

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

June

Thur 14th Cancer Fundraising Dinner, Sporting Complex

Sat 16th Craft group , Hall
Sponsors & True Blues Day, Greta Rec Res

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

Sat 30th GFNC Annual Ball, Wangaratta PAC

July

Sat 21st Craft group , Hall

August

Sat 18th Craft group , Hall

YOUNGER'S LAWN AND WOOD

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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 June 29th from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

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GRETA FIRE BRIGADE SUCCESS

RED HOT: The championship winning Greta Fire Brigade juniors at the recent Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) state rural championships.



L-R Back: Steven Ousley(Asst. Coach) Megan Box, Rori McDonald, Roade Ousley, Harris McDonald, Carter Evans, Rod Hooper(Coach)

L-R Front: Kathryn Box, Sophie Humphries, Beth Evans

Greta doubles up for championship success. Greta won the 11-15 junior division aggregate and the senior section in the recent Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) state rural championships.

Another local brigade, Springhurst, won the 11-13 junior division.

The small rural community south of Wangaratta has a strong brigade with about 70 to 80 members, and competition coach Ron Hooper said success on the track reflected its success as a volunteer firefighting unit.

"We've got two CFA trucks and we're lucky that we've always got enough members to crew both trucks when we get a call," Mr Hooper said.

The brigade has been "knocking on the door for a quite a few years," in the rural championships, including a win in the senior section a few years ago, but this was the first time it has won both senior and junior ranks.

"It's a family-oriented thing," Mr Hooper said. "Once you get juniors you get seniors; someone has to bring the juniors to training so either their father or mother decide to become involved.

FAMILY connections have helped Greta Fire Brigade to achieve a rare double dose of competition success.



L-R Back: Bryce Hooper, Steve Ousley, Brendan McDonald, Nathan Hooper, Rod Hooper, Dean Humphries, Jamie White, Trevor Hooper.

L-R Front: Michaela Humphries, Gary Hogan, Alannah Grant, Ron Hooper(Coach) Sarah Hooper, Subir Carrick

"We've been lucky because our junior members stick around; pretty much all our brigade members have run in championships at some stage. It keeps the brigade together after the fire season."

The brigade doesn't get many local calls but is busy helping to boost CFA volunteer surge capacity.

"We get more call-outs to assist our neighbouring brigades," Mr Hooper said.

"We have to give the community credit for the low number of local fires; they're a vigilant lot of people and don't do silly things on bad days, but we provide a lot of support across the region."

The brigade borders Glenrowan on the Hume Freeway, Moyhu to the east and Myrree to the south.

"We all work well together," he said.

The VFBV state rural championships were held at Warrnambool with 60 senior and 60 junior teams competing.

VFBV CEO Andrew Ford said getting young people involved through junior brigade programs and local events and state championships was a great way for young people to become engaged and learn practical skills before being old enough to attend fires.

"This can set young people on a pathway to serve their communities," Mr Ford said.

Some 2017 preventable house fire stats

- Kitchen Fires; 37% of preventable fires are in the Kitchen
- Heater Fires; Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, Gas heaters need to be serviced every two years
- Chimney fires happen TWICE AS OFTEN in the North East of Victoria
- 43% of installed smoke alarms don't work
- 5 people died in preventable house fires
- CFA attended 1588 residential fires

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

Reader comments indicate a real interest in these articles. Don't be shy - Contact Kris on 57 666 417. I can help you write the article or write it myself if you give me the information. We all love to hear about our locals and their achievements, new family members, history or adventures.



EVENTS 2018

Spectators Welcome

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

JULY

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th - Test & Tune Cars – open to public for testing

10th – Performance Test Day – Race Team testing

7th & 8th – AASA Interstate Challenge

14th & 15th – Speedway/Rally X

AUGUST

2nd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 30th - Test & Tune Cars – open to public for testing

14th – Supercars Test Day

15th – Performance Test Day – Race Team testing

4th & 5th – FESTIVAL OF SPEED

19th - PEDDERS “NO BULL” SPRINT SERIES Round 3

25th – FUN DAY

31st – 2nd September – Shannons Nationals

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Friends of the Bunyip Meeting

A small group of friends of the Bunyip met recently to review our local newsletter. The group recognised and wishes to thank the volunteers who deliver the Bunyip to our local community. **Francis O'Brien, Allan Porker, Anthony Griffiths, Patricia Wadley, Bill McMonigle, Darren Ross and Frank Ryan** deliver 410 copies between them. A special thanks to **Gigi Costenaro** who proofreads each edition before printing. Feedback has been positive and the full colour printing is appreciated. The Bunyip is managing to keep costs to a minimum thanks to the army of volunteers and “at cost” printing at Myrree P.S. The current account balance is stable. This will allow us to continue publishing as we have done over recent times. We thank and appreciate the local businesses who support us and we would encourage you to support their business. It was decided not to increase the number of sponsors at this stage. The group aims to offer community interest content. If you would like to receive your Bunyip by email let us know via our email address. gretabunyip@gmail.com



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GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP

APRIL NEWS



NEWS

Thank you for your donation

The Committee would like to sincerely thank the Gearon Family of Hansonville for their very generous donation to help support the running of our Landcare Group.

What's happening in our catchment

If planting trees or shrubs this winter, start preparing your sites by ripping and spraying now

Increases in kangaroo, fox and wild dog numbers are being noted, as these animals move out of the hills in search of food. Control as needed, and don't forget our fox traps available for free loan.

EVENTS

Yenbena Woka Indigenous Festival – Winton Wetlands Friday 6th to Thursday 12th July

The festival will feature traditional arts and crafts, Aboriginal food, exhibitions and a program of author talks, guided tours, live music and dance. The sharing of stories and spirituality will offer an opportunity to indulge and celebrate traditions on country.

