

The GRETA BUNYIP

“YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER”

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What an amazing day at the Home of the Mighty Blues for our first game of the 2021 season.

Greg Newbold, our Senior Coach, sums it up pretty well:

"A massive crowd turned out for the traditional Good Friday match against neighbourhood rivals Moyhu. In weather that more closely resembled summer than autumn, the ground was rung with vehicles and a bustling crowd gathered around the oval and court in excited anticipation. Greta is a community more than a club, and never was this more noticeable than for our first home game in over 18 months."

Our coaching appointments for this season are:

- Senior Coach: Greg Newbold
- Assistant Coaches: Josh Bell and Bryce Ralph
- Reserves Coach: Damiun Cassidy
- A & B Reserve: Loren Gathercole
- B Grade: Michelle Turnbull
- C Grade: Leanne Turnbull
- U15: Netty Atteridge

We're all excited to be back at the Greta Sporting Complex. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and drinks on Thursday nights. A big welcome to Carol & Maria who will be running the canteen and kitchen this year.

Once again, a big thank you to all our sponsors who are generously supporting us this season.

Our first major event will be held on Saturday 1 May 2021 (Greta v King Valley at home).

We look forward to welcoming all Past Players.

This will also be a Reunion Day for the following teams:

- Senior Football (1980)
- A Grade (1960 & 2010)
- B Grade (1990)
- C Grade (2000)

The Silver Circle Draw (\$25 per ticket) will be held in the evening from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks will be provided.

Congratulation to all the A Grade girls. Finally, the unveiling of the 2019 A Grade Premiership Flag.



Go Blues



The Greta Cricket Club held their junior and senior presentation night on the 19th March 2021. While the season was a struggle in more ways than one, the night was a successful celebration for a hard-fought season.

The undersized Under 12 and undermanned Under 14 teams went out with a bang and both got themselves a win in the ultimate round. Special mention must go to Christian Ashworth in the 14's who made his maiden 50 with a total of 55 not out and then followed that up with 5 wickets in an outstanding individual effort. The last senior round was also incredible with another individual achievement from Kris Barnard who achieved the UNBELIEVABLE bowling figures of 9 WICKETS FOR 58 RUNS which is an outstanding effort and the envy of all but a few bowlers.

Award winners are.

U12

Bat Eamon Mullins
Bowl Murphy Flanigan
Coaches - Hamish Tanner

U14

Bat Xavier Rosser
Bowl Christian Ashworth
Coaches - Clove Boonzaayer
Most Valuable junior player Christian Ashworth

B grade

Bat Saul Rosser
Bowl Xavier Rosser

A Reserve

Bat Mick Barnard
Bowl Dave Allen

A Grade

Bat Nick Pell
Bowl Matt Gathercole

Junior Rising Star is the best junior player who also plays senior cricket - Xavier Rosser

Senior Most Valuable Player - Nick Pell.

BEST CLUB PERSON

There was also the prestigious award of **Best Club Person**. This was awarded to our ground curator Andy Wheelens who puts in an amazing effort - more effort than anyone else in the league. Thank you and congratulations Andy.

Saul Rosser

FIREARM SAFETY COURSE

LRD Approved Instructors

Wednesday 12th May 2021

7.30pm at the Greta Hall

Do you own firearms and want to know how to sell them?

Are you up to date with current gun laws in Australia?

Do you want to get a gun licence? (Adult or junior)

What type of security do I require to own a gun?

How can I transport a gun and ammo safely?

On completion and passing the test, certificates will be issued to allow you to apply for your Victorian Firearm Licence.

One on one instruction can occur under prior arrangement. Please book early.

Attendance and numbers by 10th May

Limited numbers due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Contact Adrian 0407 516 221



Practical workshop: Managing your shelterbelt in the long term

Friday 7th May 2021, 2-4pm

Guest speaker Kylie Macreadie from Agriculture Victoria and Sally Day will co-present to discuss a range of options for improving the effectiveness of your shelterbelts in the long term. They will cover how to assess whether your shelterbelt is meeting your needs, options for top-up planting and assisting natural recruitment and how to improve the biodiversity value of your corridors. Sally will also run through the 20 most common shrubs in our local area and their benefits in our landscape. Members of the group will be given the opportunity to take home a selection of native shrubs to plant on their own properties (max 5 tube stock per member). A light afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP essential.

How to enhance your farm dam & Annual General Meeting

Sunday 23rd May 2021, from 9am-12pm

Join ecologists from the Sustainable Farms team to learn about the scientific research that is currently being undertaken on farm dams across NE Victoria and the multiple benefits of enhancing farm dams for biodiversity and production. We will visit several farm dams on the property of Marc & Sharon Sealey to hear about the improvement works they have been undertaking and talk about how to get started planning and implementing similar projects on your own property. Breakfast will be provided at 9am, followed by a short AGM at 9.30am. The workshop will commence at 9.45am. RSVP essential.

