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Rex Hartwig unveiling his bronze bust at the Australian Open on Australia Day 2016.

Rex Hartwig inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame

Australian tennis great Rex Hartwig was inducted into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame at the Australian Open 2016. During a special Australia Day ceremony at Rod Laver Arena Hartwig unveiled a bronze bust, which joined greats of Australian tennis including Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall and John Newcombe in Garden Square at Melbourne Park.

Six-time Grand Slam champion Hartwig, an outstanding doubles player, known as the "Wrecker" for his demolition jobs on opponents, his perfectly timed groundstrokes, and his crisp and accurate volleys.

He won titles at the US Open in 1953, the Australian Open in 1954 and at Wimbledon in 1954 with Mervyn Rose, winning again at Wimbledon in 1955 with Lew Hoad. He also won mixed doubles at the Australian Open in 1953, with Julie Sampson (USA) and again in 1954 with Thelma Long.

Although achieving most of his success in the doubles game, Hartwig was also a handy singles player, reaching a ranking of world No.5 and finishing as runner-up at the Australian Open, losing to Rose, and the US Open to Vic Seixas, both in 1954.

A member of the Australian Davis Cup team from 1953 to 1955, Hartwig played in eight ties, compiling an enviable 12-1 win-loss record and helped the team to the coveted trophy in 1953 and 1955. In 1955 he was a member of Harry Hopman's powerful Davis Cup team, losing only one service game in doubles rubbers against Mexico, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Italy and the U.S. as Australia regained the trophy in New York. He partnered Lew Hoad to the pivotal doubles against the American pair Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, winning in 5 sets, which was to become the longest match in Davis Cup history.

In 1955 aged 26 Hartwig turned professional but after several years on the tour returned to his Poll Dorset farm in Greta, Victoria with his growing family. Hartwig came out of retirement in 1975 after 16 years away from the game to play in the Australian Veterans Championships, winning the doubles with Rose and finishing as runner-up in the singles.

He won the singles at the Australian Veterans Championships in 1976 and was invited to play the elite Grandmasters tour of former world champions, ended up playing for five years, competing all over the world in front of big crowds.

Hartwig's tennis career continued until the 1990s as he conducted coaching clinics across the north east region of Victoria with his son Leigh.

See our shared healthy recipe for Easter. If you have a recipe to share forward it to the Bunyip.

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**CALENDAR
OF LOCAL EVENTS**

March

Fri 18, Presentation night, Greta Sporting Complex, 6.00pm
All welcome

Good Fri 25th, Greta vs Moyhu Wang Rovers Ground

April

Fri 15, Articles to Greta Bunyip please

Sat 23, Greta Football and Netball reunion at Greta Sporting Complex home and away game

May

Wed 18, Greta & District Action Group meeting at Greta Valley P.S. 7.00pm



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**AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD
FOR LOCAL COMBINED COMMITTEE.**

The Rural City of Wangaratta Community Event of the Year for 2016 was awarded to the Combined Greta Committee, made up of the Greta Heritage Group, Greta-Hansonville Hall Committee and the Greta Sporting Complex Committee. The announcement was made on Australia Day at the Ceremony in Wangaratta and was in recognition of the Official Opening of the WW1 Centenary of ANZAC Memorial Wall and Plaque and the Greta-Hansonville WW1 Honour Board.

On Sunday 18th October 2015, the Greta community staged a significant gathering of people, descendants and friends of their area to commemorate the sacrifices made by the soldiers and the families of the Greta-Hansonville district in the First World War. The destruction by fire, or loss in other ways, of commemorative Honour Boards of those who served in the war, has been rectified and the lives of the people involved was commemorated in this significant event last year. The destruction of the Hansonville Hall in the bushfire of 1952 not only meant the loss of the hall, but also the commemorative Honour Board for those district men who served in war. The re-creation of the honour board and memorial wall and plaque evolved as a project of the Greta Heritage Group. In 2011, the Rural City of Wangaratta called for volunteers to be 'Community Champions' within their local districts and Joan Ellis, Noeleen Lloyd and Allan Porker accepted the role for the Heritage Portfolio for Greta.

Over the following years, discussions and ideas expanded about re-creating the honour boards and holding a memorial service for the ANZAC Centenary, with the final decision to host a major event in October 2015 to commemorate the centenary of a former occasion when 300 Hansonville and district people had farewelled 21 of their young men who, by October 1915 had enlisted for overseas service.

After countless hours of research, 56 names were determined. These were not simply names – the lives behind the names were researched as well. Out of this research, a book titled '43 from 40' – The Story of the Greta-Hansonville Anzacs and the families and community who supported them – is scheduled to be released later this year.

