

# The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*King Valley Arts WILL NOT hold the 2020 King Valley Art Show. We expect to bounce back with another great show in 2021.*

*The Combined Heritage Group and Greta Valley P.S. ANZAC Day service is cancelled. Flags and poppies will still be placed on veterans graves before the day.*

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## Reflection on John Hunter Dinning and his association with the Greta Football & Netball Club.

John was a lifelong supporter of the Greta Football & Netball Club.

As a boy and a young man John would proudly wear his purple and gold jumper at training and game days.

John took pride in serving the Club for many years as a scoreboard attendant, and he was also well known for his passionate verbal support during games.

More recently John attained his Responsible Serving of Alcohol licence, which he kept framed behind the bar, and served behind the bar at home games. He enjoyed being part of the volunteers' team and the opportunity of interacting with the bar patrons. There was always a friendly greeting for them and particularly for those he knew.

## Vale John Hunter Dinning



John was always very polite and grateful when invited to come out of the bar to enjoy half time afternoon tea, or when the canteen volunteers took a cup of tea and sandwich to him in the bar. John was always there: quiet, punctual and reliable - his contributions gave him a great deal of satisfaction.

John was awarded Life Membership of Greta Football & Netball Club last year. This was a surprise to him but he was proud to think he had been honoured in this way, making him one of only a handful of non-playing Life Members, which is testimony to John's lifelong support and service to the Club.

John will be missed, but remembered by his friends around the Greta Football & Netball Club.

Rest In Peace, John.

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## **A message from Cr Harry Bussell, Rural City of Wangaratta, Southern Ward.**

I would like to let you all know that I am available to support any community members who are finding things difficult at this time.

The Rural City of Wangaratta has a number of resources available to assist community members who are facing financial and social challenges.

If you fit into this category, please contact me and I will point you in the right direction or help in any way that you need.

Usually at this time of year we would be going to local football matches or community events and I would be able to see you all and shake your hands.

Unfortunately that is not the case. I want you to know that Council is still meeting and I am still able to represent ratepayers from the Southern Ward on any matters.

As a community we have overcome many challenges and this will be no different.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on [h.bussell@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:h.bussell@wangaratta.vic.gov.au) or mobile 0429 475 863.

Kind Regards,

Cr Harry Bussell, Rural City of Wangaratta

## 2020 Greta Football & Netball Club



Just recapping on the Greta FNC's opening line of the February 2020 Greta Bunyip: "The 2020 Season is just around the corner and the Committee and Coaches are preparing for another exciting season and successful year".

Well, that has certainly come to an abrupt halt ... just like a lot of other things in our lives. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the AFLNEB and Netball Victoria announced that the

commencement of the 2020 Season for all community football and netball will be postponed until at least May 31.

But, in this ever-changing environment we are currently living in, we'll just have to wait and see what unfolds throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with what's happening around the Club

To everyone who is involved with the Greta Football & Netball Club including the Committee, Members, Sponsors, Coaches, Players, Trainers, Officials, Volunteers, Supporters and Families ... please take care and look after each other during these unprecedented times we are currently living in.

Looking forward to the day when we're all back at the **Home of the Mighty Blues**.

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What interesting times we live in! There is little doubt that our current experience with the COVID19 virus will continue to impact on the way we go about our daily lives and focus our thinking on what we have hitherto taken for granted.

I recall in an earlier edition of the Bunyip our group expressed the fact that disasters/ emergencies do not just limit themselves to fire, flood and storm. The current situation in which we find ourselves illustrates how true this is.

For those of us fortunate to have family members at home with us it is a good time to think about many others in the community who do not. Now even more than before, it is important to check on the wellbeing of our neighbours and friends. Some may be confused, frightened and lonely. With restrictions around social distancing, a phone call is all it takes to share a little of the burden.

With so much COVID19 information floating around on social media it is sometimes hard to separate fact from fiction. A site that is particularly useful is the

*AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT Coronavirus (COVID19) website.* [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au)

This site links you to daily up-dated information and you can also follow links to **Victorian Government** specific information.

Another alternative is to load the *Coronavirus Australia App* from the App Store. This provides official **Australian Department of Health** information.

If you personally need assistance you can ring Victoria's dedicated coronavirus hotline on **1800 675 398**. The hotline can refer you to other support services if needed. Don't be afraid to reach out for help.

## Preparedness Research Project in Greta Locality

An exciting research opportunity has arisen through the Melbourne University that has the potential to benefit the wider Greta Community.

In the coming months Isabel Cornes, a PhD candidate from the University of Melbourne, is undertaking a research project on preparedness for natural hazards in the Greta area.

The Community Engagement for Disaster Risk Reduction (CEDRR) project seeks to better understand how households and emergency service volunteers think about risks and preparedness for different natural hazards.