Planning ahead - Feeding livestock through winter

Friday 15th June, 10am - 12.30pm

Wangaratta Government Centre

Interactive workshop for graziers to help them plan ahead to manage livestock nutritional requirements through winter. RSVP to Ian Gamble on 0437 362 620 or ian.gamble@ecodev.vic.gov.au by 12th June.

Kangaroo and Deer management in the Greta Valley **Monday 23rd July, 7-8.30pm**

Representatives from DELWP and the Game Management Authority will speak on the laws pertaining to deer shooting and kangaroo control programs. Pop it on the calendar, and contact Sally for more details.

PROJECTS

Still keen to plant new paddock trees?

We will soon have another 100 large wire tree guards in stock. Group subsidised price of approx. \$25 per guard which will include a native tree for planting. Limit of 10 per member. If you have yet to get involved in this initiative, please give us a call to find out more.

Also if you are interested in buying 40 or more large wire tree guards at a bulk price, please contact Anthony Griffiths (Treasurer) on 0429 950 712 or 5727 6314.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships now due

A reminder to please help support your group by arranging prompt payment.

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The Greta Football Netball Club 2018

The Greta Football & Netball Club had a fantastic start to the 2018 Season, winning 7 out of 7 games on Good Friday against our traditional rivals Moyhu. All the club coaches are working hard to keep the momentum going throughout the season, with some very positive results.

We invite everyone in the local community to join us at our social functions and also to the Club every Thursday night to watch training and enjoy a hot meal with the teams.

Diary Dates:

On Thursday 14 June we will be holding our annual Cancer Fundraising Dinner. Join us for a fun night with raffles and spinning wheels, all in aid of a great cause.

Our Sponsors & True Blues Day will be held on Saturday 16 June. Chris Naish, The Jim Stynes Foundation - Reach CEO and ex Richmond footballer will be Guest Speaker, at the sit down luncheon in the clubrooms. Signed Richmond & Collingwood jumpers will be auctioned on the day. Come down for a chance to get a signed jumper.

The Annual Ball will be held at the Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 30 June. We welcome everyone to come along for a fun and entertaining night.

On Saturday 4 August, we will be playing Benalla All Blacks at home. We welcome all past players to join us for Past Players Day. This will flow on into the evening with the Silver Circle.

An exciting Vote Count will be held on Saturday 18 August at the Railway Hotel.

And the last function for the 2018 season will be Presentation Night on Friday 5 October.

Greta Football & Netball Club

Cancer Fundraising Dinner



Thursday 14th June from 6.30pm

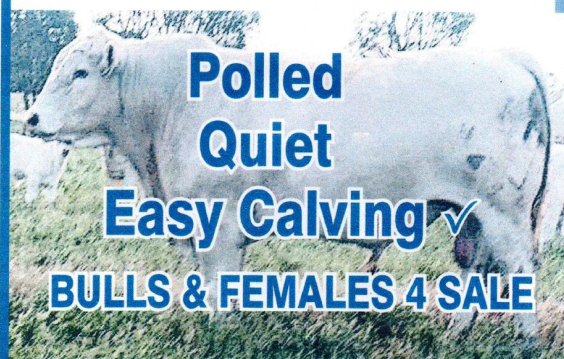
at the Greta Sporting Complex

\$12 for a 2 course meal, drinks at bar prices

Join the Greta Football & Netball Club
for a fun night with raffles, spinning wheel etc.
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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...



Never leave cooking unattended

Never leave electrically-powered appliances on bedding

- Turn on 30 minutes before getting into bed.
- Turn off once you are in bed.

Going away on holiday?

- Let your neighbours know.
- Turn off all electrical appliances at the power point.

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL

Council has now engaged contractors to clean-up the tree damage and debris remaining after the initial clearing of the roads following the violent storm of last December. This second phase of the clean-up will commence the week of 12 June and involve:

- a current assessment of trees along the affected roads and pruning or removal of any deemed a risk to road users
- removal of any fallen trees/branches from fences
- removal of fallen debris which poses an increased fire hazard

Where practical large logs and branches will be left on the ground to provide habitat for reptiles, small mammals and insects. Firewood can be left for adjacent property owners where requested. Other debris may be chipped to mulch on site or stockpiled at nominated locations for grinding to mulch. Depending on ground conditions grinding may be delayed until later in Spring. This mulch will then be available for the community to use. As vegetation from road reserves is subject to DELWP regulations any mulch or firewood may not be sold for commercial gain.

As works proceed any extra firewood salvaged will be left for community use at council's firewood depots in Glenrowan and Eldorado and selected roadside locations. Council's firewood permit system will apply at these sites. Permits can be purchased from:

- Wangaratta Government Centre
- Glenrowan Post Office
- Eldorado Store

The cost of a firewood permit is \$21.40 non-concession and \$14.30 for concession card holders, for collection of up to 2 cubic metres. A chainsaw is required to cut wood into a manageable size. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn including: Chainsaw chaps, safety boots, eye protection and gloves.

Some of the work sites will involve traffic control and this may cause inconvenience but work staff will endeavour to keep this to the minimum possible. For the safety of everyone during this work, we request that all traffic management signs and directions by field staff be obeyed at all times.

Sites previously reported to council are included in the works however if you would like to advise of any particular sites you are aware of or would like any further information about the works please contact Belinda MacLaughlin, Consultant Project Engineer either by email belinda@ruralworks.com.au or phone 0447 794 994.

Wendy Daly
Community and Recreation Officer