The first stage of this project, a newly paved area with flagpoles and a commemorative rock and was officially launched on Australia Day last year. On 18th October 2015, close to 300 overseas, interstate and local citizens came together for the unveiling of the World War 1 Honour Board, commemorative plaque and wall.

The event involved an outdoor ceremony to officially open stage two of the gathering place and an indoor ceremony to unveil the Honour Board and cut the Remembrance Cake that specifically honoured the contribution of the district women and children to the war effort.



GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE

2016 is shaping up to be a great year for Greta Valley Landcare Group. We have continued to attract new active members to the Group, bringing our total membership to over 130.

New funding

The group has recently received \$20 000 in funding from the Victorian Government to protect and enhance scattered paddock tree habitat. For this project we will be protecting large isolated paddock trees by undertaking fencing around the perimeter of the trees, planting tubestock to establish understorey, relocating fallen timber to beneath the base of these trees and installing nest boxes. The program targets threatened species such as Phascogales, Squirrel Gliders, Turquoise Parrots, Brown Treecreepers, Grey Crowned Babblers, Regent Honeyeaters, Hooded Robins and Speckled Warblers. The group will be hosting some bird identification sessions and spotlight walks in the coming months for the local community and school groups as part of this project.

We also just received \$20 000 in funding through the Victorian Landcare Grants for our project titled 'New members, new trees, new beginnings'. This will help us to fund onground works on three properties to protect woodland sites and a spring soak, commencing in Autumn.

Fox Bounty

The group would also like to remind landholders about the Fox Bounty program. This program rewards eligible Victorian hunters with a \$10 bounty reward for each fox killed. Collections of entire fox scalps will resume in March 2016 and our nearest collection centre is located at Benalla.

Please see www.agriculture.vic.gov.au

for more information or call **136 186**.

As we are currently running a pest and weed management project in the catchment, we would like to hear about any foxes killed on properties so that we can record a total number of pest species controlled in our Group area. Please ring Sally Day (details below) and let her know your counts.

GRETA VALLEY LANDCARE

Equipment hire

The group has a number of useful equipment items available for hire:

- Trailer mounted spray unit – 1000 litres
- Roller wiper spray unit
- Ute spray pack - 100 litre/ electric
- Rabbit fumigator and rabbit blaster (LPG powered)
- Fox traps (free)
- Hamilton and Pottiputki tree planters and carry tray

Broom control

We are able to obtain broom gall mite stock for distribution on both private and public land to help biologically control Broom. Please ring Sally Day (details below) to arrange.

Help and Advice

In 2016, we will continue to help our members by securing project funding and providing guidance and advice. We currently have a number of projects waiting for funding and are actively applying for new grants to implement these projects. We would love to hear from any new landholders wishing to join our Group.

Please give us a call if you have a project in mind for your property, would like to hire some equipment or would like to find out more about the Greta Valley Landcare Group.

Contact Mary Anderson (Secretary) on 0438 537 462 or greta.valley@landcarevic.net.au

Sally Day (Project Administration Officer) on 0437 136 162 or sally.day@landcarevic.net.au

GRETA FOOTBALL CLUB 1960'S REUNION

On Saturday April 23rd the Greta Football and Netball club will be holding a reunion at the home and away game at the Greta Sporting Complex against Benalla All Blacks. The club has issued a special invitation to players from the 1960's. During this illustrious period in time Greta won nine premierships amongst their teams. Four netball premierships were attained in 1960, 62, 63 and 64 with a runners-up in 1962 along with five football premierships. The firsts won in 1965, 66 and 67 and the seconds in 1966 and 68.

GRETA FIRE BRIGADE

Greta Fire Brigade are in the process of documenting their history.

We would like to ask the people in our district if they have any photos or documents to do with the GRETA Fire Brigade to please contact:

Kaylene Hooper on 57276203.

All photos and or documents will be returned asap.

GRETA CRICKET CLUB The cricket season is drawing to a close and some finals action is about to kick in. The Greta U12's have had an excellent year and represented the club in a Semi Final. Although going down by only six runs coach Saul Rosser was suitably impressed with his team's efforts. B grade will represent in this seasons finals series. Good luck to all involved. Presentation night will be held on Friday the 18th March 6.00pm at the Greta Recreation Reserve, All welcome.

