



The GRETA BUNYIP



“YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER”

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The Greta CC club commenced the season with 3 senior teams and 3 junior teams as well as MILO CRICKET for the young ones. This is our fifth year of running “Milo”, we have 23 children from the area having cricket lessons each Thursday from 4.30-5.30pm.

The club has recruited well with wicketkeeper & opening batsman Andrew White from Lincolnshire England. Andrew has brought his wife Chelsea to Australia for an extended honeymoon. Other new recruits are opening bowler Matt Gathercole, opening batsman Jamie Ramage from Violet Town and Nick Rimmell from England, fiance of Michele Jones. We also welcome back all-rounder Harry Hill.

The A grade won their first 4 games with fine Performances. B grade are gradually getting back some players after winning the premiership last year, both Andrew Dickson and Elliot Sheather look after this team.

C grade recently had their first win against Corowa with a fantastic ton by Nathan Hooper.

Mark Pell is Manager of the Under 16s who recently won their first game.

The Under 14s are still in need of numbers. A couple of U12s have “played up” to help. For interested young people in that age group, please contact James Alexander or Jamie Ramage.

DECEMBER DATES

Thursday 1st

Greta Valley Playgroup @ G.V Primary School

Saturday 3rd

Tatong Market @ Tatong Tavern Grounds

Sunday 4th

Carol Service @ Greta-Hansonville Hall – 7.45pm
Offerings taken for the Christmas Bowl appeal, an opportunity to donate gifts to the empty Christmas Tree. (Gifts are given to needy Wangaratta families.)

Monday 5th

Greta CFA Meeting @ Greta-Hansonville Hall—8.00pm

Wednesday 7th

Greta Valley Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
Greta-Hansonville Hall—7.30pm

Wangaratta Choristers Xmas Concert

Oxley Hall @ 8.00pm

Ticket Prices—Adults \$20, Concession \$15, Students Free

Thursday 8th

Greta Valley Playgroup @ G.V Primary School

Sunday 11th

Rutherglen Farmers Market @ Lions Park Rutherglen

Wednesday 14th

Wangaratta Choristers Xmas Concert

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta @ 8.00pm

Thursday 15th

Greta Valley Playgroup @ G.V Primary School

Saturday 17th

Moyhu Farmers Market @ Moyhu Lions Park

Tuesday 20th

Greta Valley Primary School Xmas Concert

Greta Hansonville Hall @ 7pm

Thursday 22nd

End of school year

Sunday 25th

Christmas Day (Thank Goodness!!!!)



The Wangaratta & District CWA Craft Group are busy making granny squares from wool purchased from the Wangaratta Woollen Mills. The squares will be made into a single bed sized rug which we plan on raffling soon. The colours in the squares are soft greens and beige, which will go together nicely.

Our next meeting is Monday December 5th @ 10.30am at our hall in Templeton Street Wangaratta (Opposite 3NE/Edge FM). It will be a short meeting followed by Christmas lunch at "The Vine Hotel". Prospective members are more than welcome. The cost is \$25 for a two course meal plus tea and coffee.

For more info, please call Val McMonigle on 5766-2382 or e-mail to valbillmc@bigpond.com.



The Greta Valley Primary School concert will be at the Greta Hansonville Hall on Tuesday Dec 20th at 7.00pm. This annual event is open to the public, everyone is welcome with no admission charge.

This year families are giving Santa gifts for needy children and we think Santa might have some sweets to share with the local children to say "thank you".

YOUNGER'S LAWNS & WOOD

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THE BUSY XMAS ROADS, HAVE A VERY
MERRY XMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS AND SAFE 2012.





The Greta Football & Netball Club would like to announce that David Newth has been elected Club President for the 2011-2012 year.

The son of club and recently voted "Ovens & King Legend" Max Newth, David is a Greta premiership player who brings a wealth of experience to the role after serving his "apprenticeship" last year as Senior Vice-President of the club. We're also pleased to announce that current players Dan McCarthy & Paul Hoysted have been elected Senior & Junior Vice Presidents respectively.

