

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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Dec 2016

CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

December

Fri 9 A Christmas Medley, 8.00pm
Benalla Town Hall

Sat 10 A Christmas Medley, 8.00pm
Wangaratta Uniting Church

Fri 16 Greta Valley P.S. Christmas Concert
7.00pm
Molyullah Hall

January

Thur 26 Australia Day Event, 10.00am,
Greta Hansonville Hall

February

Sun 5 Articles due for the Feb Bunyip

YOUNGER'S LAWN AND WOOD

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Greta Valley
Landcare
Group

2016 in review

 1940m FENCING	 30ha WOODLAND PROTECTED	 70 LARGE TREE GUARDS
 6 LAND HOLDERS TARGETING RABBITS	 10,360 TREES PLANTED OVER WINTER	 100ha ROADSIDE WEED SPRAYING

WORKSHOPS AND FIELD DAYS
Bird identification, Nest boxes, Bird monitoring,
Farm dam enhancement, Direct seeding,
Techniques in Weed Control,
Managing Remnant Vegetation &
Winter Fruit Tree Pruning

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6 Successful funding applications totalling **\$64,000**

19 MEMBERS TRAINED IN SAFE CHEMICAL USE	6 NEW ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN	140 TOTAL MEMBERS
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5 NEW LANDCARE CATCHMENT
SIGNS INSTALLED IN OUR AREA

 ESTABLISHED A BIRD
MONITORING PROGRAM AT **10**
SITES

Ring Mary Anderson (Secretary) on 0438 537 462 for further information



Vocal Dimension Inc

Presents

A Christmas Medley

of different arrangements of traditional carols; contemporary festive songs; Australian and Caribbean/Calypso items; and old favourites for audience participation. Some items will be unaccompanied and some will be accompanied by piano and string ensemble. The latter will also play arrangements of two traditional Christmas songs.

Malcolm Halford
Musical Director

Margaret Phillips
Piano

The North East Occasional Ensemble

Friday 9 December at 8 pm
Benalla Town Hall

Saturday 10 December at 8 pm
Wangaratta Uniting Church, Rowan Street

Tickets \$15 at the door. Under 18 free
Light refreshments available after the
concerts.

Greta Valley Landcare Group – December News

Merry Christmas to all our members and landholders in the Greta Valley and surrounding areas. Thanks to all our members for supporting our events and coming along to share knowledge and ideas across our area.

Maintaining your winter plantings

We have had great winter rain, but with this hotter weather please don't forget to check on any new trees that were planted recently. In their first year, plants will really benefit from occasional watering and this will help them to settle and establish over summer. Check your guards too and regard if necessary. If excessive grass has sprung up around your plants, consider spraying to reduce competition for light, water and nutrients - use an upturned bucket to protect your tree and avoid overspray.

Scattered Paddock Tree Project

We are still looking for a few old remnant paddock trees to protect for this project. These trees are important habitat for many birds and mammals in our catchment. Works will include fencing around old remnant trees and providing native tube stock to establish understory shrubs. Fencing needs to be completed over summer for an autumn planting of shrubs. Please contact Sally Day to register your interest and arrange an inspection on 0437 136 162.

If you have ideas for events or would like advice or support for a project on your property, please ring Sally Day (Project Officer) on 0437 136 162 or Mary Anderson (Secretary) on 0438 537 462 or greta.valley@landcarevic.net.au



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Australia Day

Greta-Hansonville Australia Day 2017

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY
10am

Greta-Hansonville Hall, Greta Recreation Reserve

Guest Speakers

Performance by Dona McQueen

Local Art and Craft on Display

Morning Tea

Please bring a chair and a plate (cake or slice) to share
Sandwiches, fruit and a cuppa supplied

We welcome all local artists to display their work

If you would like some display space please contact
Sally Moore on 0437 916 693
or Kris Porker on 57 666 417

Display setup will be on Wed, 25th Jan

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Moyhu Occasional Childcare

0 – 5 year olds

2017 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

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Preschool**

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\$30 per session

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First Term begins Friday 3 February 2017

