

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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GRETA FIRE BRIGADE INVITATION



Are you 11-15 years old? Interested in fun, running, competing in team sports and learning more about your local Fire Brigade? Then contact Greta Fire Brigade on 57276203

CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

August

Sat 12th Silver Circle evening at Greta Sporting Complex

Sept

Sat 2nd Recycled String Band Myrree Hall 7 pm

Oct

Sat 7th King Valley Fun Run Walk, 9.45 am

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KING VALLEY FUN RUN WALK

- a fundraiser for King Valley School's Kitchen Garden program. The Fun Run Walk is held **Sat. Oct. 7th**, alongside the King Valley Challenge - a multi-sport event (15km run, 12km kayak, 39km cycle).

Set in beautiful bush-land around Lake William Hovel, the 6km or 3km is the perfect local event for everyone. In the past there have been walkers of all types, babies in prams, families, children and community members walking and jogging for fitness and wellbeing.

Perhaps you and your friends might consider entering a team?

Start walking and jogging today – it is a great 'Get Fit Goal' over Winter. Promote well-being at your workplace. Enter your team and be ready and raring to go **Sat. Oct 7th**. 'Personal Best' and 'Good Sports' Prizes a plenty!

Early bird online entries \$20

www.kingvalleychallenge.com

On the day: \$25 cash only.

Please contact via email:

kingvalleyfunrunwalk@gmail if you have any queries.

Save the Date in your Diary Now for the

Recycled String Band

Myrrhee Hall,

Sat 2nd September 7pm

\$25 per person (\$20 Students), children under 15 free includes a delicious supper.

BYO drinks

Booking Details- Try Booking

<https://www.trybooking.com/RESC>

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Fast becoming festival favorites with their unique recycled instruments, vocal harmonies and relaxed on stage humor, The Recycled String band has left audiences with wide smiles wherever they have performed.

The unusual sounding instruments contribute to the RSB musical style which travels broadly across the blues realm into junkyard roots, and old time country. Using innovative instruments fashioned out of all sorts of discarded materials such as hubcaps, cigar boxes, toys, tea tins, kitchen utensils and industrial scraps they create a high quality acoustic sound.

Led by singer Luke R Davies, adept on several of his homemade creations, he also plays a scorching blues harmonica and is known for his well-crafted, contemporary songs.





2017 Greta Football Netball Club

The football and netball season is almost over. The club has had a fantastic year on the football field, netball court and socially.

The final social event for the club this year will be the Presentation Night. Details are yet to be announced. In this edition of the Bunyip the clubs netball coaches reflect on the achievements and highlights of this year. The footballers have shown outstanding spirit and improvement on the field this year which shows great promise for the 2018 season.

Greta Football & Netball Club would like to thank all their loyal members and sponsors for their continuous support during the 2017 season.

Netball Coaches Report

For the 2017 season so far, all our Netball teams have shown to be very competitive and all teams have given our opponents a fair run for their money. Here is a little overview from our Coaches this season.

The Under 15's team, the "Baby Blues", have absolutely made a name for themselves this year. 2017 is the first year that an Under 15's competition has been held in the O&K. Greta are tied at the top of the ladder on points together with Benalla All Blacks and Milawa. Greta have come up against some very tough competition in other teams but their happy nature and determined attitude has managed to get them across the line most times. Greta Under 15's have only dropped one game so far to Milawa, by only 4 goals. They will come up against a quality All Blacks side again shortly, giving them a good challenge before heading into finals. This young side is one to watch coming through the ranks in years to come! **Melissa Way.**

The Under 17's have had a fantastic year and although we have had a few tough losses, we have grown stronger as a team and are looking forward to seeing what we can do coming into finals. With a lot of new faces in the squad this year, we've done brilliantly to adapt to a diverse range of player combinations against a talented O&K league. **Jess Bussell.**

B Reserve have had quite an up and down season, but by the looks of it will be making finals. It was a difficult start with many numbers, but lucky for us, as we have lost many players due to different reasons.