Kristen Stebnyckyj was re-elected Club Secretary and Darren Ross re-elected Club Treasurer.

Off the ground, the clubs focus this year was financial stability which in the 2010-2011 season saw the club record one of the largest profits in our history. On the back of this result, the club has expanded our committee to 12. We're pleased to announce that Greta local Jamie Ramage and current players Lindsay Tanner, Mathew Saunders, Sean Ginnivan, Andrew Pritchard, Justin Triffit & Jason Humphries have joined the expanded committee.

This along with Senior Football Coach Dan McLaughlin already committing for next year, there's good reason to be genuinely excited about the 2012 season. The first task of the new committee in the off-season is to clearly define roles and responsibilities using the strengths and skill-sets the new committee members bring to our club.

Best and Fairest award winners for the 2011 season as presented in the Oaks Room, Wangaratta Racecourse on Saturday September 23rd were as follows:

Football

*(Seniors) Jason Humphries
(Reserves) Paul Hoysted
(Thirds) Stephen Turnbull*

Netball

*(A Grade) Rebecca Duryea
(B Grade) Allyson Naish
(B Reserves) Hayley Wallace
(C Grade) Jade Hargreaves*

Peter & Jenny Larkin were given Life Membership, as was "Greta's very own" Rob Northey. Rob has been involved in our club for well over 20 years and during that time played in the 1999 premiership side and to this day still helps out wherever & whenever possible. So congratulations to Peter, Jenny & Rob.



Our next Greta Valley Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held at the Greta-Hansonville Hall on Wednesday, December 7th @ 7.30pm.

We've been holding out for the appointment of the new local policeman situated at Glenrowan and are pleased to announce that Senior Constable Ross Woodrow is our new man.

Ross has been good enough to accept our invitation to the December meeting so feel free to come along, make yourself known to him and just as importantly please make him welcome.

On behalf of all our Neighbourhood Watch supporters, we'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous 2012.

JIM AIREY (Area Co-Ordinator)

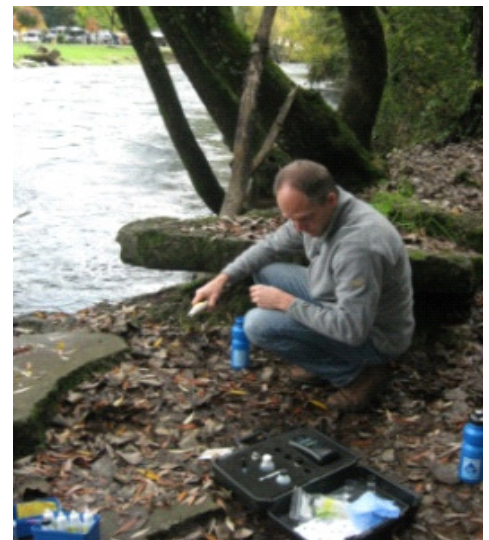
GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE NEWS

Waterwatch North East

The North East Catchment Management Authority's Waterwatch program aims to raise awareness about the relationship between water quality and the health of the whole catchment. Waterwatch volunteers currently monitor water quality at over 80 sites across the North East with data available to all interested parties via the online Waterwatch database.

The Greta Valley Landcare group is seeking people with an interest in the natural environment and particularly the health of our local waterways to join in a local Waterwatch monitoring program. As a Waterwatch adult volunteer you can assist in a practical way to ensure our waterways are managed effectively. Waterwatch staff will provide training and support including:

- *Waterwatch equipment methodology and water quality sampling*
- *Introduction to basic data analysis training.*
- *OH&S site safety.*
- *Macroinvertebrate/Biological sampling if required.*
- *Assistance with grant applications to purchase equipment*
- *Fun events to support volunteers*



For further information please contact Vanessa Thompson, Waterwatch Facilitator at the NECMA on 02 6043 7633 or vanessa.thompson@necma.vic.gov.au

Bill Sykes MP

Member for Benalla

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