

Greta & District Community Plan 2010/2011

What is community planning & what does the Greta & District community hope to achieve?

A Community Plan talks about the key issues facing a community and recommends strategies that Council and/or agencies could implement to address your identified needs.

Greta community hope to establish a master plan for the Recreation Reserve and Hall precinct. This will assist the community in working together to enhance facilities, increase social gatherings and volunteering opportunities. We also hope to establish an action group to own and lead the community plan. We hope to preserve and promote our rich local history, investigate services and transport options for seniors, and develop communication tools to keep residents and the broader community informed and connected.

Profile

Traditionally the Greta district covered the areas now known as Greta, Greta West, Hansonville and Greta South. Today, the district is also accessed by families from Ryan's Creek, Lurg and Laceby as well as other neighbouring areas. Greta has a diverse history that includes pioneers, bushrangers, sporting and cultural activities. There are more than 150 households that range from small landholdings of one or two acres to more extensive farming properties. The district supports dairy, sheep, cattle & horse enterprises. There are several stud properties and small businesses which include, motor trimming, earth moving, B&Bs, boarding kennels, pastoral contractors and saw milling. Lifestyle choice has seen families move to the district in search of a more rural environment. The Greta Recreation Reserve with its sporting and community facilities is the gathering point for locals. The Greta Valley Primary School draws children from many localities, with most children accessing the school by bus. The school also supports the newly created Greta Playgroup.



Background

A community planning meeting was held on Sunday 12 September 2010 at the Greta Sporting Complex with attendees representing community groups and small businesses. A workshop with the Greta Valley Primary School children on Thursday 2 September captured the ideas and needs of the younger residents. The information from these gatherings has provided the basis for the Greta District Community Plan.

What Community Groups exist?

Anglican Church
Auskick
Catholic Church (building only)
Greta Book Club
Greta Cemetery Trust
Greta China Painting
Greta Craft Group
Greta Cricket Club (including Milo cricket)
Greta Football & Netball Club
Greta-Hansonville Hall COM
Greta Playgroup
Greta CFA
Greta Valley Landcare Group
Greta Valley Primary School
Greta Neighbourhood Watch WNG4
Greta Sporting Complex
King Valley Fishing Club
Uniting Church

How do locals communicate?

Greta Bunyip
Glenrowan Gazette
King Valley Grapevine
The Lurg Examiner
Greta Valley Primary School Newsletter & mail drop



150 community planning invites delivered in the Greta Valley district.

Community facilities...

Greta CFA Fire Shed
Greta-Hansonville Hall
Greta Sporting Complex
Greta Tennis Courts (needs repair)
Greta Squash Courts (not being utilised)
Greta Valley Primary School

What Community Events are held?

Greta District Carol Service
Pre Christmas Dinner
Thursday night dinner following
Football/cricket training

What Memorials exist in your community?

Greta Cemetery Pioneer Memorial
Jack Dinning Cemetery Gates
Private memorials
Honour boards - sporting complex
Ernie Forge Memorial

What attracts tourists to your area?

15 Mile Creek Camp
Cemetery
Kelly Gang
History of the North East

What are the key features of your area?

Fifteen Mile Creek
Kelly family home
Ryan's Creek
The Cemetery
The Churches
Sporting community
Craft community
Vibrant farming community

Links to other communities – schooling & shopping...

Glenrowan, Lurg, Moyhu & Hansonville
Schooling – Greta Valley, Myrree, Whitfield
Edi Upper & Moyhu work as a cluster
Health – Moyhu, Benalla & Wangaratta



Existing Plans, Strategies & Programs...

Greta-Hansonville Hall Strategic Plan
Greta Sporting Complex Strategic Plan

Priorities from the Greta Valley Primary School – Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 students participated in a community planning workshop on Thursday 2 September 2010.



What do you like about living in Greta?

Not as noisy as the city, more wildlife- kangaroos, more animals, more room & space Camping, big bonfires, more room to do things, fishing, Fifteen Mile & Ryan’s Creek, close to swim in creek, not as busy, lots of history such as Ned Kelly, no pollution, lots of trees, get to play with dogs in paddocks, bush, more space for dirt bikes, get along better with people, get to explore!

