# The GRETA BUNYIP

#### **"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"**

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### **GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have been very busy at Greta Valley PS this term.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May we held our Personal Best Sports Day. It was a lovely sunny day and all our students performed very well.

The 7<sup>th</sup> June sees five of our students participating in the Ovens and Mitta Zone Cross Country and we wish them all the best.

Our Outside School Hours Care has a new co-ordinator, Rani Symes. We would officially like to welcome Rani to the position. She is enjoying getting to know the children, staff and workings of the service.

Our Grade 5/6 students are in the process of running a pie drive. At the conclusion they will donate the profits to a charity of their choosing.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June our students are off to see 'The Twits' at the WPAC. It should be a fantastic experience for them to attend.





# Is there a working smoke alarm in your bedroom?

You've updated your bedrooms with the latest tech and furniture, but have you considered that the most important item is a smoke alarm?

Some people think the smoke alarm outside their bedroom is enough to alert them to fire. Research has revealed that when a fire starts in a bedroom with doors closed, the smoke alarm outside the bedroom will not activate.



Go to www.vic.gov.au/smoke-alarms to see the video

#### Install smoke alarms in every bedroom and living area!

Aside from the <u>minimum ones required by law</u>, you have the choice of selecting the type and price of smoke alarms for your bedroom and living room that best suits your needs and budget.

Here are some suggested options:

Good smoke alarms Costs from: \$20 each + annual battery replacement costs	Smoke alarms powered by a 9-volt battery Cons: Cost to replace battery each year
Better smoke alarms Costs from: \$30 each	A smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium battery in a tamper-proof chamber Pros: The battery will not need to be replaced each year
The best Smoke Alarms Costs from: \$90 each	Wireless interconnected smoke alarm with a 10-year lithium backup battery Pros: When one smoke alarm sounds, all alarms will sound.





We would love to have the community join us to help plant some native plants along the walking trail as part of our 30th birthday celebrations.

Fresh coffee served on arrival, followed by a quick AGM at 9.15am. Planting will start at 9.30am and be followed by a lunch hosted by the Moyhu Lions Club between 11.30-12pm.

Meet at the Moyhu Lions Park, 1 Market Street, Moyhu. All Welcome. Free event. RSVP for catering purposes at

https://events.humanitix.com/community-planting-morning-moyhu-walking-track
Please wear suitable clothing and bring planting equipment and gloves!



#### Wild Dog Program Update



#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30-7.30pm

Scott Stow, Wild Dog Controller from DEECA is keen to chat to our community about the management of wild dogs in our catchment. This community session is being held to allow Scott to explain the Wild Dog Program to us, giving us an understanding of what the controllers do and why they do it. Scott will also touch on what he is seeing in the bush with regards to our local pig, cat and fox numbers.

Please RSVP to Sally Day by email on sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au or text 0437 136 162

#### Update on Moyhu Walking Track

Our Group has been pleased to help support the development of the walking track from the Moyhu township to the King River. This has been created with the assistance of local residents and by the Rural City of Wangaratta, through in kind and cash contributions to the project. It has been a terrific project demonstrating the value of collaboration and working together with a common goal.

#### Highlighting our local favourites

Our aim is to complete some targeted planting alongside the walking trail to highlight some of our beautiful native species that we have available in our area, with signage identifying each of the plants. A concept plant for the walking track has been developed and some spot spraying has been completed in preparation for planting. Please get in touch if you'd like a copy of the plan.

# Annual General Meeting & community planting day – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Following the clean up of some of the woody weeds on the reserve, the roadside will be slashed and then we will be ready for our proposed planting date of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a community planting morning that will commence with fresh coffee and our AGM at 9am at the Moyhu Lions Park and followed by lunch catered for by the Moyhu Lions Club.

#### Many hands make light work and we really hope that you can come along to help support this great project in our local area.

