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"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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GRETA HANSONVILLE HALL

Notice of Public meeting to be held at the Greta Hansonville Hall on Wednesday 22 September 2021 - 7pm

The purpose of this meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Greta Public Hall for a term of three years.

The current committee's term expired in February 2021. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. This meeting will be immediately followed by the

Greta Hansonville Hall Committee AGM at 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

A light supper will be provided.

Please contact Noeleen Lloyd for more information on 0427 276 372 or noeleenlloyd@gmail.com

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GRETA HANSONVILLE HALL HISTORY

Separate halls were initially built at Greta and Hansonville.

On 5th February 1952 a large bush fire starting at Benalla burnt through the district destroying the Hansonville Hall but the Greta Hall was saved.

Following this event the communities of both districts got together and agreed to establish a hall on a new site that included a recreation reserve with a sporting oval and tennis courts.

It was agreed that the Greta Hall could be relocated to the new site and would be known as the Greta Hansonville Hall.

This occurred over several days with the relocation completed on 15th April 1954.

Significant Milestones

- **1908** A hall was erected at Hansonville - refer A History of Greta by S E Ellis p 17
- **15 July 1913** Meeting held to select a site for a hall at Greta
- **29 Sept 1913** Meeting agreed to a hall being built on reserve east of Hanson State School (later renamed Greta State School)
- **17 Mar 1916** New Greta Hall was opened by Mr Thomas Graham, Solicitor from Wangaratta and celebrated with a dance
- **6 Mar 1926** Meeting agreed two dressing rooms be built on north end of hall
- **7 Mar 1932** Meeting sought an estimate of the cost of a supper room to be attached
- **26 Nov 1932** Ladies Committee formed
- **July 1933** New supper room opened by Cr P Snowdon
- **5 Feb 1952** Hansonville Hall destroyed in large bush fire that swept through the district The Greta Hall was saved
- **13 Nov 1953** Meeting of Greta and Hansonville residents agreed to move the Greta Hall to the new Greta Hansonville Recreation Reserve
- **9 April 1954** Greta Hall moved to new site
- **1 May 1954** Greta Hansonville Recreation Reserve opened
- **8 Mar 1955** Renovated hall now known as the Greta Hansonville Hall opened by Mr F A Cook MLA, Member for Benalla



What a great way to start the 2021 Season with a Bye in Round 1. This gave us the opportunity to check how some of the other Clubs handled the new world order of Covid protocols and refine our own processes which turned out to be an almost weekly adjustment.

On a beautiful warm and sunny day, Round 2 our traditional Good Friday match against rivals Moyhu and our first home game in over 18 months resembled a finals match with an exceptionally large and excited crowd and all players raring to go.

All players and support crew were coasting along nicely for Round 3 to 5 with a couple of away games and another home game.

And then, we were hit with three consecutive home games in a row in Round 6 to 8. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked non-stop for three weeks to ensure that everything was ready for each game.

Round 6 v King Valley was a highly successful day which attracted large crowds with the 40 Year Premiership reunions, the RUOK Day and then followed by the Silver Circle in the evening. A great day was had by all.

Thanks to the Social Club, even though it was a cold wintery day, the girls enjoyed drinks and nibbles at Ladies Day which was held in Round 8.

Round 9 saw us on the road to play off against the Whorouly Lions which was followed by Lockdown No 4.

Round 10 and 11 were abandoned due to COVID restrictions.

And then, Greta had two Byes ... the Queen's Birthday weekend and Round 12. This gave all players an opportunity to rest up and recover from any injuries in readiness for Round 13 and 14.

Round 15 saw Whorouly Lions venture to the Home of the Mighty Blues which was then followed by Lockdown No 5. Does this mean that Blues v Lions = Lockdown?? We certainly hope not!!!

Round 16 and 17 were abandoned due to COVID restrictions.

And yes, after many phone calls, meetings and discussions between the League and the Clubs, we were fortunately able to play Round 18, our last home game. But, unfortunately with no spectators.

