00pm



**Come and celebrate our Mothers
at the
Greta Football and Netball Club**

**Invite your Mothers to a delicious two
course dinner
on Thursday 10th May from 6.30pm
at the Greta Sporting Complex**

**\$12.00 per head
including a glass of wine for the mothers**



GRETA HANSONVILLE HALL NEWS

The Hall has been successful in obtaining a grant for \$4120 to assist with installing a split system air conditioner in the Supper Room and ceiling fans in the Hall proper. This Grant was made possible through the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR). With this funding and money from fundraising we will be able to complete the project before next summer.

On 1 April Mandy Grinblat, from the FRRR visited the Hall to see how the funds would be spent. She was interested in the 'The Gathering Place', as this project was also made possible with the assistance of the FRRR. The 'Gathering Place Project' completed by a combined committee of the Greta Hansonville Hall, Greta Heritage Group, and the Greta Sporting Complex, is used as a Case Study by the FRRR on their website. Our project is used to demonstrate how small seed funding is able to be used to secure further monies and bring larger projects to completion. It highlights communities working together.

Mandy was full of praise for the unique qualities of the Hall, and offered great advice and tips to ensure that we remain sustainable and for generations in the future. She placed photos on the FRRR website to showcase the Hall and the Greta district.

All of this publicity is great for our local area and raises the profile of our community.



Greta Football & Netball Club

**25 Year Reunion for 1993 Football & Netball Premiership Teams
Saturday 21st April 2018**

All former football and netball players who represented Greta in the 1993 teams are warmly invited to catch up with old friends during the Greta versus North Wangaratta game at the Greta Sporting Complex.

Don't miss this great opportunity to share happy memories of past glory!!



Greta Football and Netball Club

SILVER CIRCLE

MAJOR PRIZE: \$5,000 Voucher

WHEN: 6.00pm - 9.00pm on Saturday 21st April 2018

COST: \$50.00 per ticket

Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks Provided

Come & enjoy a fun night

with Spinning Wheels & Other Raffles

Contact the Club for tickets



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Federal Member for Indi
Cathy McGowan AO MP 117

Letter to the Editor - Senate inquiry into access to mental health services in regional and remote Australia
Thursday, 29 March 2018

Dear Editor

This week I spoke in Parliament about the Senate inquiry into access to mental health services in regional and remote Australia.

I encourage residents, organisations, and mental health professionals in Indi with experience in this field in North East Victoria to have their say and make a submission. The inquiry will investigate the challenges of delivering mental health services in regional areas and how technology may assist.

Submissions to the inquiry close on 11 May 2018.

To have your say, visit the Committee page and click the link to upload a submission:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/MentalHealthServices

Kind regards

Cathy McGowan AO MP

Independent Member for Indi



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Meet with Harry Bussell, Rural City of Wangaratta Councillor Southern Ward.

Harry has offered to meet with Greta community members. Residents will have the opportunity to speak with Harry about any local council issue that is of concern.

Harry has mentioned his concern about the draft wastewater strategy that is currently out for public comment. This strategy includes the plan to make an annual charge to all residents with a septic tank, to enable yearly inspections. He would value your comments.

Harry will be at the Greta Hansonville Hall on Friday April 27th and June 29th from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Friends of the Bunyip Meeting

Each year the small team of Bunyip workers calls a meeting inviting "Friends of the Bunyip" to attend. Any interested individual can consider themselves a friend, so you are invited.

The meeting will be at the **Greta Valley P.S. on Monday May 7th at 7.00pm.**

If you have an interest in the Bunyip, some suggestions or feedback please come along.

The financial report will be presented.

Hoping to see you there. Kris

GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP APRIL NEWS



We would like to thank and welcome on board Mawsons Quarries of Glenrowan as our first official Group Sponsor for 2018. We appreciate their financial support and would encourage our members to support their business in return.

What's happening in our catchment

- Still not too late to spray your Blackberries before they go into winter dormancy
- Good time to get the hoe out to control Bathurst Burr and Melons in your paddocks
- Give thought to any forward orders for tree planting or seeds and talk to your supplier in advance to ensure orders can be filled
- Watch out for paddock tree seedlings when it finally rains after the long dry spell and pop a tree guard over them to protect them. Natural seedlings establish faster than planted tube stock.