We plan on going hard with the last few games of the season with a great positive attitude. Let's go GRETA. **Jackie Perkins.**

Greta B Grade have had a wonderful season so far. Sitting in fourth position, we are in preparation for finals. The team will be working hard together to make sure we have a strong run into finals. With changes throughout the season to the team, the girls have adjusted well and worked together well in all combinations. Holly Clarke has stepped up from B Reserve, helping us out and has done an amazing job to adjust so quickly, to the different style of netball. The girls have had great season so far as a team. Hopefully, this will get stronger in the weeks to come. **Ashton Tanner.**

The A Grade team have welcomed youth and experience this year, with Jorja Reidy stepping up from Under 17's to consolidate herself as a strong midcourt option and Stacey Emms coming to the club following a number of successful years, as a top line Ovens and Murray player. As the season has progressed, the team has continued to work hard on maintaining intensity and keeping possession of the ball. All players have worked hard to put themselves into a strong position to contest finals, having only dropped one game against ladder leaders and last year's premiers King Valley. Let's get behind all teams as we move into finals and hopefully some success to come. **Lindsey Humphries.**

We, the Greta Football & Netball Club are so proud of our girls this season and look forward to seeing what the rest of the season entails. Get behind the Mighty Blues and come cheer our girls into the finals.

FIRST AID AWARENESS SESSION

Most of us live twenty minutes to a half hour plus from Wangaratta. Accordingly, Ambulance Victoria response will understandably be longer than in town areas. Knowing what to do in a medical emergency whilst waiting for ambulance attendance can make a big difference.

The Greta Community Safety Group is sponsoring a First Aid Awareness session to be held over the next month or so. If you would like to register your interest and confirm date and venue details please contact Keryn Bolte on 0488 117 909.

Our presenter Keryn is a critical care nurse with advanced life support qualifications.

Please note: *This is an informal information session and will not equip participants with any formal qualification or certification. Anyone interested in gaining formal first aid accreditation should contact St Johns or The Centre in Wangaratta for details about their first aid courses.*

Greta Valley Landcare Group – August News



We hope that you are keeping warm on these frosty mornings. We have more social events planned for Spring when the weather warms up!

Service Awards

Congratulations to all of the Landcare groups and volunteers who were recognised at the Natural Resource Management Awards and 30 Years of Landcare celebration on May 28th. The North East CMA presented awards to six of our Landcare Committee.

Congratulations to David Briggs, Trevor Dinning, (see photo below) Ashley Schreiber and Adrian Younger for their awards for 5 years of service; and to David Evans and Anthony Griffiths for their awards for 20 years of service on the Committee.

We appreciate the time that volunteers provide in the running of our Landcare Group. Without this direction our group wouldn't have achieved what it has over the years, or become one of the most active Landcare Groups in North East Victoria. Congratulations and thank you to you all!

Weather and Climate Resources

The Agriculture Victoria website has some good resources to help make decisions about farm management with our changing seasons and climate. Go to <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/weather-and-climate>

If you scroll down and find 'The Break Newsletter' you can access a short 4 minute you-tube video produced each month. The video gives the seasonal outlook, summarises rainfall, potential crop yield, and is a good summary of how our weather conditions are tracking against long term averages. You can subscribe to this newsletter by providing your email address at the bottom of the page.

Protecting our Scattered Paddock Trees

We have finished our project to protect scattered paddock trees and were able to fence 22 sites in our area, protecting a total of 54 trees! This was a wonderful effort and thank you to all the members that took part in this project.

The highlights of this project were:

- Laurie McCarthy's 314cm diameter River Red Gum – the largest tree we were able to protect, many hundreds of years old – this tree has a circumference of over 10m!
- Closely followed by Darren Ott's 298cm diameter River Red Gum
- Our largest Yellow Box was 172cm in diameter Jane and Peter Carney's property
- Our largest Apple Box was 214cm in diameter at Chris and Kathy Ellem's property
- Our biggest Red Box was at Pauline and Brent Bailey's measuring in at 183cm in diameter.