The end of the season:

At the time of writing, we have two away games left ... Round 19 and 20. We then hit the Finals series.

Our A Grade netball side is in a strong position to finish in the Top 2 of the ladder. With a good blend of youth and experience, the reigning premiers will have every chance to defend their flag.

The B Grade girls have had a tough year with wins few and far between, but have the chance to finish the year strongly and get another win or two.

B Reserve have been hard hit with injuries this year and sit just outside the Top 6. A stirring win over 2nd place North Wang in Round 18 should give them a lift and hopefully finish off the year with another couple of wins.

C Grade should hold their position in the Top 6 and be playing a part in the finals. The girls have come a long way this year and are playing pretty good netball at the moment.

The U15 girls have had a fairly lean year, but are working hard on their game and their improvement across the season has been enormous. A lot of the girls are from the local area, with some being third and fourth generation players for the Club. They will be the foundation of the Club for many years to come.

The Senior football side currently hold 6th position on the ladder and need to keep winning to ensure a spot. Greg Newbold has the boys playing a good brand of football at the moment and if they get the chance they could go deep into the finals.

Although the Reserves can mathematically still play finals, they would need to win both remaining games and have another couple of results go their way.

The social scene has had a bit of a bumpy ride this season with events scheduled, postponed and cancelled. Thank you to the Social Club for all your hard work this season.

It's been a bit of an up and down season, but it has been far better than 2020 where we didn't have a season at all.

The Greta Football & Netball Club would like to thank everyone associated with our very special and unique Club, and in particular to all our Sponsors, Members and Supporters. Great effort by all the Coaches and Players who have continued to keep the momentum going under difficult circumstances. And, a big thank you to all our Volunteers who do such a fantastic job around the Club to make it all happen.

GRETA SPORTING COMPLEX

Commonly known as
"THE COMPLEX"

AGM - Thursday 2nd September
Greta Sporting Complex
8:00 pm.

All welcome to attend

Enquiries to Tony Tanner on 0409 221 211

For those who may not know, the role of the Complex is to act as a community based Committee of Management for most of the sporting facilities on the DELWP owned Greta Recreation Reserve.

The reserve also has a separate Committee of Management for the Greta Hansonville Hall, which includes the tennis courts.

Over the past year or so our committee of volunteers, with the assistance of local businesses, have also:

- Installed solar power (thanks to Keiron Dare, Bushwire Electrical) to the main Complex Building.
- Replaced the 4 each LPG instantaneous water heaters (thanks to Andrew Squires Plumbing) for the male & female change rooms with new instantaneous units.
- Removed & repaired the main bore (thanks to Daniel Smith, Smitty's Electrical) and made upgrades to hopefully improve its reliability.

We have a few projects planned including:

- Working to keep energy costs down and reduce our greenhouse footprint by:
- Upgrading oval lighting on the Hall side - replace 3,000W of outdated Mercury Vapour lights with 1,000W of higher efficiency units to provide improved lighting.
- Replacing the undersized electric hot water service in the kitchen with an instantaneous LPG unit to provide a reliable hot water supply.
- Squash Courts - We have a group of volunteers looking to return the squash courts to use & establish a weekly social squash / racquetball competition.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO GRETA DISTRICT OBITUARY

Mrs. Rowland Hughes.

A well-known identity, and one of the pioneers of the Greta district, in the person of Mrs. Mary Hughes, wife of Mr. Rowland Hughes, of "Glanafon," died at her home on Wednesday night week. For many years she had been an invalid, and during the last few months her health gradually weakened, until death came peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday night, (says the "Chronicle"). The late Mrs. Hughes, who was 82 years of age, was a native of Anglesea, Wales, and was married at home, leaving that country in 1862, with her husband and one son, (Richard), for Australia, landing in Melbourne 1863.

After a period of about 18 months spent at Broadmeadows, Mr. Hughes decided on coming to Greta to join his brother, Mr. Richard Hughes, who had settled there some time before. The family travelled up by waggon, bringing horses and cattle with them, and in 1865 Mr. Hughes acquired an area of land on which they settled, made their home and there resided ever since, carrying on farming, dairying, and racehorse breeding with success.