EVENTS 2018

Spectators Welcome

APRIL

6th, 13th, 19th & 27th - Test & Tune Cars – open to public for testing

3rd & 23rd – Test & Tune Bikes only – open to public for testing

5th & 26th – Performance Test Day – Race Team testing

2nd – FUN DAY – Come and Drive Family Day

7th – PEDDERS “NO BULL” SPRINT SERIES Round 2

8th – BENALLA CRUISE N SHINE/TRACK DAY

14th – CRAWLIN THE HUME

20th-22nd – 24 Hour of LeMons

MAY

4th, 11th & 24th - Test & Tune Cars – open to public for testing

3rd – Careers Expo

18th – 20th – SUPERCARS – WINTON

SUPERSPRINT

26th & 27th – AUSTIN 7 HISTORIC WINTON

JUNE

1st, 8th, 22nd & 28th - Test & Tune Cars – open to public for testing

5th – Supercars Test Day

6th – Performance Test Day – Race Team testing

16th & 17th – Vic State Racing Series

20th – Hume Cross Country Championship

23rd - PEDDERS “NO BULL” SPRINT SERIES Round 3

29th & 30th – Hi-Tec Drift Series Round 2

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Greta Valley Landcare Group Website – launched!

Our new website is up and running, with all the information that you need to help you with your rural property. Equipment hire for members, lots of useful resources and links, details of our events, projects and how to join up, it's all there! Please check it out at www.gretalandcare.org.au

Native Bee workshop notes

If you missed our ‘pollination in agriculture & native pollinators’ workshop at our AGM late last month, we had three great flyers to hand out. Request a copy by email by contacting sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au

EVENTS

Bird Monitoring – Autumn Round on weekend of 20-22nd April

Autumn Bird monitoring for our 10 sites are coming up for all our budding birdlife enthusiasts - Friday 20th (Glenrowan sites), Saturday 21st (Greta West & Hansonville), Sunday 22nd (Hansonville) and Tuesday 24th (Myrree). Please contact Cate Geard for more information about times for each site on birdmonitoring@gretalandcare.org.au or by calling 0401 307 082.

PROJECTS

Protecting scattered paddock trees

Do you have a big old paddock tree that you would love to see live for future generations? I am currently inspecting prospective sites for fencing and planting this winter. Please get in touch as soon as possible to discuss your possible sites so that we can include them in our program.

MEMBERSHIP

We are keen to welcome new members to the Group. Membership for 2018. It costs \$25 for the year and renewal notices are currently being sent out for this year. We have a large range of equipment for hire (some free, some at a daily rate), have the capacity to offer advice on many aspects of natural resource management and are keen to help seek funding for your on-farm projects.

Please download an application form from our website at www.gretalandcare.org.au/become-a-member/

We are also seeking donations to help our group cover our running costs and provide services to members. So if you can help us with a donation or would like to join please get in touch! Please contact Sally Day our Group Project Officer on 0437 136 162 or sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au for further information about any projects or events.



**JOIN US AT THE GRETA HANSONVILLE HALL
448 Reserve Rd GRETA**

Cost \$5 - for tea, coffee & biscuits

- **BYO lunch and snacks.**
- **BYO QUILTING/SEWING/KNITTING/SCRAPBOOKING ETC**
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SATURDAY 10am-3pm - 21 April, 19 May, 16 June.

70th Anniversary of the Publication of Max Brown's 'Australian Son'

Greta Hansonville Hall, Saturday,

24 February 2018

It has been 70 years since Max Brown published his acclaimed work 'Australian Son' - and nowhere else, except Greta, would be fitting to hold the celebration.

It was standing room only, with the Hall filled to capacity on Saturday 24 February. A mix of locals and visitors from around the state filled the seats. Many had never been to Hall - or even knew it existed.

Brad Webb, Publisher (NCS) and creator of Australia's Number one website - Ironoutlaw.com and Editor (and published Author) Chester Eagle were the keynote speakers.



Brad Webb

Guests were provided with morning tea on arrival and the opportunity to purchase a hardback copy of 'Australian Son'. Most took the opportunity it signed by the publisher and the editor.

The day was not about Ned Kelly - despite him being the subject of the book. This was about the book itself, the man who wrote it - how it was received in 1948 and why it is seen as a Classic.

The day comprised of talks on Max Brown himself, his personal history and how and why he wrote 'Australian Son'. Brad spoke on Brown's early life and how the author had intended to publish an expanded version, including material he had previously been forced to edit. However, he died before he could complete the revision and left numerous copies of revised chapters and notes. Brad Webb as Publisher worked with Chester Eagle, a good friend of Brown's, to edit the hundreds of pages into the new version.