If anyone has any questions about the Walking Track project, please feel free to get in touch with Rob Edgar (Vice President) on 0408 997 740,

Stewart Day (President) on 0427 782 482

or Sally Day on 0437 136 162.

#### Have Your Say

You may have heard and seen that Rural City of Wangaratta has partnered with Ross Planning, with support from Sport and Recreation Victoria to develop a Recreation and Open Space Strategy to help inform our way forward for the next 10 years.

We want community feedback. We want to know how you use our recreation and open spaces, what you love about them, and what it is that stops you from using them.

Please follow this link to complete the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoW\_Recreation\_and\_Open\_Space\_Strategy\_Community\_Su rvey

The survey is open now, until June 9. Cr Irene Grant suggests you contact her directly.

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#### Congratulations Denis and Pam.

#### **Mistletoe Limousins**

(a sponsored article)

After 30 years of breeding Limousin Stud cattle, Mistletoe Limousins won the supreme Exhibit at the Limousin National Show and Sale held recently at the Holbrook Cattle Complex. Limousin cattle from Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales all participated in the Show. The heifer, Mistletoe Sweet Cake, was first judged Junior heifer champion, then Champion female Exhibit before going on to be chosen as the Supreme Exhibit for the Show. Breeders Denis and Pam O'Connor based at Greta South were extremely pleased to achieve this result. Our bulls have been sold locally, over many areas of Victoria as well as into NSW and to achieve this result has shown that our breeding programme has produced animals that are of quality and meet the commercial buyers' requirements.



#### Greta Football & Netball Club



As I write this month's Bunyip article, Greta FNC have played eight rounds of football and netball and are having much success throughout each grade.

Round 7 saw a community match played with the Reserves due to a forfeited game. This was showcased in front of our sponsors, past players, and premiership reunion players as well as our general supporter base. The Reserves played the first

half of the game simulating match play, with the second half of the game seeing sixteen kids, aged from three to fifteen playing alongside fathers, brothers, uncles and general Reserves players. This was a fabulous sight to witness, and we know from the talent exhibited by the kids, Greta's future football will be in good hands. It is said that some of our little kids (and even some of the bigger 'kids') continue to talk about how amazing it was to play on this day.

On the recent bye round (20/05/2023), we took the opportunity to support our community and Baby Blues with some of our junior and senior netballers cheering on the two Development Squad teams, who play in the Wangaratta Netball Association each Saturday morning. Our senior footballers put their game knowledge and skills to the test by running a clinic at Greta Auskick, supporting the young people there in developing their skills and game smarts.

Works on the playground began in late May with the new navy and white equipment looking fantastic. We are currently waiting for the foundations to be laid before the equipment takes shape. We want to thank everyone for their patience with this project but especially a BIG thank you to those who have donated their time, services, and money for a new playground at the Greta Recreation Reserve. THANK YOU!!



Memberships and Merchandise are available on the Teams App.







Greta Ball June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Wangaratta Rovers Football Clubrooms Ball tickets are now on sale!

# Make **Tankers** Ten

A History of the Wangaratta Fire Brigades' Group

Make Tankers Ten - the History of the Wangaratta Fire Brigades' Group is a book developed by dedicated members of the Group who have links to the rich history of the district.

The book highlights the formation of brigades, development of co-operative firefighting and the subsequent formation of the Wangaratta Fire Brigades' Group.

The history also tells of the legacy of the "Fathers of the Group" in influencing the fire service in this state.

The book and the stories it contains touch on the many people that have contributed their time and services from very early pioneering days through to modern times. The book brings together a rich and layered account of the pivotal role fire brigades play in our communities.

Orders are now being taken.

#### Please Email us on: Make.tankers.10@gmail .com

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Group Brigades



I have seen a lot of fires, but none like this... it was a hot, windy day - I was on a truck and in those days the trucks were very small and basic; our equipment was very limited. It got to the stage where we couldn't see anything and the fire was coming over the top of us...

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