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Kerrie Evans 5727 9338

The GRETA FNC AGM

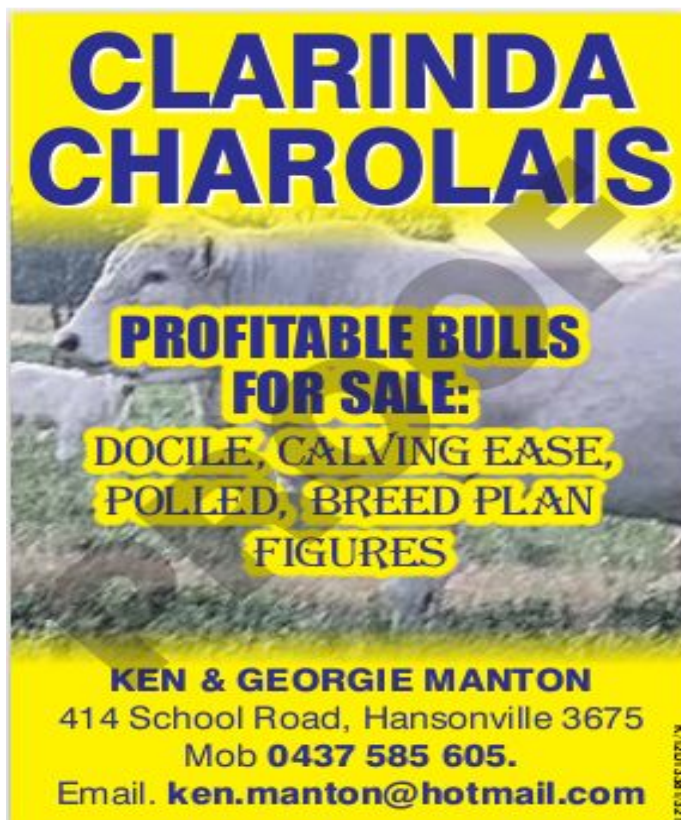
This meeting was held on 15th November and was well attended.. Thank you to all who supported our club. A number of new committee members were nominated and accepted.

2017 GRETA FNC committee-

Pres. Kevin Naish
VP. Jarrod Franklin
Jnr VP. Alex Porter
Treasurer. Darren Ross
Secretary. Gigi Costenaro

General committee members-

John Mearthy
Justin Triffitt
Lindsey Humphries
Andy Wheelen
David Wilson (new)
Elliot Sheather (new)
Scott Wallace (new)
Sean Ginnivan (new)
Greg Brown (new)
Kristy Harding (new)



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GRETA HANSONVILLE HALL

The Greta Hansonville Hall Committee AGM was held on 26 October 2016. A small, but dedicated group of members were re-elected to manage the Hall across the next twelve months:

President: Adrian Younger

V. President: Mike Wescombe

Secretary Treasurer: Noeleen Lloyd

Committee: Trevor Dinning, Ken Ellis, Dianne Wescombe, Patricia Wadley, Francis O'Brien.

This last year saw the building turn 100 years old, with an afternoon tea and celebration held in March. The middle of the year saw the Committee turn their focus on the changes to the way that the Rural City of Wangaratta manage building and contents insurance. Initially it was feared that the Hall would not continue to operate, as the quotes for the insurance were higher than any income. There was a concentrated effort by the Hall Committee and the Sporting Complex Committee and with the positive support from our Community a positive outcome was achieved. The Committee would again like to acknowledge and thank the whole of the Greta-Hansonville Community for their continued support.

The Hall needs to be booked for functions (especially in the run up to Christmas) - please ensure you contact either;
Adrian Younger 0407 516 221
ar.younger@bigpond.com.au
OR
Noeleen Lloyd 0427 276372
noeleenlloyd@gmail.com

Fees: Hall & Supper Room \$150

Supper Room Only: \$50

(This fee includes public liability insurance for the hirer).

The key must be collected and returned and the hirer is responsible for ensuring that they leave the Hall clean and in good order.

All damages/losses are the responsibility of the hirer.

COMING IN MARCH 2017
**OLD TIME MAGIC LANTERN SHOW "WAR
AND PEACE"**

Full details in the next Bunyip.

Greta Heritage Group.

As the ANZAC Centenary Grant had been fully implemented with the development of The Gathering Place, the unveiling of the Greta-Hansonville Honour Board and the installation of the Sponsors' Plaque, the Greta Combined Committee was formally closed at our final meeting in late June. Although we are not meeting in a formal sense at the moment, it is understood that The Heritage Group will continue to be a sub-committee of the Hall Committee and be auspiced by them in the future. The Heritage Group will also continue to send minutes of their meetings to the Greta Sporting Complex Committee in the interest of fostering good communication between local groups.

It is envisaged that a public meeting will be held in 2017 to open the Heritage Group up to more people and to work on a number of projects.

At the moment Noeleen Lloyd and Joan Ellis are working on the book, *43 from 40*, due to be published in 2017. They are also assisting the Greta Cemetery Trust with historical information for their grant applications.



Noeleen Lloyd recently undertook a 12 day tour of the Western Front Battlefields as a member of the Families and Friends of the First AIF (FFFAIF) Association. The tour is unique in that it is designed around members' interests, with personal commemorations

held daily. Many of these commemorations were in Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries, others were



on the side of a road or in a field where a family member had fallen. These were personal and very emotional for those whose relative it was and for the rest of the tour group supporting them. One of the highlights was attending the centenary commemorations for the battles of Fromelles and Pozieres.



The most moving part of the tour was unexpectedly being invited to attend the burial service for three unknown Australian soldiers at the Pozieres British Cemetery. This was an emotional and unforgettable experience. Noeleen undertook the task to commemorate each of the Greta Hansonville ANZACS who died on the Western

Front and are buried or commemorated in a number of Cemeteries and Memorials.