Two chapter readings - 'The Fitzpatrick Affair' (Alan Crichton) and 'The Gallows' (Noeleen Lloyd), gave the audience a taste of hearing the work read aloud.



Chester Eagle

'Australian Son' is held in high regard and is now seen as an Australian Classic. The audience participated in some question and answers with Brad and Chester after the formal part of the programme, and were able to continue discussions over lunch.

A huge Thank You to Brad Webb for his generosity - his and Chester's support enabled the Hall Committee to host the day; significant funds (almost \$1400) were raised which will assist with the air conditioning.

Chester Eagle donated a copy of his work 'The Armour' to each guest - and said that he was delighted to be in our part of the world - we were delighted to host him if only for a short while.

Feedback received was overwhelmingly positive - so much so that an annual event is being considered. With a different, but equally interesting theme related to this part of Greta's history.

Photo Credit - the amazing Kevin Lee.



Replica of Ned's Armour

We would love more local human interest stories. Please forward them, with the permission of the subject, to gretabunyip@gmail.com



The Greta Football Netball Club 2018

The Greta Football and Netball Club would like to extend a warm welcome to all our coaches, players, members, supporters and sponsors, both old and new, and look forward to a very successful 2018 season.

Our Seniors Coach, Greg Newbold writes:
Season 2018 is upon us and our club is well prepared to be an improved outfit from last season. The group have completed a strong pre-season and with some solid practice match performances.
Welcome to all returning players with a special welcome to the new players and their families. As of writing this report the only transfer out was Cameron Newbold, who has returned to Seaford near where he lives. The retention of players from last year is a very positive reflection on our club, the values we stand for and the community spirit present.

From a playing perspective, we will continue to strive to produce consistently good quality, team first competitive games and give our members and supporters a great deal of pride and hope.
Best wishes to our football coaching group, Chris Dube, Dan Cassidy, Justin Triffitt and Jarrod Franklin. Good luck to the Netballers who will no doubt have a good season across all grades and also to the Southern Suns led by Cohan Vincent.

In the Reserves, Jarrod Franklin and Justin Triffitt will again be Co Coaches for the 2018 season. The two will work closely with the Senior Coaches to ensure the fitness and brand of football played by the Reserves is aligned with that of the Senior side.

A word from the Reserves Coaches:

In addition to all of our returning players, we will be welcoming a number of new players to the Reserves side. We aim to continue to build on the improvement the side showed in 2017 and we are looking forward to putting a strong side on the park each week, finals will again be our aim. As always, we will be on the lookout for some help throughout the season, so if you would like to offer some help it will always be appreciated.

Kevin Naish (Greta FNC President) writes:
Welcome everyone to another year of Ovens & King thirds competition:

The Greta & King Valley Football and Netball Clubs are very fortunate to have the likes of Cohan Vincent at the helm as Coach once again. He will be ably supported by Steve Stone as his assistant.

We have retained most of last year's list and added a few new faces to the group and I'm sure Cohan would like to have another crack at the flag this year. Being runners up last year to a strong Tarrawingee team was no disgrace with the lads learning a huge amount from the experience and wanting to go that one step further, but we must work hard as a group and get some wins on the board first.

To the parents, new and old, please acquaint yourselves to the coaching staff, team managers or Presidents Dave Gallo (King Valley) & Kevin Naish (Greta). We are always looking for off field support from you so the season flows a lot easier. Many hands make light work and it's a terrific opportunity to meet different people while supporting your lads in their sport.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors that put their hands in their pockets and support us, it is greatly appreciated.

Lindsey Humphries will again be the A Grade Coach, with Deb Reidy as Team Manager. Lindsey writes:
The A Grade team will step out looking slightly different to the Premiership winning team of 2017. We welcome the inclusion of Loren Gathercole to the club and Kyra Vernon to the A Grade squad after playing back to back Grand Finals in B Grade. We step out this season keen to build on last season's success as a club, but with the new combinations present we know we have to work hard from start to finish. We cannot afford to take any team lightly and will look to play strong consistent netball throughout season 2018.
Congratulations to all players representing Greta Football and Netball Club in 2018, let's work hard to make it a successful season on and off the field.

We welcome B Grade Co Coaches Kelly Smith and Loren Gathercole, who write:

With a new look Greta B Grade side, the girls have been on the training track for the last few months working hard in order to be fit and ready for 2018. We are keen to get the girls out onto the court to continue working at making their game stronger with lots of new combinations and new faces around the side.

We welcome back after a few years off due to injury Kelly Smith and also Allyson Naish, back from having a baby.

