

The GRETA BUNYIP

“YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER”

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*Merry
Christmas*

FROM THE
GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP



The potential impact of weeds on our public land

Definition: A wild (not deliberately cultivated) plant growing where it is not wanted.

Depending on whether we are a gardener, agricultural producer or land manager, our views may differ on which plants are considered weeds in our local area.

When it comes to roadsides and waterways in our local areas, we have some typical weed suspects that are declared noxious weeds. For example, blackberry, willow, hawthorn, gorse, broom, etc. The level of control for declared noxious weeds depends upon the weed category, but generally we have a responsibility to manage them on our land and prevent further spread.

Many of the weeds on our roadsides and waterways are listed as **Environmental Weeds**. These species are not declared as noxious weeds, and so there is no legal requirement for control, however they do present a threat to our local biodiversity. This includes species that have been introduced to Australia from other countries, as well as native species that have spread beyond their natural ranges (e.g. Cootamundra Wattle). Some of our common environmental weeds include Desert Ash, Box Elder, White Cedar, Apple, Prunus, Olive, Fig, Privet, Poplar.

Whilst these weeds may be suitable in gardens, they can easily spread to roadsides and waterways where they quickly become a problem. These weeds all produce either copious amounts of seed or fruit, spread by birds and wind respectively. The generating seedlings can choke native vegetation and populations of environmental weeds can quickly multiply.

Please make smart decisions on your farm when it comes to introducing exotic and garden species. Ask your nursery or research online to ensure that you are not introducing a potential weed to your local environment.

Identification resources: *Weeds in the Rural City of Wangaratta – A field guide for identification and control.*

FREE spiral bound copies of this guide can be collected from Council Offices.

We wish everyone in our community a very Merry Christmas and hope that 2024 brings you and your family happy times and good health.

GRETA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the last month our students and staff have been very busy going on a number of school camps.

Our whole school went to Feathertop Chalet at the end of October and had a fantastic time. They participated in ropes courses, tree climbing, giant swings, photo orienteering, bush cooking, and finished the trip off with a visit to the ice creamery in Harrietville.



During the last week of November our Grade 6 students went on a 2 night camp/hike around Typo station. The Greta Valley students combined with the Grade 6 students from the other King Valley cluster schools. This has enabled the children to get to know each other a bit better before heading off to secondary school next year. A great time was had by all.

At the same time, our Grade 3-5 students had a cluster camp at the 15 Mile Creek Outdoor School. This camp was also Outdoor Ed based and all students had a fantastic time.

Thank you to all our staff who put so much time and effort into these camps to benefit our students.

Our annual school concert was held earlier this term. It was attended by some of the residents of St John's Respect, who had a wonderful time watching their buddies acting up on stage. Many parents and community members also attended, enjoying the entertainment and the wonderful country supper.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Greta community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



GRETA CRICKET CLUB - SEASON UPDATE

With the 2023/2024 season well underway in all grades, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all club members for the way in which they have represented the club on and off field.

Firstly, the hard work and dedication from our junior coaches, as well as parents' involvement in getting their child to training and match day has allowed our junior program to flourish. All involved should be proud of their efforts.

From a senior point of view, it has been great to see so many numbers at training, there really is a great vibe around the club. Match day results have also been positive, with an even contribution from the playing group. With B grade sitting 5th after 7 rounds and C grade sitting 1st after 5 rounds, that is a mighty effort, and it sets the club up well moving into the second half of the season.

Off field we have been busy behind the scenes. The Cadbury fundraiser has been going extremely well, please continue to sell your chocolates to support the club and get the money back to Marc (treasurer) once sold. Meal nights have been a big hit. So far, we have had a pie night and a hot dog night, thanks to Shelley's Country Bakehouse of Wangaratta.

2023/2024 Membership Options:

- Club Member: \$50 (Comes with \$20 Bar Voucher) with voting rights. Membership application to be completed. If player Subscription paid membership fee is waived, you just need to complete an application form. These can be obtained from Marc Sealey on a Thursday night at training.
- Social Membership: \$50 (Comes with \$20 Bar Voucher)

Christmas Breakup:

- Sunday the 17th of December - SAVE THE DATE!
- Greta Cricket Club v Greta Football Netball Club - T20 Cup
- More information to come regarding times, meals, bar, and raffle.

