



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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It's fantastic to see so many people using the GippsLeader to promote events and share news with fellow GCLPers.

GCLP is working closely with Leadership Victoria to stage a valuable and enlightening Not for Profit Board Orientation Series over three nights in October. Further details are included below – an enrolment form is being sent with this GippsLeader and will also be available on the website.

A thought on leadership from General Colin Powell, Chairman (Ret), Joint Chiefs of Staff: **“Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off.”**

Networking Opportunities

Café Evviva is the venue for a networking event in **Traralgon** on **Thursday, September 2**. Open to all graduates and participants who can make it along at 7pm on the night; this will be a social event with the added bonus of strengthening your GCLP network. RSVPs to Tracey Matthies (2003) at skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au (So far this is shaping up as an all-women affair – come on men, get your RSVPs in now.)

*Good food, great company and an opportunity to build on your GCLP networks! Graduates and participants in the South Gippsland area are getting together for dinner at **Café Tsunami**, 8 Williams St, **Inverloch**, on **Wednesday, September 22** from 7pm. RSVPs to Martin Fuller (2003) at MartinF@wgqma.vic.gov.au*

Remember to check the website www.gclp.asn.au regularly for event details. Graduates and participants can create networking opportunities by booking a table or venue and using the website and e-newsheet to invite others along.

SkillsBank Gippsland

GCLP people often have amazing stories to tell. SkillsBank Gippsland is often approached with informal requests to suggest a speaker for organisations such as Rotary Clubs. This means searching the database to find potential speakers in the right area. The GCLP website has an excellent feature – which will only work if graduates use it! By entering and maintaining your details in the SkillsBank area, the GCLP Project Officer can run a SkillsBank

search to match graduates with applications for assistance, saving on time and resources.

If you need help logging into www.gclp.asn.au or using the site once you are logged in, contact Tracey at the GCLP office – skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au or phone 5135 4304. Tracey can advise you of your username and password details or guide you through the site.

GCLP Committee of Management

The GCLP committee of management met on Tuesday, August 24 with a full agenda covering sponsorship, recruitment for 2005, branding of GCLP for marketing purposes, the Not for Profit Board Orientation Series, participation of graduates in program days, planning for GCLP's 10th anniversary celebrations in 2005, and involvement of current year participants in SkillsBank Gippsland projects.

Graduates will be called upon to support many of these areas.

A letter of thanks will be sent to former GippsTAFE CEO, Jeff Gunningham, who has moved on to a new position in Western Australia. Jeff's insight and input will be missed by the GCLP committee, but GippsTAFE has assured GCLP of its continued support.

News from the GCLP office

We need your help! Applications are now being actively sought for next year's program and, as usual, we are trying to ensure that we attract quality candidates from a diversity of industries and from right across Gippsland. As graduates you can assist by inviting potential candidates to apply. Being invited to apply for GCLP by a graduate is the best recommendation that any of us can give for the program.

*You can refer people to the website, www.gclp.asn.au, give them the office phone number, **5135 4304**, or email gclp@igain.vic.edu.au, give us their contact details to follow up, or hand them one of the new GCLP brochures published this year. Contact Nicola or Tracey in the office and we will happily send out copies of the brochure and/or applications forms.*

A special edition of GippsLeader will be published next week to involve graduates in the recruitment and selection process for next year's program.

GCLP will have two representatives at the Community Leadership Australia conference this week. Chairman, Barry Rogers, and Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, will meet with delegates from other leadership programs throughout Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. The focus of the conference is the role of graduates, and Tracey will be leading a discussion on GCLP's experiences in re-engaging graduates.

Items of interest

The **Not for Profit Board Orientation Series** to be run by GCLP in conjunction with Leadership Victoria, is taking shape.

Dates: Wednesdays, October 13, 20 and 27

Venue: Latrobe Motel Convention Centre

Cost: \$260 per person, includes two course meal plus tea/coffee each night

This is an excellent opportunity to build on your effectiveness as a community leader by learning about the responsibilities and expectations of serving on the boards of not for profit community organisations.

An enrolment form is attached – early enrolments will most definitely be welcomed! Please forward the enrolment form to anyone else who may be interested in the Board Orientation Series – participation is NOT limited to GCLP.

Warragul Regional College (Jenny Ramage, 1998) and Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network (Mick Murphy, 2002) are running an information session for people interested in the Plan-It Youth Mentoring Program. The session will be held at GippsTAFE, Queen St, Warragul from 5pm on Monday, August 30.

Monash University Gippsland's Faculty of Business and Economics is running a community seminar series. The first seminar explored corporate social responsibility from a global perspective while the second saw Loy Yang Power outline their strategy and approach to stakeholders and sustainability. The final seminar on September 15 will be a radical and critical perspective of stakeholder theory in the context of indigenous versus national interest. For more information contact Mereana Barrett on 5122 7601.

Pat Coles (2002) has invited GCLP graduates and participants to register for the next Gippsland Community Network Breakfast. Tim Piper, the Victorian Director of the Australian Industry Group, will speak on "Australian Industry Maintaining Momentum in a Changing Environment." The breakfasts are an opportunity to meet, exchange views and discuss issues of mutual interests. The next breakfast will be held at the Waratah Restaurant, Princes Drive, Morwell, 7 – 9am on Friday, September 10. Cost is \$27.50 and RSVPs are needed by September 3. Contact Pat Coles pacoles@bigpond.com or phone 0428 746 207 to get a registration form.

Sponsor-in-kind, the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit Visitor Centre is hosting the annual Champions Food and Wine Evening on Thursday, September 2. Featuring regional food and wines, the \$70 per person ticket includes a five course meal, selection of local wines and commentary from wine makers and chef. Contact Damian Watson at the Visitor Centre on 5952 2710 to book.

If you have ever been frustrated by red tape then you need to read on! The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission has released an Issues Paper into Regulatory Barriers to Regional Economic Development. Regulations include any laws or other government 'rules' which affect the way in which you are able to do business. To find out more about how you can have your say, visit www.vcec.vic.gov.au – but note that submissions close on September 17 and the only public hearing to be held in Gippsland will be at Traralgon on Friday, September 10.

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