Matilda Porter and Melissa Way strengthen our defense end of the court, whilst Elissa White welcomes Alannah Grant to join her in the shooting circle after a couple of years in the Ovens and Murray.

Lauren Torpey is fitter than ever after putting in the hard yards over the off season and to round up our team, Milly Mathewson and Emma Hunter are new to the Blues for 2018 and look set to add plenty of dynamics to the team.

We welcome Kyra Vernon & Stacey Emms as B Reserve Co Coaches, who write:

The Greta B Reserve girls have been training hard and put in a solid pre-season. The girls are looking forward to the season ahead and continuing on from their great finals campaign last year. The girls are hoping to build and develop skills and work together to try new plays. A great mix of experience and youth will be an asset and position flexibility is also a strength heading into the opener.

We also welcome Warwick Hutchinson as Under 17's Coach. Warwick writes:

Greta Under 17's are looking forward to the season. Experienced shooters Ashlyn Bear and Chloe Hutchinson return, as do the ever-improving Jasmine Shanley and Eliza Lewis, and the speedy mid-courter Chelsea Currie. They are joined by two very versatile and talented players from last year's Under 15's team, Tyler Currie and Reese Young, along with Anna Martin from the Greta Development Squad, who will surprise many with her ability. We also welcome the highly skilled and underrated Kyra Bell to Greta. Overall a well balanced team of eager and positive young ladies who each can play in several positions.

Melissa Way will again be the Under 15's Coach, with Taylah Reidy as Assistant Coach. Melissa writes: The 2018 season kicked off with a Good Friday bout against local rivals Moyhu. The Baby Blues have lost a couple of players since last year, some aged out and others have moved on, but there is still a core of last year's team. Pre-season has been going well with lots of giggles and plenty of running. With a few fresh faces and new combinations, the Greta Under 15's are going to offer a lot to the competition. Taylah Reidy as Assistant Coach will add a new depth to the team and their trainings. Good luck Baby Blues!

All the very best to Greta and the Southern Suns in 2018.

The Greta Football and Netball Club is fortunate to have Kevin Naish at the helm as President, once again. The Committee and Volunteers have worked tirelessly during the off-season to prepare for the 2018 Season. A big thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication to the Club. If anyone is interested in helping in any way, it would be very much appreciated.

Membership Tickets are now available from our Treasurer Darren Ross.

Upcoming Events:

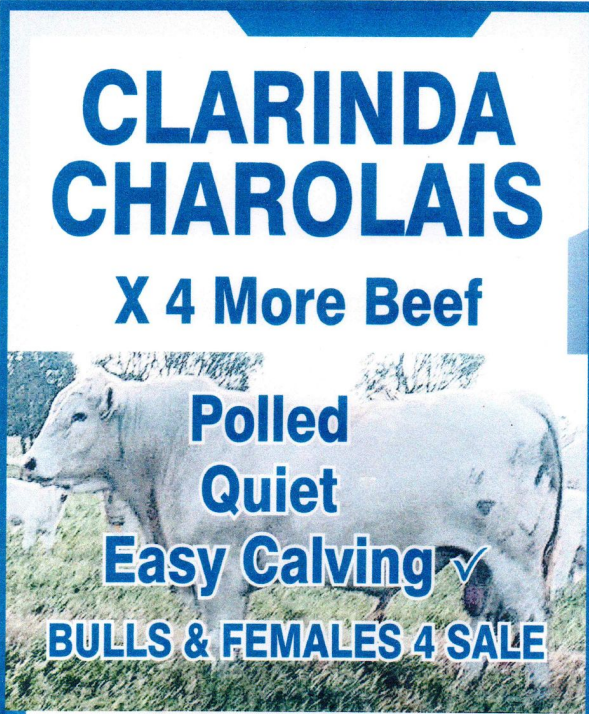
Saturday 21 April 2018:

- **25 Year Reunion (Football & Netball Premiership teams)**
- **Silver Circle evening at the Greta Sporting Complex.**

Thursday 10 May 2018:

Mother's Day Dinner at the Greta Sporting Complex.

***** Everyone is welcome to join the players for dinner after training every Thursday night *****



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North-East Victoria “All Emergencies” Community Day 2018

Saturday 6th October

10am to 2pm

Moyhu Recreation Reserve,
Bartley Street, Moyhu



All funds raised on the day go back into the community for emergency projects and equipment.

Highlights

Features:

- Food and drinks
- Games and activities
- Demonstrations and displays
- Emergency vehicles

And much more....