What things would you like to change?

Cold in winter, further away from food & markets – have to travel, not many jobs in the valley, travel to find work, hooning on roads – burnouts, trashing & vandalism by people from other areas and graffiti.

What things would make it better?

Two storey farming, supermarket, national park, more water for farming, skate park at rec reserve, parks, more protected areas and more water storages.

A Greta Valley Community Planning Meeting was held on Sunday 12 September 2010.

This is a list of identified needs generated From a brainstorming session:

TABLE 1 - Safety & security a focal point, signage, facilities upgrade, BBQ facility at Great Sporting Complex, Great Community Complex, playground, community activities, landscaping, trees along road, improved access, advertising, more “community” programs – eg. Playgroup, local education.



TABLE 2 – Playground at Rec Reserve, pizza oven, great facilities, public BBQ, skate park, great equipment, jumping pillow, transport (bus to Wangaratta for senior citizens and others), Hall – enhance facilities for social functions, new netball court/facilities – 2 courts, make Greta Hall & the reserve the centre of the community – more to interest all in the community not just sport focus, develop reserve to be refuge & safer place for the community (catastrophic heat days, bushfires & floods)

TABLE 3 – Local newsletter , outdoor BBQ area, playground, snake catcher, front fence, squash manager, tennis court (use milo cricket), upgrade the complex – more room.

TABLE 4 – Better services for the elderly - access to medical services & transport, public transport, yearly market, build on and improve facilities at the sporting complex & hall, squash competition, skate park, racket ball, playground, school holiday program, community newsletter & notice boards, clarify fire safe area & equipment, mobile phone coverage, bike tracks and record our heritage.



These identified needs have been prioritised and champions nominated to progress the highest priorities. These priorities have been scoped into projects and are listed on the action plan attached.

\$5,000 Community Planning Grant
Towards the end of the meeting, the community had to decide how best to allocate a \$5,000 Community Planning Grant.



The group suggested a BBQ at the Rec Reserve. After discussion, it was decided to delay the decision until the Sub-Group meet to plan the BBQ in relation to the Masterplan.

The **Greta District Action Group** formed as a result of the community planning process. The Group is made up of the community champions who are leading the community plan projects and volunteers who are supporting the planning and development of their district.

Anyone can come along to the Monday monthly meetings to get involved or just come along and hear regular updates on the progress of the projects. To find out more about the Greta District Action Group contact Jamie White on 0408 001 608.



If you would like to know more about the Rural City of Wangaratta's Community Planning Program, contact the Community Planning Unit on 57220824 or 5722 0828.

Greta and District Community Action Plan 2010/2011

Infrastructure

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Greta-Hansonville Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance facilities & maintenance for community & social engagement 	Wendy Moore Jamie White Phil Callus Cherie Gottschling	To survey community need around activities that will inform a masterplan for the whole reserve.	Survey undertaken. Masterplan established.	RCoW –Community & Amenity DSE
Greta Recreation Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skate park Squash competition Raquet ball BBQ facilities, shelter & pizza oven Playground Sites for caravans Netball courts (min 2) Front fence Signage advertising Sporting complex upgrade 	Sandi Ross Kris Porker Frank Ryan Jo Northey	To allow for groups to come together to share information about projects and make decisions.	Greta Action Group established.	Greta community.

Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Community Newsletter	Darren & Sandi Ross Anthony Griffiths Geoffrey Moyle Wendy Moore	To promote and share information across the Greta district on a regular basis. To allow for information related to Greta to be promoted electronically.	Greta Community Newsletter established. Website established.	RCoW Greta Action Group AUCD-geographic domain name

Better Services for Elderly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Access to medical services 	Jodie Halton	To improve transport options for seniors between home and medical services.	Community transport options for seniors.	RCoW – HACC Ovens & King Community Health
Toys and equipment for young children	Angela Ring	To provide suitable toys as a community resource for Greta children.	Greta Playgroup toy library resourced.	Greta Playgroup RCoW – Community Grants

Safety & Accessibility & Transport

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Community Fire Safe Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify place • Equipment 	Mal Dinning Ron Hooper	To work with Council and CFA to identify a Community Fire Safe Place & equipment.	Community Fire Safe Place identified and resourced.	CFA District 23 RCoW – Community & Amenity

