

The GRETA BUNYIP

"YOUR GRETA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER"

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

April

Sat 22nd Auskick Starts 8.30 am Greta Footy Ground

Sat 29th Trivia Night at the Greta Hall

May

Thur 4th Landcare Grant Applications due

Thur 11th Mother's Day dinner at Greta Sporting Complex

June

Sun 4th Bunyip articles due for June edition

Thur 15th Cancer Fund Raising Dinner at Greta Sporting Complex 6.30 pm

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Auskick starts at Greta on Saturday 22nd April. The sessions run from 8.30 – 10.00 followed by a sausage sizzle.

All girls and boys aged 5-8 are invited to join.

It is a small group who not only learn the skills of the game, they also have lots of fun!

Enrol at Greta Auskick online or contact Andy on 0417303623.

Fund Raising Night For Cancer

When: Thursday 15th June from 6.30pm

Where: Greta Sporting Complex

Cost: \$12 for a 2 course meal, drinks at bar prices

Join the **Greta Football & Netball Club** for a fun night with raffles, spinning wheel etc.

All in aid of a great cause.

Come and celebrate our Mothers at the Greta Football and Netball Club

Invite your Mothers to a delicious two course dinner on Thursday 11th May from 6.30pm at the Greta Sporting Complex.

\$12.00 per head (including a glass of wine for the mothers)



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Friends of the Bunyip Meeting

A group of five interested and supportive community members met to discuss the Bunyip newsletter. Its history and development over the last 6 years was revisited. The Bunyip began in 2011 as a Rural City Council of Wangaratta – Greta Action Group initiative. It was compiled by Darren Ross for many years, has a distribution of 410 hard mail copies and 61 electronic recipients with 21 community groups and individuals invited to contribute to every issue. Others are also welcome to contribute and community announcements are free. Advertising in the Bunyip will be limited to 6 annual sponsors. We currently have 4. Other "one off" advertisements may be accepted and costed accordingly.

It was agreed to include all local contributions in the Bunyip each edition, which will mean the Bunyip will vary in size according to the content offered. It is now printed at either the King Valley Learning Exchange or the Myrree P.S. Costs are covered by a small community grant and local business sponsorship.

The distribution area of the Bunyip ranges across the wider Greta area, from the top of Mundara Hill, along Banksdale Rd, through Lurg, to Myrree, Middle Creek and into Hansonville, Greta South and Greta West. We have a very helpful band of delivery people who drive this area 6 times a year to deliver your Bunyip. They are Francis O'Brien, Allan Porker, Trish Wadley, Bill McMonigal, Frank Ryan, Anthony Griffiths and Darren Ross.

Magic Lantern Show

About 60 people attended the old fashioned Magic Lantern Show at the Greta Hansonville Hall on Saturday 25 March 2017. Presented by Professor Ian and Margery Edwards the crowd was kept thoroughly entertained. With the help of projectionist Antony Catrice and Trevor Dinning providing sound effects from the back of the Hall, we were transported back to a picture theatre of 100 years ago.

Ian guided the guest through a history of the colony and told us about the lanterns and slides; Marge ably accompanied him with her harmonica.

A beautiful old fashioned cream supper was provided - and it was simply a sight to behold

A number of the guests came dressed in period costume - prizes were awarded. One guest took home two Wangaratta Cinema tickets (door prize) and there were a number of lucky seat prizes. Terry and Jenny Kirby (best lady & gents' costume), Dawn Mills (Committee prize for best costume), Shelley Younger (best participant on the night – dressed as convict with ball & chain). The Lord and his Lady and some of their friends were decked out in all their Saturday night finery.

The committee were almost all in period costume. A swaggie was seen wandering around helping himself to plenty of food, and trying to talk one of the maids into running away with him. A Light Horse soldier returned from The Front had some of the maids all a twitter. The cook worked hard to keep her girls in line; she had to call in both the upstairs and downstairs maids, as well as the Lady's maid to assist. She and her girls delivered a beautiful spread. A convict woman dragging her chains... a young dandy in hat and bow tie both wandered in to see what all the fuss was about. There was a very naughty young fellow in short pants seen late in the night with a sling shot, stealing food from the tables and being admonished by the cook.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for getting into the spirit of the night. We had great fun and thank the community for their continued support of the Greta Hansonville Hall. We are continuing to raise funds at this time with the express purpose of installing air-conditioning. We have had significant feedback that the lack of air conditioning impedes our bookings and we are always working hard to make improvements.

See photos on last page

Our thanks goes to these volunteers. In the past Jamie White and Noleen Lloyd also helped with deliveries. Many of our expats receive a copy in Wangaratta to keep up with local events. Kris Porker will continue to collate and publish the Bunyip but will miss the assistance of Aneshka Brown who has been an enormous asset when formatting the Bunyip. Aneshka is travelling this year. Kris asks for generous forgiveness of formatting blunders. Any other willing helpers can contact Kris on 57 666 417 or through the Bunyip email.

Greta Valley Landcare Group - April News Summer Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

Thank you to those who came along to our AGM and Summer Fruit Tree Pruning workshop recently. We all enjoyed Charlie's presentation and had a record attendance of 53 people at the event – we must all love our fruit trees. Thanks also to the Moyhu Lions Club for cooking us up a great breakfast and for Mark and Laura Hodge for hosting the event at their property. It was a great session of information sharing and I think everyone went away with the skills to tackle their fruit tree pruning confidently at home.