Mrs. Hughes was one of those generous hearted women who delighted in doing a good turn to others, and many were the acts of charity and kindness she performed. She supported all district movements and appeals for charitable institutions, and as a wife and mother there was none better, and she was respected by all who knew her. She reared a family of six sons and one daughter, namely—Messrs Richard (New Zealand), John (Greta), Rowland (Greta), Enoch (Ashbridge, N.S.W.), Robert (Hansonville), and Isaac Hughes (Greta South), and Mrs. J. Bowen, (Ganmain, N.S.W.) She is also survived by 33 grandchildren. Mr Hughes will have the sympathy of his friends in his sad bereavement.

The funeral took place last Friday, and the large attendance indicated the high regard in which the deceased lady was held in the district.

The coffin was carried by four sons, Messrs. Rowland, Isaac, Robert, and Enoch Hughes, and the pall bearers were Messrs M. Naylor, J. Dinning, R. Williams, J. O Hughes, D. Tanner and F. Bain. The burial service was read by Mr. Chesterfield.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Rowland Hughes

As indicated in the "Standard" of Friday last, a very old resident of the district, and one of its most honored identities in the person of Mr. Rowland Hughes has passed away. The sad event took place on Friday morning last at his residence, "Glan Afon," nine weeks after the death of his wife. Deceased was a native of Anglesea, North Wales, where he was born in 1837, and at the age of 20 he was married. Mr and Mrs. Hughes with their eldest son sailed for Australia in 1860, Mr Richard Shanley, of Moyhu, being his shipmate. In 1864 Mr. Hughes decided to take up land at Hansonville, where three brothers had settled some years earlier, and he never regretted the day he became a settler in that district.

He selected a small area of 80 acres and there made his home, the work of clearing running into £4 6/ per acre. He put in and harvested his first crop in 1866, and since then has farmed successfully, and at various periods bought additional properties until he had over 1000 acres of rich land. In his younger days the late Mr. Hughes was recognised as the champion ploughman of the district—a distinction gained in competition with the most capable ploughmen of the day. He had five beautiful cups won as champion trophies at various district matches. A silver cup valued at £11 11/ was won at Greta which had to be won twice before it became the property of the holder. He also won a cup valued £10 10/ at Greta. His prowess as a plowman extended beyond his own district, and at the Dookie South Ploughing Matches in 1878 he won the champion prize.

He bred a large number of racehorses including Pauline, Whistle, Binkey, Dauntless, Cymro, Lando, Grand March, Martyr, Blodwyn, Sweep Clean and Queen Mary. As in everything else, Mr. Hughes was most honorable in horse racing. Pauline won the Wangaratta cup; Lando was a successful district horse and was third in the Newmarket Handicap; Grand March won races at Wangaratta, Chiltern, Benalla and Nagambie; Martyr was the best mare Mr. Hughes ever owned; she won numerous races including the Hotham Handicap at Flemington, and several other events on suburban courses; Blodwyn won at Chiltern, Wangaratta and on suburban courses; Sweep Clean won at Flemington and Caulfield, including the Birthday Handicap of £500; Grace Darling won the Benalla Cup in 1878 and 1879.

His stud horses included Dauntless, King Arthur and Middle March. The latter won silver cups at Yarrowonga shows, several champion prizes at Benalla and Wangaratta, and his owner received numerous trophies and medals as prizes won by him. A pair of carriage horses bred by Mr. Hughes realised 170 guineas.

The deceased gentleman took a very keen interest in public affairs. For nine years he represented Western Riding in the Oxley Shire Council. Twice he refused the presidency.

He also took a prominent interest in establishing the Hansen Dairy Co., and for ten years was on the Board of Directors. In July, 1912, Mr and Mrs. Hughes celebrated their golden wedding. The function was attended by some hundreds of district residents, and the family was united in very happy auspices. Several members and their families returned from New Zealand and other distant parts to be present. Few people are better known in this district than the late Mr. Hughes.