The project also explores the different ways that households, friends, neighbours, and community engage with each other around preparedness.

We hope the research will help us better understand how to support our community into the future. All information will be collected anonymously and will be presented back through a report and meeting later in the year.

*Given the current situation with the COVID19 virus and the requirement for "social distancing," all interviews will be conducted via telephone.*

Please note that the project has received clearance by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the Melbourne University. Ethics ID 1955261.1

If you are willing to take part in the project, please contact David Salau from the Greta Community Safety Group (0408 387 582) or Isabel Cornes (0450 454 181).

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Greta Community Safety Group**

**The Bunyip is being delivered by email only** in this time of physical isolation. Thank you to the Greta Valley Landcare Group who are dispersing this edition to their email contacts. If you have a neighbour, friend or family member who enjoys reading our local community newsletter but normally receives their copy by hand delivery, perhaps you could print a copy and place it in their mailbox.

You can ask them to email [gretabunyip@gmail.com](mailto:gretabunyip@gmail.com) with their email address (if they have one) and I will add them to our distribution contact list. It is likely the next edition will be delivered electronically with no physical / hand delivery.



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## Greta Fire Brigade

Greta started the season off well when we went to District 24 Gapsted on Sunday 1st March 2020. Greta seniors came away with a 1st place in every event, winning the aggregate with 96 points to Springhurst 22 points, with Chiltern 22 points.

The Juniors didn't have a good day, but they competed well in the 11-15 age group and were looking for a win at District 23 Competition.



District 23 was held at Eldorado on Sunday 15th March 2020. Greta seniors jumped out of the blocks with a win in the first two events Low down Pump and Ladder and Wet hose and Ladder, going on to receive second places in Tanker, Hose, reel and Ladder and Hydrant and Tanker. Then winning two more events - Tanker Drawing Water from Tank and Tanker, Priming, Pumping and Ladder had them winning the day on 84 points to Eldorado 50 points and Springhurst 40 points.

The Juniors won two events-Low Down Pump and Ladder and Tanker Priming, Pumping and Ladder and a Fourth place in Tanker Drawing water from a Tank. Resulting in a Second place 36 points in the aggregate from Springhurst 60 points, with Eldorado on 12 points in the 11-15 age group.

Due to the Coronavirus District 22 Competition was cancelled.

The State Championships at Mooroopna was also cancelled.

So we had a short season that ended very quickly.

Report provided by Kaylene Hooper

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# Media Release

30 March 2020



## Change your clock, check your smoke alarms

CFA is urging Victorians to check that their smoke alarms are in working order when daylight saving ends at 2am this Sunday.

CFA is concerned some households may not know if their smoke alarm would alert them in the event of a fire. The end of daylight savings is a great reminder to check the battery and to check if the unit is more than 10 years old.

It is also important that people check the location of their smoke alarms. Most fatal fires start in lounge rooms and bedrooms. Some of these tragedies may have been able to be prevented by having working smoke alarms in the right places. CFA recommends smoke alarms be fitted in all sleeping and living areas; this is your best chance of an early notification and escape, regardless of where a fire starts.

It is also a good idea to have interconnected smoke alarms, so that when any of the alarms is activated by smoke, all smoke alarms will sound to alert occupants of a fire.

CFA District 23 Operations Manager Colin Brown said smoke alarms were crucial safety devices that saved lives and prevented millions of dollars in property damage.

“A working smoke alarm can save your life in the event of a fire,” he said.

“We recommend 10-year lithium-battery smoke alarms because that means you don’t need to change batteries every year.

“But regardless of your type of smoke alarm, don’t just forget about them once you’ve installed them. It’s important to test them every month by pressing the test button and to maintain them by cleaning the smoke alarm unit each year.

“If your smoke alarms aren’t working properly, you could miss a warning sign that could save the lives of you and your loved ones.”

Smoke alarms are compulsory in all Victorian homes. Residential tenants are responsible for regularly cleaning and testing smoke alarms in their homes and to report any faults to the landlord or agent.

If a fire occurs, get out and stay out, and call triple zero (000).

For more information on how to protect yourself and your family from house fires, visit your local CFA Brigade or the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/smoke-alarms](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/smoke-alarms)

(Yes - a bit late changing the time this week.....however the smoke alarm info is very important)

## Events and Workshops – on hold

The health and wellbeing of our community is foremost in our minds, and so all events and workshops planned for March-May are currently on hold due to the required social distancing measures.

We are working on some ideas for delivering some online workshops in the coming weeks. Notification of online events will occur via our newsletter email list. If you would like to be added to our email list, please subscribe at the bottom of the home page on our website at [www.gretalandcare.org.au](http://www.gretalandcare.org.au)

Please look over the farm gate to check on your neighbours and be kind to each other.