A profile card, poppy and Australian Flag was placed on each of the twelve men who died from our district.

After the hectic pace of France and a few days in Paris, Noeleen then visited Gloucestershire and ex patriots, Ian and Veronica (nee Mogford) Hollingsbee. Ian is a tour guide for the city of Gloucestershire and has written a book on the WW2 prisoner of war camps in that area. Ian's other interest is the Australian Flying Corps who had a base at Leighterton. In this Cemetery are 23 young Australians killed on training accidents. One of those was Cecil Lewis from Moyhu. Ian and Veronica took Noeleen on a tour of the areas where the bases were; again poppies and flags were placed on graves. A highlight



was visiting Chavenage House where the men used to land their planes; it is owned by the Lowsley-Williams family and is the property where the current series of Poldark is filmed. Ian has now decided to write a book about the Australians buried in the area, Noeleen is assisting with the research from Australia.

Noeleen wound up her WW1 pilgrimage on the Salisbury Plain, visiting Sutton Veny and the other small villages where the Training Camps of WW1 were based. The tour was more of a pilgrimage than a holiday and has made a very large impression.

The Heritage Group would like to very sincerely thank all committee and community members who helped to deliver our major projects in the past three years. We hope the community is proud of these achievements and together with the families of the WW1 Soldiers and the next generation of Greta Valley children, they will appreciate the reclaimed history of the beautiful Greta Valley area in which they live.

Noeleen Lloyd and Joan Ellis for the Greta Heritage Group. kopjellis@yahoo.com.au

BECOME A PART OF THE GRETA COMMUNITY

This is an open letter of invitation to new residents in the wider Greta district. The district in which you now live and call home has been built by community minded people. Over many years they have contributed hours of unpaid work to make the area safe, attractive and rich in activities. These activities / groups will be celebrated at the Australia day event and many would welcome your participation, interest or help.

You are invited to become a part of our community. Don't feel apart from us. See the list of community organisations below and contact some that interest you.
David Dinning
One of many life long residents, on behalf of the Australia Day event organisers.

Greta - Hansonville Community Group Information

Local Community Group	Meeting Time/Day	Contact Name	Contact Number	Email
Greta Cemetery Trust		Mrs Christine <u>Magee</u>	57 276 264	
Greta Cricket Club		Justin <u>Triffitt</u>	0400 502 187	greta.cricketclub@yahoo.com.au
Greta CFA		Malcolm Dinning	0428 574 392	<u>Kaylene Hooper</u> hooperrk@hotmail.com
Greta Valley Playgroup	Thursday morning at 10am, at the Greta Valley Primary School.	Anna Stevenson	0450 901 907	
Greta Football Club		Jarrold Franklin	0423 628 942	gfnc@bigpond.com
Greta Netball Club		Em <u>Naish</u>	0434 086 773	gfnc@bigpond.com
Greta - Hansonville Hall Committee		Adrian Younger <u>Noeleen Lloyd</u>	0407 516 221 0427 276 372	noeleenlloyd@hotmail.com
Greta Heritage Group		Joan Ellis	0427 276 392	kopjellis@yahoo.com.au
Greta Sporting Complex Committee		Ken Ellis Tony Tanner	57 276 392 57 666 441	tony.tanner@sp-ausnet.com.au
Greta Uniting Church	Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.00 am.	<u>Myra Clayden</u> (Secretary) <u>Jan Hooper</u> (Elder) <u>Lyn Hammond</u> (Chairperson)	0427 131 928 03 57 276 260 57 276 190	

Greta Anglican Church	Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9.00 am	Betty Evans	57 219 590	
Greta Craft Group	They meet on a Tuesday for Quilting from 10am to 3pm and a Wednesday for Craft from 10am to 3pm. Next meeting 3 rd Feb	Nola Jones	57 279 295	
Greta Valley Landcare		Mary Anderson Sally Day	0438 537 462 0437 136 162	greta.valley@landcarevic.net.au sally.day@landcarevic.net.au
Greta Valley Primary School		Howard Gibson, Principal, Tina <u>Moyle</u> Office Manager	57 666 344	Greta.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Hansonville Recreation Reserve		Lew <u>Trenkner</u>	57 276 207	
Passionate Palettes (local artists group)	Passionate Palettes meet the last Saturday of each month at the <u>Moyhu</u> Masonic Hall	Sue <u>Hourigan</u> Nola Jones	57 276 327 57 279 295	hopandsue@activ8.net.au

SALT, Sharing And Learning Together	SALT, Sharing And Learning Together group meets on the third Monday of the Month at 6.30 pm for food, fellowship, and discussion. This group is an ecumenical group and anyone is welcome. We meet alternative months at the Uniting Church hall in Rowan Street, Wangaratta, and the Masonic Lodge in Moyhu.	Carl Clayden	0427 131 928	carlclayden@hotmail.com
The Greta and District Action Group	THE BUNYIP	Kris Porker	57 666 417	kiporker@gmail.com

Congratulations on your official opening.



HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BUNYIP CREW.