All the best for the rest of the season and if you are thinking of coming down and supporting the club please do so. Have a safe Christmas and all the best for the new year.

GO BLUES!



After a wonderful first season in 2023, the King Valley Arts Committee is delighted and so proud of the little community of film lovers the film nights have brought together. We are looking forward to a fun filled second season over 2024 at our local Cheshunt Hall Cinema.

The next KVA film club night is on Tuesday the 12th of December 2023. A second season launch, with a special Christmas lilt to commence the festivities in the Valley. The launch will screen one of the most classic of Christmas themed films, Billy Wilder's 1960 'The Apartment'. Starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLain.

We look forward to seeing you there.



GRETA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

It has been one mighty season at the Greta Recreation Reserve!

Both Reserves and Seniors finished second on the ladder at the end of the home and away season, earning a week off, a double chance and a free swing at a grand final – led humbly by Chris Dube and Greg Newbold. Unfortunately, it was not to be this year, with both sides going out in straight sets. Bring on 2024!

On the courts, it was much the same for the Greta ladies – a second-place finish for the A Grade girls, as they eyed off a fifth straight flag which they achieved, thus equaling club and league history. Taylah Reidy received the Grand Final MVP, capping off a grand year for our young shooting superstar. B Reserve and the junior grades finished strongly with a dazzling finals series which saw both the Under 15s and Under 17s bring home the flag. In Under 15s, Freya Chant took home the Grand Final MVP, well deserved as she took her game to the next level on Grand Final day. B Grade missed the finals series by a goal against Whorouly in Round 20, a devastating end to a stellar season for the girls. Greta continued to support two Development Squads this year in the Wangaratta Netball Association Saturday Morning competition. Both teams filled with familiar club and Greta District surnames. The future is bright at Greta.

The on-field and court success saw the club finish second in the OKFNL Club Champion Award – a prestigious award highlighting the club's strength across all facets of sporting glory.

Elsewhere, James McClounan joined father Col in becoming a Clyde Baker Medalist, also taking home the MVP. James joins an illustrious group of Greta footballers to modestly accept this significant recognition.

Presentation Night was the official conclusion and celebration of the season, recognising both on-field and off-field successes.

Seniors

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by P.J Larkin Accounting - James McClounan
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Greta West Stud - Lachie Kennett
Third Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Sherratt's Plumbing - Josh Bell
Coaches Award (Most Improved) - Sponsored by Newbold family - Tom Rosser
Most Consistent - Sponsored by Advanced Communications - Mark Wettern
Goal Kicking Award - Frazer Judd

Reserves

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Kaye Sherratt - Chris Dube
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Jamie Ramage - Trent Whitecross
Most Improved - Sponsored by David Dinning - Jack Finlayson
Coaches Award - Sponsored by Arborescence - Ben Monaghan
Player's Player - Sponsored by Sherratt's Plumbing - Stewart McLeod

A Grade

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by
Doc-U-Store - Taylah Reidy
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by
TJ&Co. - Jorja Reidy
Coaches Award - Bridgette Lewis
Player's Player Award - Amanda Coote

B Reserve

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Wallace
family - Nicole O'Keefe
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by
Hogan family - Sienna Box-Corsini
Coaches Award - Harmony Henderson
Player's Player Award - Phoebe Jarrad

Under 15s

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Att
Build - Freya Chant
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by
Jodie Ramage - Maisie Murphy
Coaches Award - Alice Hill
Player's Player Award - Abbey Burrowes

Club Awards

Best Club Person (John McCarthy Award) - Kristy Harding
Volunteer of the Year Award- Mel Goodwin
True Blues Spirit Award - Andy Wheelens
President's Award - Emily Naish

Life Membership

Paul Fruzynski & Rebecca Naish

The Greta Senior side sees the end of an era with Greg Newbold stepping down from the head coach position. Greg and his wife Sharon have been with Greta since 2017, bringing their immediate and extended family along for the ride. Greg inherited the side just having finished in eleventh position in 2016. 2017 under Greg saw a move up the ladder to seventh position and by the end, this year, finishing third and playing in a preliminary final. We thank Greg and Sharon for all they have contributed to Greta FNC over the past seven years.