## Grant funding – Shade and Shelter projects

Funding is available to support projects that provide shade and shelter for your stock. Fencing reimbursement at rates of \$4000/ha, with up to \$3.50 per plant and guard. We are now finalising this grant program for planting this winter. If you wish to participate, please ring Sally ASAP to discuss your project ideas.

## Paddock Trees – Get your orders for 2020 planting in now!



We have ordered stock for winter planting of new paddock trees. Collection of guards will be from Moyhu later in April.

Protecting or planting new paddock trees increases shade in your paddock and also helps to reduce stock pressure on our old remnant trees that provide valuable habitat.

We can supply a native tree and large wire guard (1.8m tall, 0.7m diameter) to members at the **subsidised rate of \$25 per guard (RRP of \$58 for the guard)**. We are now taking orders for paddock tree guards, so please call Sally to put in your order for 2020.

## Keen to do your own planting this winter?

We are keen to support and assist our members to continue their planting projects on their properties. If you have areas that you would like to do your own planting, you might be interested in taking part in our winter Greta Valley Plant Order.

We can offer the following assistance:

- Preparation of a list of native tree and shrub species to suit your property
- Plants can be ordered through the group, enabling a bulk purchase discount through our local nurseries. Plants will be supplied at the price of \$2.40 each (retail is \$3.50).
- Guards (cardboard or corflute) can also be ordered and will be supplied at cost rate to members.
- Advice on site preparation, including ripping, spraying and planting techniques.
- Plants and guards will be available locally for collection in late May.





To help subsidise the cost of providing this service, the Group is charging a service fee of \$30 for orders of up to 100 trees, and a fee of \$40 for orders of more than 100 plants.

Plants (trees and shrubs) will be native and indigenous to the area, suitable for revegetation projects on your property. Cultivars or garden specimens will not be included in the list.

For further information about any of our projects, please contact Sally Day on 0437 136 162 or email [sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au](mailto:sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au).

## NEWS FROM THE PAST.

**Wangaratta Chronicle (Vic. : 1901 - 1931), Wednesday 30 April 1919, page 3**

### INFLUENZA

#### OUTBREAK IN WANGARATTA

The Influenza Epidemic has made its appearance in Wangaratta, and up to Tuesday afternoon 32 cases were receiving treatment in the Wangaratta hospital. Of these one death, that of Mrs. Carre, Carboor, had occurred, one patient was particularly ill, five others in a serious condition, six approaching a state of convalescence, whilst the remainder were progressing as favourably as could be expected. The cases included six residents of Wangaratta, Winton 1, Benalla 1, Goorambat 1, Carboor 6, Milawa 3, Greta 1, Oxley 1, Londrigans 1. Other patients were visitors to the town, from Melbourne, Sydney and various parts of the State, who had come to take part in the 'Back to Wangaratta' celebrations. In addition several persons in the town and district are suffering from influenza in a more or less severe form. The health authorities strongly advise against anything that would tend to alarm, whilst advising that all precautions should be taken by those suffering from ordinary colds, avoidance of crowds, and other measures as published by the Board of Health to combat the disease. Included in the 32 cases at the hospital are two of the nurses who were attending to influenza patients. Two fresh cases were admitted yesterday.

#### ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

...The Mayor said the next question was should inoculation be recommended at once. The doctors thought it should, and that the work should not be given to one doctor, but that all doctors should be allowed to do the inoculation at a fixed fee. The vaccine would be supplied by the department. The fee suggested was 5/?, each doctor to have a separate day.

Cr. Edwards moved that arrangements be made for *inoculation* at the Town Hall on four days a week, one hour each day, each doctor to provide his own nurse, and persons inoculated to pay 2/6 for each inoculation: the council to provide the vaccine.- Carried.

Cr. Mather moved that the Health Officer be appointed to do the inoculation – Councillors contended that as the public was paying for the inoculation it should be left to the public to go to whichever doctor they wished.—The motion was not seconded.

It was decided that each of the four doctors be allocated a day, and that the days for inoculation be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 3 to 4pm.

The Mayor said the Press was to be asked to warn the public to avoid congregating in large numbers.

Cr. Mather thought the schools should be closed.

It was decided to telephone the Board of Health for permission to close picture shows and schools if considered advisable.

As pneumonic influenza is not a notifiable disease now, occupants of affected houses are asked to isolate themselves. The Mayor was authorised to appeal for V.A.D.'s

(V.A. D. The Voluntary Aid Detachment (**VAD**) was a voluntary unit of civilians providing nursing care for military personnel in the United Kingdom and various other countries in the British Empire. An important period of operation for these units was during **World War I** )

**Joan Ellis for the Greta Heritage Group**

**– unfortunately the complete article is not available on line.**