Members winter plant order

If you would like to take advantage of our bulk buy plant and guard orders, we are now taking orders for this winter. The Group receives substantial discounts on our tube stock and guards and is happy to support members to do their own planting projects on their property where you purchase the plants and guards at cost through our Group. This year we are very fortunate to have Garry Nash and Co. help to sponsor this planting program, which will allow our Project Officer to spend time with members to prepare their plant order and select appropriate trees, shrubs and ground covers for sites on their property. To find out more about this program, please get in touch.

Membership

We welcome new members at any time. To find out more or join up as a member of the group, please check out our website

at www.gretalandcare.org.au/become-a-member/

Please contact Sally Day on 0437 136 162 or email sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au to RSVP for events or find out more about any of the Groups' activities.

Sally Day

Greta Valley Landcare Group



King Valley Gravel Cycling routes are coming and with that the launch event King GRAValley over 1-2 May!

Held in beautiful Whitfield, Victoria the event will attract visitors from all over Victoria as well as our own backyard.

Saturday 1 May will feature a **market day** running 9-4:30, with [registration from local vendors and community groups open now here](#). Registration for the market closes on 1 April.

If you are a local business or food vendor who would like to be at both days of the event, please email communityresilience@wangeratta.vic.gov.au for prices and to register.

If you want to know more about the King Valley Gravel cycling routes check out [this facebook post](#) or the King GRAValley Festival [registration page](#).

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Vendors at the Southern Charolais Breeders Sale
Thursday 18th March 2021
Yea Selling Complex, Yea Victoria

Change your clocks, check your smoke alarms

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another period of daylight savings. When was the last time you checked your smoke alarms?

While technology has changed over the years, the key message in relation to smoke alarms remains the same - only working smoke alarms save lives.

North East Region CFA Manager of Community Safety Darren Viney said "Properly maintaining your smoke alarms can save your life, it's no good having a smoke alarm installed if it isn't working. When people change their clocks this weekend, we are asking them to also check their smoke alarms".

Regardless of the type of smoke alarms you have:

- Test monthly - use a broom stick to press the button on your smoke alarms, hold until the alarm beeps three times
- Dust regularly
- All smoke alarms (hard-wired and standalone) need to be replaced every 10 years
- Smoke alarms must meet Australian Standard AS3786

If you have smoke alarms with replaceable batteries, you need to change the batteries annually. The end of daylight savings is a good prompt to do this.

Recent research indicates the importance of installing smoke alarms in all living and sleeping areas throughout the home. "Current research shows the number and location of working smoke alarms in the home increase your family's chances of escaping from a fire. Over the last 10 years most fatal fires started at night, either in loungerooms or bedrooms.

People lose their sense of smell when they are asleep, so the smell of smoke won't wake them up. Therefore, CFA recommend smoke alarms be placed in every living area and bedroom. Having working smoke alarms is your first line of defence in the event of a fire", Mr Viney said.

CFA also recommends installing smoke alarms be powered by a 10-year long-life lithium battery and installed on the ceiling at least 30 centimetres from the wall. Recommendations include having interconnected smoke alarms – so that when one sounds, the others will do the same.

There are also a number of simple measures people can take around the home in order to prevent fires from happening in the first place, these include:

- Turning off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.
- Never overcharging devices ○
- Never leaving devices on bedding to charge
- Ensuring home heating, including flues and chimneys, are regularly cleaned and serviced by a certified technician.
- Never leaving cooking unattended

CFA also asks that people regularly update and practice their home fire escape plan with all family members. For more information about the things you can do to prevent and prepare for fires in the home visit:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>

Change your clocks, check your smoke alarms



- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Dust smoke alarms regularly
- Replace all types of smoke alarms every 10 years
- If your smoke alarms have replaceable batteries, change annually

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Is your burn off safe and legal?



- Have you checked your councils local law regarding when and where you can burn off?
- Have you checked fire restrictions and registered your burn off by calling 1800 668 511?
- Have you checked the current and forecast weather?
- Do you have an adequate water supply?
- Have you cleaned up around the burn site?
- Have you notified your neighbours?
- Have you put it out properly?
- On Total Fire Ban days, all fires in the open air are banned and all permits are suspended

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The Greta Cemetery Trust, Greta-Hansonville Hall, and
Greta Valley Primary School

invite you to the annual

Greta Cemetery ANZAC Service

Friday 23 April 2021

**Greta Cemetery, Kilfeera Rd,
Greta**

9.45am for 10.00am start

- Flag raising
- Flag and poppy to be placed on local veterans' graves by students
- Opportunity to lay wreath or flowers
- Light refreshments to follow at Greta Hansonville Hall

ALL WELCOME

- Honours and Awards may be worn on the day
- please note this Service is being conducted within the Victorian COVID – SAFE Framework
- RSVP is essential by 20 April for attendance and catering purposes
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