The 2024 season have the following coaches leading from the front:

Seniors: Chris Dube, Assistant Coaches: Josh Bell & James McClounan

Reserves: Stewart McLeod

A Grade: Loren Gathercole

B Grade: Kelly Sherratt

B Reserve: Helen Judd

C Grade: Milly Mathewson

Under 15s: Chloe Bouchier

Development Squad: Harmony Henderson

B Grade

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Naish
Security Shredding - Billie Wilson
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by
Wheelens family - Chloe Bouchier &
Grace Brown
Coaches Award - Grace Brown
Player's Player Award - Chloe Bouchier

Under 17s

Best and Fairest - Sponsored by Assist
Paediatric Physiotherapy - Maddie Hill
Second Best and Fairest - Sponsored by
Style & Graze Local - Ava Bandt
Coaches Award - Sienna Koop
Player's Player Award - Emily Younger

Development Squad

Greta White Most Improved - Sponsored
by Patrick family - Grace Fahey-Pyle
Greta Blue Most Improved - Sponsored
by Patrick family - Beth Tanner

2024 sees a change of members on the committee. We thank all our 2023 committee members for their passion and dedication in the roles they upheld.

We particularly recognise and thank John McCarthy for his 43 years of service. John has had many roles on the committee over his time, including being the Secretary for over 20 consecutive years and Football Operations Manager for a long period. John assures us he isn't going anywhere and that we'll still see him around the Greta Recreation Reserve.

We welcome Mick Polwarth into the President's position for the 2024 season. Mick first came to Greta in 2006, playing, assistant coaching and captaining the senior side. Mick, his partner Kelly and two young children are very excited to be a part of the Greta FNC community again.

The committee is looking for several different roles to be filled that do not require the person to be on the committee. Roles include Canteen Manager, Grants and Fundraising Coordinator, Weekly Raffle Organiser as well as Reserves Umpires, Goal Umpires and Gate Attenders. If you believe you can support the Greta FNC committee by volunteering your time, please reach out to Em Naish at gfnf@bigpond.com to find out more.

We would love to thank our many volunteers and supporters for attending games and always supporting our club. Being a sport that is played through the winter months, we know it's not ideal spectating conditions, but every time we see you at our games, be it home or away, we are reminded of how great our community is.

See you all again at Round 1, 2024!

Go Greta!



Interested community members met again on 19th October to confirm the continuance of the Group and at this point, to maintain the name and logo.

Communication being a major theme emerging from discussion, it was decided a first step would be to create a community directory which you can now see as part of this newsletter. Mobile telephone blackspots still represent a challenge to some community members, and it was agreed to seek information from the community as to where they are and who is affected. Please see below.

Rural City of Wangaratta Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Tucker has been invited to attend our next meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Safer Places and to share the Council's role in emergency management and community recovery.

As we gradually roll into our hot summer period, please look at preparing your property for bushfires and have a chat to your neighbours about sharing this important task. For detailed information you can contact the Greta Fire Brigade Community Safety Coordinator Paul MacCallum on 0488 303 121.

Our next meeting is set for Monday 4th December, 7.30pm at the old Greta school next to the fire station. We would like to see you come along.

Mobile telephone blackspots...

Telephone communication is a vital service leading up to, during and after an emergency event. If you have an issue, the Greta Community Safety Group would like to hear from you. The team will collate responses and seek ways in which the problems may be addressed.

Please contact David Salau 0408 387 582 or email dsal37@gmail.com and provide the following information... name, address, your mobile phone carrier, and the nature of the issue(s) you are experiencing.

The trust is pleased to announce that at our AGM held on 16th November, David Salau has been reappointed as Chairperson, Ken Ellis Deputy Chairperson and Noeleen Lloyd as Secretary for the next twelve month period. Other Trust members are John Tanner, Peter Ryan, Anthony Griffiths, Adrian Younger, David Dinning and Tony Tanner.

We are proud of our beautiful cemetery and take very seriously the responsibility extended to our Trust by the Victorian Health Department and community at large.

Acknowledgement was made at the meeting of the many unseen hours and contribution given by all members of the Trust to the running, maintenance, and upkeep of the cemetery. The very wet past year restricted many of our maintenance activities such as weed control and mowing, but thankfully now the cemetery is just about back to our expected high standards.

For all enquiries, please contact Noeleen Lloyd 0427 276 372 or David Salau 0408 387 582

Greta and District Community Directory

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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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