Arts, Culture & Heritage – events, preservation group, projects

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Record our History	Joan Ellis Allan Porker Noeleen Lloyd	To record history of Greta and preserve and promote to the broader community.	Greta Catholic Church history recorded and displayed. Local sporting memorabilia & history collated and displayed. Greta history recorded through digital story telling and other mediums.	RCoW-Cultural Development Officer North East Heritage Group
A Place to house and display local history.		To make community aware of the impending sale of the old Greta Catholic Church and the opportunities that may present.	Community aware of the Greta Catholic church opportunities and provide feedback as an expression of interest if need be.	

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

GRETA and DISTRICT - COMMUNITY PLANNING

A Vibrant and Healthy Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To promote and share information across the Greta district on a regular basis.</p> <p>To allow for information related to Greta to be promoted electronically.</p> <p>Goal - Greta Community Newsletter established.</p> <p>Website established.</p>	<p>Continue to seek more creative ways to communicate with groups who do not often engage.</p> <p>Support the development of locality based websites/domains.</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications into the Rural City of Wangaratta, comparable with metropolitan access.</p>		<p>RCoW Greta Action Group</p> <p>AUCD-geographic domain name</p>
<p>To improve transport options for seniors between home and medical services.</p> <p>Goal - Community transport options for seniors.</p>	<p>Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community is e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds and transport. Infrastructure which supports</p>	<p>Continue to work with the Transport Connections Project to develop a Transport Action Plan and address identified public and community transport gaps.</p>		<p>RCoW – HACC Ovens and King Community Health</p>

	and facilitates linking people to their community is e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds and transport.			
To provide suitable toys as a community resource for Greta children. Goal - Greta Playgroup toy library resourced.	In partnership with education providers and the community, develop and implement a community Life-long Learning Strategy including a focus on: Early years learning (0-10 years) Volunteering Personal development Career development and retraining Learning in retirement	Maintain involvement in local and regional youth networks, in health, education and other interventional service areas.		

Safety & Accessibility – Safety, transport

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
To work with Council and CFA to identify a Community Fire Safe Place & equipment.	Promote a high level of community safety	Work with other agencies to develop and implement approaches to enhance and strengthen community resilience.	Municipal Emergency Management plan	CFA District 23 RCoW – Community & Amenity

<p>Goal - Community Fire Safe Place identified and resourced.</p>		<p>Work with emergency services and other agencies to develop a proactive approach to planning for crisis situations.</p> <p>Support communities in identifying their needs to achieve recovery from crisis situations.</p>		
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Arts, Culture & Heritage – events, preservation group, projects

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<p>To record history of Greta and preserve and promote to the broader community.</p> <p>To make community aware of the impending sale of the old Greta Catholic Church and the opportunities that may present.</p> <p>Goal - Greta Catholic Church history recorded and displayed.</p>	<p>Commence a community-wide collection of oral and written accounts of historical events and features.</p> <p>Capture the record and publish it using emerging technologies.</p> <p>Support arts, cultural and heritage providers.</p>	<p>Support cultural groups to celebrate their heritage.</p> <p>Work with the communities in townships to identify and preserve local character.</p>		<p>RCoW-Cultural Development Officer</p>

<p>Local sporting memorabilia & history collated and displayed.</p> <p>Greta history recored through digital story telling and other mediums.</p> <p>Community aware of the Greta Catholic church opportunities and provide feedback as an expression of interest if need be.</p>				
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Infrastructure – roads, signs, halls

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To survey community need around activitites that will inform a masterplan for the whole reserve.</p> <p>To allow for groups to come together to share information about projects and make decisions.</p> <p>Goal - Survey undertaken. Masterplan established. Greta Action Group established.</p>	<p>Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community is e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds, and transport.</p> <p>Implement programs to achieve identified outcomes of individual Community Plans.</p>	<p>Assist with the development of strategic plans for recreation reserve Committees of Management.</p> <p>Continue to upgrade facilities to ensure communities have access to a place to meet for social, recreational and learning opportunities.</p>	<p>Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Strategy</p>	<p>RCoW –Community & Amenity DSE</p> <p>Greta community.</p>