

Greenethorpe

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October Birthdays



2nd Fletcher Taylor, 2nd Stirling Taylor
 4th Neridah Randall, 5th Matthew Cashen
 8th Sandra O'Brien, 8th Jenny Wright
 10th Shirley Wills, 14th Heidi Wills
 15th Lucinda Bryant, 16th Jeremy Batkin
 18th Jason Grossman, 21st Dorothy Grossman
 22nd Sienna Capra, 22nd Dory Previn
 23rd Merle Watt, 25th Emily Fisher
 26th Logan Amezdroz, 26th Cameron Watt
 29th Elizabeth Batkin, 29th Justin Wright
 31st Blake Miles

THANKYOU GREENETHORPE

I would like to express my sincere thanks to members of the Greenethorpe Community who have been very supportive of our small school since I commenced employment here in 2012.

Greenethorpe is a special village with a diverse and colourful mix of personalities. I have had the privilege to be associated with many of you during my time at the school. For those of you who have supported the school in any way, I thank you.

It is now time for me to move onto the next phase of my life, namely retirement. I would ask that you support Mr Brent Cartwright who will be acting principal at the school, commencing next term. Brent lives in Grenfell and is currently assistant principal at Grenfell Public School. I wish Brent every success and trust in his capacity to undertake the responsibilities associated with this important leadership role. Last but not least, I would like to thank the children I have taught. It has been rewarding to watch them develop into fine young adults and I am sure this trend will continue. I thank parents for being involved and committed to the partnership we call education. Without your support and encouragement, school can become devalued and we all know the importance of a good education.

Schools are places of growth and change and the children have displayed the courage to accept new responsibilities, a willingness to improve and the adaptability to be flexible in their learning. The children at Greenethorpe are kind and thoughtful, honest, spirited and resilient and most importantly they look after each other. I am sure I will miss them.

Garry Heath

There will be no yoga during the school holidays - yoga will resume Monday 14th October at the new start time of 7pm

Greenethorpe History Meeting

Tuesday 1st October

10am

Supper Room – Greenethorpe Soldiers Memorial Hall

Theme : All Things Gambarra

Special guest : Dorothy Balcomb

Dorothy Balcomb (nee Davidson) will talk about the book she is writing on Gambarra, The High Road to Greenethorpe, and would like some input from Gambarra Road families, past and present, to trace the ownership of each of the original 16 blocks when Gambarra station was cut up for Soldier Settlement after World War 1. Sharefarmers on Gambarra were also allowed to apply for a block. Photos of people, homes and early farming operations are requested as well as family stories of those who have used the road over the years. Some of these names are McKellar, Bryer, Davidson, Rygate, Pontt, Chapple, Jackson, Mitchell, Langfield, Beasley, Gee, McCaffery, Black, Freebairn, Crawford, Hodges.

Dorothy's older sister, Helen Shepherd, aged 95, will also be at the meeting.

Please bring photos, newspaper clippings and other related articles.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Ross Hodgson

The death has occurred of former Greenethorpe resident Ross Hodgson. Ross passed away in Gateshead, Newcastle Hospital on Thursday 19th September, at the age of 86 years. Ross is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marcia, children Lynda and Jamie, grandchildren Caleb, Zoe and James, and brother Allan. Ross's siblings Jim, Keith, Rita and Athol predeceased him. Marcia was a lower division teacher at the Greenethorpe Public School in the early 1950's. Ross conducted a carrying business in the district before moving to Cowra and then Newcastle.

Uniting Church Services October



Sunday 13th at 9am & Sunday 20th at 9am

News From GSM Hall

There have been 2 very sad occasions in recent months, with the deaths of Ken Watt and Phil Grossman. The Hall was the venue for families and friends after both funerals. Thankyou to everyone who contributed in the way of food and help.

Weddin Council, through Auburn Carr, organised Jenny Rand (management consultant from Sydney) to visit all villages in the Weddin Shire. She met with community members from Greenethorpe to seek ideas for promoting Tourism for our village and surrounds. The meeting was well attended and Jenny listened attentively to the suggestions and concerns of those present.

The Grant has been approved for the construction of the History Room, Hall painting and Outdoor Memorial paving and edging. Many thanks to Jude Bryant for her coordination of this project/Grant. Work will commence shortly and needs to be completed by mid December.

Other suggestions received for the use of the Grant monies - a fitness circuit in Edward Square and extra bubbler unfortunately did not meet the criteria for the Grant. Other grant monies may be available and could be investigated by people in the community through Weddin Council.

The Outdoor Memorial is moving along nicely - bricks have arrived as has a load of topsoil from the Weddin Council.

The next meeting of the GSM Hall will be at **7.00pm on Thursday 24th October** to update the Memorial, Christmas lights Competition and nominations for Greenethorpe Citizen of the Year. Any other items for the Agenda, please give to the Secretary.

ALL very welcome.

Jill Allen Secretary GSMH committee.

Meeting of the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee held at Greenethorpe on the 7th September 2019

The Lachlan Regional Transport Committee (LRTC) comprises of the following member councils and shires: Cabonne Council, Cowra Council, Dubbo Regional Council, Hilltops Council, Lachlan Shire, Lithgow Council, Temora Shire, Parkes Shire, Weddin Shire, Wollondilly Council, Wollongong City Council, Oberon.

The object of the committee is to improve the transport of freight, passengers on rail, air and road services.

The meeting was well attended with 33 people present which included represented by ARTC Inland Rail Clementine Julian Government Relation for NSW, Patricio Munoz Stakeholder Engagement Manager NSW (North) and Heath Martin Stakeholder Engagement Manager NSW (South).

Patricio area runs from Parkes to the North Star and is working on the section from Narromine to Narrabri 300kms of new track which covers 5 Councils and about 300 land owners involved and they meet with every land owner on site to work through with them the projects objectives which takes up to 4 hours which is an enormous task. The Narrabri to North Star section will take 24000 tons of steel line plus sleepers which are been delivered for construction to start next year.

Heath has just completed a 9 week engagement period for the Illabo – Stockinbingal section of 37kms of new line. Meeting with land owners discussing stock movements, water and machinery movements. The Stockinbingal to Parkes line which travels through the Weddin Shire is an existing line but the bridge over the Lachlan River at Forbes is a problem. With the double stacking trains are a little wider so an adjustment will be needed in some areas. Albury to Illabo there are 12 structures to be modified and in the back ground there is a lot of time planning, designing, and speaking to land owners which the community do not see. There are vigorous government standards and requirements that have to be maintained throughout this whole project. Sharon Bennet Transport NSW. Sharon is involved in Freight to Ports and Fixing Country Rail.

Fixing Country rail is a \$400m program also working with Inland rail. FCR there are 36 programs now running across the state. A number of studies are in progress and the Blayney – Demondrille line is one of them and is close to been finished. When these studies are finished the report is presented to Local Council for inspection and then Sharon will go out to the Council to discuss the findings of the report. The freight required for the Blayney – Demondrille line is not sufficient at this stage to make the line profitable but if it was used as an alternative route to sea board instead of going over the Blue Mountain it would bring its rating up substantially so the idea of an alternate route is critical but it is 150kms longer and the costing for that line is around \$100m. There have been about 12 studies done on this line. The meeting finished at around 12-45 pm followed by a light lunch.



landra Castle Open Day

Sunday October 6th

Gates Open 10am til 4pm.

Entry: \$15 adults, no concessions, \$5 school age children.

Café Circa 1935

Open Sunday October 6th 10am – 4pm

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