He possessed a very genial disposition, and was a man of strong personality, straightforward in all his dealings, and true in his friendship. He did much good for the district and helped many people in a quiet way, and his death removes one of the fine band of settlers who helped to lay the foundations of the Greta district and its institutions.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. Bowen (Ganmain), and six sons—Messrs Richard (N Z.), John (Greta), Rowland (South Wangaratta), Enoch (Ashbridge), Robert (Hansonville), and Isaac (Greta South)

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GRETA VALLEY PS

**Enrolments are now open for new students
for 2022.**

Contact Howard Gibson on 57 666 344

The Grade 5 / 6 students have been learning about poetry this term – Odes, Limericks, Personification, Similes, Couplets and Kennings.....who knew there were so many types of poetry?

Here is some of their work.

*The sun is bright and yellow as can be
It shines bright and alive, just look and see.*
Matilda

*Once there was a man from China
Who was a very good miner
He slipped on a rock
And spilt his big sock
Now he is a barefoot climber*
Jim

*There once was a lovely lady called GG,
She went on a big holiday to Fiji,
She soaked up the sun
While she sipped on some rum,
And that was the funny story of GG.*
Ella

*Oh chair
You are so comfy
When I sit on you my life is complete
Your arm rests are the best
You are perfect for gaming
Oh chair how I adore you*
Ethan

*There was a young boy from Greta
Who was a very big eater
He grew to be 2m wide
Then he couldn't fit down the slide
That poor big boy from Greta*
Mitch

*I rode my dog to Rome.
To get a piece of foam.
But when I got there
The foam was nowhere
Except for a square gnome*
Curtis

*To ice-cream,
You are as cold as ice,
And as sweet as sugar,
Unlike mice you're incredibly nice,
You tickle my taste buds,
Oh ice-cream how I adore you*
Carla

*Oh beef
You are the juiciest food in in the world
Cook it medium cook it rare,
I don't care
Oh beef you are the best*
Tom

*There was a black cow called Crook,
Who liked to eat like a chook,
He walked around,
Pecking the ground,
That silly old black cow called Crook!*
Shelby

*Dancing magpies,
Dance all around,
Flapping wings up and down,
Magpies dance on the ground,
Tired magpies.*
Kate

*I look out the window and see
A healthy happy swaying tree.*
Ilka

*Few frogs in the pot, then swirl it around
Keep on swirling then a new potion found*
Cody

GRETA CFA UPDATES

In the past decade, Victorian firefighters have responded to more than 32,000 residential fires across the state, with 60% of fatal fires starting in people's bedrooms and living areas.

Despite this, a concerning number of Victorians still do not have smoke alarms in their bedrooms and living areas. Did you know that most fatal fires happen in the sleeping hours between 8pm and 8am?

A survey conducted by Victoria's fire services in 2020 revealed just 16 percent of Victorians have smoke alarms in their bedrooms. And around 44 percent of people do not have a smoke alarm in any living room.

That is why CFA urges all Victorians to install smoke alarms in every living area and bedroom, including in hallways and stairs between floors. This will increase the opportunity that a fire will be detected more quickly and will give your family the best chance of escape.

Smoke alarms should also be interconnected. Interconnection means that the smoke alarms communicate with each other so that if one smoke alarm activates in one room all the smoke alarms activate, making it more likely that everyone will have the best chance of getting out before they are overcome by smoke.

Research tells us that almost all children do not wake to the sound of a smoke alarm.

This makes it important that adults in the home can hear them. In modern homes where the parent's bedroom is often in another part of the house, they may not hear the smoke alarm in the children's bedrooms.

Interconnected smoke alarms will provide those precious seconds when you need them most.

NORTH EAST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

NEMA is organizing Hari Merdeka, an event to celebrate Indonesian and Malaysian Independence.

It is being held on Saturday 21 August 2021 at the Cultural Cottage, 3 The Close, Wangaratta.

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