The 2017 Committee

We have welcomed a number of new members to our Landcare Group over the past few years and it is wonderful to see a number of people put up their hands to become part of the Committee this year. Our Group now has over 140 members! Thank you to our returning Committee members and new Committee members and for those taking on an executive role. The Committee play a vital role in steering the direction of your Landcare Group and help to get projects and events happening across our catchment.

The 2017 Committee comprises:

- Cate Geard (President)
- Warren Janssen (Vice President)
- Mary Anderson (Secretary)
- Anthony Griffiths (Treasurer)
- Trevor Dinning (Equipment Officer)
- Chris Ellem
- Vanessa Thompson
- Mark Stebynyckyj
- Stewart Day
- Matt McAninly
- Zoe Schefe
- Chris Cunningham
- Chrystal Jones (general assistance to the Committee)

Time to control your blackberries

The optimum time to spray blackberry is when they are actively growing from flowering through to fruiting – usually during December to March, but this is season and location dependent. Spraying summer active perennials like blackberry in autumn can increase the amount of herbicide drawn into the root system, as the plant is looking to store increased energy in plant tissue for the winter months ahead. Although spraying in autumn may result in a better kill, it is essential to ensure plants are actively growing at the time of herbicide application or your efforts will not be successful.

(Information taken from Victorian Blackberry Taskforce Resources page – see

www.vicblackberrytaskforce.com.au/resources.html for more information on control methods)

Don't forget that we have several spray units available for hire through our Group (spray trailer \$44/day, 100L spray unit \$22/day). Please contact Trevor Dinning on 5727 6118 for all equipment hire enquiries.

Composting workshop – Sunday 30th April

The Australian Plant Society (Wangaratta branch) is hosting a composting workshop at Charlie & Fay Robinson's property at 302 Fighting Gully Road, Beechworth on Sunday 30th April from 10.30am. Charlie has hosted our last two fruit tree pruning workshops and he is a wonderful presenter. RSVP online at <https://tinyurl.com/composting> APS or call Mary Anderson on 0438 537 462. We can email you directions to Charlie's property.

Autumn Local Bird Monitoring – 28th 29th and 30th April

We have ten long-term bird monitoring sites in our Landcare area, which are located within the catchment between Glenrowan and Myrree. Now time for our Autumn assessment of these sites, which involves a 20 minute walk while recording what you see and hear. We are currently co-ordinating times and dates for the monitoring of these sites and we would love to get more people involved in this project. Please ring Sally Day (0437 136 162) to find out more about sites that might be near you and how you can get involved.

Feature Project – Planting new paddock trees

Paddock trees are a vital part of our landscape, are important for fauna and also offer on-farm productivity benefits. We are losing paddock trees from our landscape over time. We currently have a project to plant new paddock trees. In 10 years we will start to see the benefits in our landscape, so let's get started now! We can supply a tree and large wire guard to help get new trees growing in your paddocks. Guards are available to members at the subsidised rate of \$25 per guard (these guards retail at \$52 each). Limit of six guards per landholder initially. We would like to see as many members as possible take this offer up to start increasing the number of paddock trees we have right across our group area. We only have 100 guards available, so please get in quickly before they are gone.

Do you have a project in mind for your property?

We have an opportunity to apply for some grant funding in May. Now is the time to get your thinking caps on - if you have a project in mind for your property that you think Landcare can help with, please get in touch with us to discuss further. I will also be contacting people about projects that we have on our books from previous inspections to see if they wish to be included. **Please contact Sally by 4th May** to be considered for this grant application.

For more information about joining the Group or our activities please contact Mary Anderson (Secretary) on 0438 537 462 or secretary@gretalandcare.org.au. To discuss a potential project on your property or to be involved in our scattered paddock tree project please ring Sally Day (Project Officer) on 0437 136 162 or sally.day@gretalandcare.org.au.

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2017 Greta Football Netball Club

The Greta Football & Netball Club would like to invite everyone in the local community to join in their social functions. Below is a list of forthcoming events to put in your calendars.

We hope to see as many as possible at these

functions and don't forget Thursday nights training and dinner.

- Saturday 22nd April** Railway Hotel after night game
- Saturday 29th April** Trivia Night at Greta hall
- Thursday 11th May** Mother's Day dinner at Greta Sporting Complex
- Saturday 13th May** Dinner in Benalla after All Blacks game
- Saturday 27th May** "Round the World" at Greta Sporting Complex
- Saturday 3rd June** Dinner & awards at the Railway Hotel after the Bright game
- Thursday 8th June** Dinner at the Glenrowan Hotel (no training)
- Thursday 15th June** Cancer Fund Raising Dinner at Greta Sporting Complex



Dawn Mills



Francis O'Brien, Mike and Adrian Younger

Magic Lantern Show

Di and Mike Wescombe and Jenny Salter Ian and Margery Edwards with Adrian Joan and Ken Ellis



Patricia Wadley with Adrian and Jenny Trevor, Sue and Wade Dinning