We are hoping to obtain more funding for protecting our large old trees, so please get in touch if you are keen to participate in future projects of this kind.

Winter Tree Planting

Over the last few months, many of our members have been busy planting their winter trees and shrubs provided by the group. **We have been able to fund the purchase of over 5000 plants and guards this winter, which is a great effort.** If you have been supplied plants and have yet to get them in the ground, aim to get these planted by the end of September at the very latest to allow them to settle in before the summer heat.

Please get in touch if you would like to do some planting next winter, so that we can look for funding to suit your site.

Thank you to

Thank you to our keen volunteers from the Trenkner, Boonzaayer, Briggs, Dinnings and Champlin families who helped to come and plant 50 Silver Banksias at the Hansonville Reserve in July. We can't wait to watch these special shrubs grow.

Thank you also to Ros and Anita from iNeeta's Café in Moyhu who allowed me to set up my office for a day in their lovely warm cafe to talk to members and help them develop their property plans. We appreciate your community mindedness and your great coffee!

Further Information

For further information or to get involved in our group projects, please contact Sally Day (Project Officer) on 0437 136 162 or sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au



Trevor Dinning with his award.

GRETA VALLEY P.S. NEWS

This term at Greta Valley Primary School, we are preparing for the annual Ski Camp with the other King Valley Cluster schools. The date is now set and our Grade 4 and 5 class is off to Falls Creek for three days of downhill skiing.

Last term our students were busy learning about the human body, which included lots of experimenting ... even a heart dissection. This term our program will focus on inventions, where later in the term we will have a Presentation Evening showcasing students work on inventions for our parents and friends.

Our Sporting Schools grant this term is paying for tennis lessons. Our Foundation students also receive a new tennis racquet.

At the start of the term we welcomed a new integration aide, Cheryl, to our team.

GRETA COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

We have been busy planning over the autumn and winter months and currently working on three initiatives.

The first activity involves a staged roll out of "quick reference" emergency contact information cards and a more detailed emergency contact information sheet provided by the Rural City of Wangaratta. Our team of volunteers will be initially focussing distribution in the Greta West area over the next few months before pushing gradually out into our wider catchment. A feature of the new cards will be a map reference for your property which will enable emergency responders to accurately pinpoint your location. The GCSG thanks the Rural City of Wangaratta for their support of this initiative.

The second initiative involves the compilation of a "welcome kit" to be made available to all new members of our community. It will contain amongst other things contact information for the active community groups and current emergency services safety literature. Responding to a request from community, the final initiative is the organising of a community first aid awareness session. Please see details in this edition of the Bunyip.

Safety Tip... the Red Cross "First Aid" app is a really good source of information for emergency first aid management. It is an easy simple to read and use guide. The app can be downloaded to your smart phone or tablet for free by searching your app store.

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Great news! After many months of planning, consultation and planning the Trust has been successful in receiving a grant for the construction of a combined toilet/ storage shed facility at the cemetery.

Currently, the necessary permits required for construction are being sought and it is anticipated that we will see construction commence before the end of the year.

The building design is in keeping with the heritage values of our cemetery and represents the first stage of our five-year master plan for development.

The Trust gratefully acknowledges the support of our community is assisting us in pursuing a vital piece of the cemetery infrastructure.

Greta Cemetery Trust

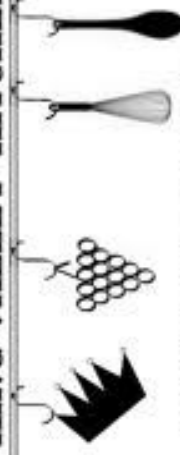
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KING VALLEY KITCHEN



Eddi-Upper Greta Valley-Moyhu.
Myrrhee-Whitfield-Primary Schools

Thankyou King Valley Challenge
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**Saturday
7th October**
9:45am for 10:30start
@ Lake William Hovell
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