

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

July

Sat 9th 5.30pm GFNC Community Night

August

Wed 3rd 7.30pm Meeting Greta & District Safety, Emergency & Disaster group.

Mon 15th Due date for Bunyip items



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HANSONVILLE RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE

For those who don't know, the Hansonville Reserve is along Banksdale Rd, south of the old Hansonville school site. Look left as you travel south and you will see the old tennis courts. The committee are proposing to place a historic information board on the site. The reserve has been in operation for 100 years and although the facilities are not in active use now, it has a long, local history. The committee is hoping to gather photos, documents or verbal information about the reserve. Much of this has been lost over the years and it is hoped private collections might help. If you can offer any of these please contact David Dinning on 57 276 355.

Greta and District Community Safety Group

A number of community members met recently to begin to formalise the direction and focus of our activities. We have resolved to consider an appropriate name for the group and prepare a clear statement describing what we want to achieve when working with the community proactively preparing for, responding to and recovering from safety, emergency and disaster events. It was clear from discussion that we wish to work respectfully with other existing community groups and networks in ways that will strengthen community connections resulting in a safer, resilient community.

We have a great team of people on board who will be able to share a tremendous amount of expertise and knowledge. We wish to grow our team and recognise that everyone in the community has something valuable to share and we invite you to become part of the group.

Our next meeting is being held 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd August. If you would like to come along please contact David Salau 0408 387 582.

David Salau on behalf of the team...

Allan Porker, Paul McCallum, Keryn Bolte, Daniel Ripley, Rhys Evans



GRETA FIRE BRIGADE

“ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES”

Did you know....

If you don't have a working smoke alarm installed in your home, and a fire occurs you are 57% more likely to suffer property loss and damage?

you are 26% more likely to suffer serious injuries?

you are four times more likely to die?

All smoke alarms contain a battery, need to be tested regularly and need to be replaced after ten years.

Why should I have a smoke alarm?

When you're asleep you lose your sense of smell. A smoke alarm is your electronic nose. It will alert you if there is smoke from a fire.

A small fire can grow to involve an entire room in 2-3 minutes. A smoke alarm provides early warning and time to escape.

Since 1st August 1997 Victorian law states that smoke alarms (complying with Australian Standards AS 3786) must be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses.

If you installed a smoke alarm on or prior to the above date it has now reached the end of its life.

You should immediately consider replacement.

There are two types of smoke alarms.

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Ionisation... detects particles of smoke from fast flaming fires

ALL FIRE SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA RECOMMEND PHOTO-ELECTRIC SMOKE ALARMS WHEN INSTALLING OR REPLACING EXISTING SMOKE ALARMS

You can dispose of your old smoke alarm in household rubbish.

If you would like further advice contact

Greta Fire Brigade Community Safety Coordinator

Paul McCallum (After 7.00pm) 0488 303 121

Assistant Community Safety Coordinator

Daniel Ripley 0407 562 962



MOYHU

& District Preschool Inc.



Community Notice

Moyhu Occasional Child Care (OCC) is a Non-Government supported Program, which runs a professional child care service (0 to 5yrs) on a Friday, during school terms, from 9am until 2pm.

Moyhu OCC is currently URGENTLY seeking enrolments to enable the program to continue to run, as they are currently running at a financial loss and have been for the last 12-18 months.

The service requires 15 children to run independently; at a minimum 10 children are required to break even with the additional funding currently received from NERPSA. Currently Moyhu OCC has only 8 children enrolled permanently. As parents are not required to pay when their child does not attend, this drops our average attendance and income even lower. We need at least 4 more permanent enrolments to ensure viability of this service.

The Moyhu and District Preschool Committee will have to make the extremely hard decision to close the program if, by the end of Term 2, 24 June 2016, the permanent enrolments do not exceed 10 children.

The alternative is to fundraise to meet the shortfall in income generated by enrolments, which may be up to or in excess of \$5000 per year.

If you have an interest in enrolling in the program, or can help in any other way please contact Kerrie Evans – Moyhu OCC Booking Officer on 03 5727 9338.

Please spread the word that Moyhu OCC is in need of valued community support to keep its quality service alive and open!!!

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Greta Valley Landcare Group July News

Thank you to all our members and residents who have recently attended our workshops, we have had a great turnout at most events. Our Group is always looking for ideas for new workshops and training courses, so please contact us if you have a concept or topic you would like to explore further.

Indian Myna Control

Do you have Indian Myna's at your property? We know that Indian Myna's have been moving into our catchment, but we don't have a clear picture of where they are at present. Myna's are an extremely aggressive bird that chases out native birds and small tree dwelling marsupials such as gliders. Our group has recently purchased two Indian Myna traps that can be loaned to members at no charge for myna control. Information given on how to use traps is provided. Please contact Sally Day for more information on Indian Myna control or to report sightings in your area.

Are you interested in enhancing your farm dam for wildlife?

Our Group will be running a practical workshop at Meadow Creek showing you how to enhance your farm dam for wildlife. We will explore methods to create habitat, refuge and provide food sources for local wildlife whilst still maintaining your dams' role in farm productivity. Lunch provided. Date to be finalised, likely mid July.

New equipment available for FREE loan to members

We have been fortunate to obtain some new equipment through a Landcare Australia Support Grant. We have purchased a three way wire spinner, ringlock strainer and new tree planting carriers that are all available for FREE loan to members. Don't forget that we also have Fox traps, Indian Myna traps and tree planters (2 x Pottiputki and 1 x Hamilton) for loan to members at no cost. Please call Trevor Dinning (Hansonville) for all equipment hire bookings on 5727 6118.

Do you have a project in mind for your property?

With a likelihood of more grants being advertised in the second half of this year, it is important that our group has a list of potential projects so that we can slot these into grant applications as they get advertised. Now is the time to get your thinking caps on and if you have a project in mind for your property that you think Landcare can help with, please get in touch with us to discuss your concept further. We will always look for funding opportunities for your site and keep you informed of relevant grants.

For more information on any of these projects or other activities of the group please 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