THE GRETA & DISTRICT ACTION GROUP -

How the Bunyip Began

It was 2011 when the Rural City of Wangaratta encouraged local communities to become proactive and united thus facilitating a greater opportunity for state and local government funding of community projects. As part of this "unification" the Greta & District Action Group was formed. Many of you might remember the meetings at the Greta Sporting Complex when a number of people offered to become "champions" of certain projects. A strategic plan was developed to assist in organising local projects, particularly at the Greta Sporting Complex itself. A long established committee responsible for this venue, which is recognised as one of our local hubs, has overseen a number of recent improvements. Refurbishment to umpires and netballers change rooms and a disabled toilet is happening and a new netball court and most of the surrounding fence is done. An electronic scoreboard has been installed.

The Greta Heritage group was formed in 2011 and remains active. The Heritage group and the Hall Committee formed the Combined Committees, auspiced by the Complex committee. They organised the Official Opening of the WW1 Centenary of ANZAC, the Memorial wall, the Plaque and the Greta/Hansonville WW1 Honour Board. The Heritage Group has overseen the development of the Gathering Place, in front of the hall.

The Bunyip newsletter was created too and is still in circulation, largely thanks to Darren Ross's efforts. Initially a private donation helped get our local newsletter up and going along with an annual grant of \$250 from The Rural City Council of Wangaratta. Other revenue is raised from sponsorship and advertising. After five years Darren has stepped down from writing, editing and publishing the Bunyip. It will now be written and edited by a group of 4 locals.

The Greta & District Action group have met twice in recent months to facilitate the changes. The need to have the Bunyip affiliated with an incorporated body was recognised. After discussions it was decided the Greta Bunyip will be auspiced by Greta Valley Landcare, an incorporated body using a bookkeeper to manage their accounts. Bunyip funds will be kept separate within their accounting system. In return Landcare will have their articles printed in and distributed by the Bunyip. Our local newsletter will now be assured of being an incorporated body.

You are invited to participate by offering ideas or written articles for the Bunyip. You can do this by emailing gretabunyip@gmail.com or calling Kris on 57 666 417. Our small group will value your input so we can provide everyone with an informative community newsletter.

The next Greta & District Action Group meeting will be on May 18th at 7.00pm at the Greta Valley P.S. If you are interested please come along. This will be an opportunity for you to give us feedback about the Bunyip.

Make your own Easter Chocolate!

Chocolate can be good for you and raw cacao is rich in antioxidants and minerals. Unfortunately store bought chocolate, particularly that available in large quantities as Easter treats, usually contains more sugar than cacao and many other additives that negate these good benefits. A good choice at Easter is to purchase dark chocolate with a minimum 70% cocoa (cocoa solids % will be listed in the ingredient list).

You can also make your own chocolate using more natural ingredients. This recipe is flexible and quantities of sweetener, cacao and flavourings can be adjusted to taste. Speciality ingredients can be replaced with a more readily available one, see ingredient notes below.



Ingredients

200g cacao butter (or coconut oil)
2-3 tablespoons coconut oil
60-80g cacao powder (or good quality cocoa powder)
100g liquid sweetener of choice – honey, rice malt syrup, pure maple syrup or stevia (only a teaspoon needed or check packaging equivalent amount)
1 teaspoon vanilla bean powder (or vanilla paste)
Pinch of salt
Optional flavours – peppermint or orange essential oil
Additional toppings – Murray River salt, almonds, dried fruit and nuts, coconut, toasted buckwheat or puffed cereals etc.

Method

Set out something to set your chocolate in. Easter chocolate moulds may be available, however small silicon ice or jelly

moulds, patty pans and mini-muffin trays will also work.

Alternatively, line a lamington or baking tray with baking paper and snap into pieces after its set. You may wish to sprinkle your additional toppings such as nuts on the tray first, and then pour chocolate over the top.

Chop or grate the cacao butter into small pieces (or use a strong food processor to do this). Melt chopped cacao butter over simmering water, stirring until melted (or maximum 45°C). Be careful not to let water touch/splash in the chocolate. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients (including flavouring oil if using). Mix until smooth.

Pour into prepared tray or moulds as above, sprinkle with toppings, and place immediately in the freezer to set.

If you wish to temper the chocolate, before setting you can place the smooth chocolate over a bowl of iced water and stir until the temperature cools to 28°C. Then pour into moulds/tray and refrigerate until set.

Ingredients notes: Cacao butter is available from health food shops and to purchase online, if this is unavailable the recipe can be made with entirely coconut oil, however the chocolate will have a different texture and melt very easily (store in the freezer). Cacao powder can be found at health food shops or the supermarket and is a healthier and less processed version of cocoa (it can be used to replace cocoa in any of your other chocolate recipes). Coconut oil is also readily available at the supermarket – look for a cold pressed version. Vanilla, salt, and other flavourings are all optional and the basic recipe can be made without these if preferred.

Linda O'Brien