



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Life continues at a frenetic pace in the GCLP office and we're still three months out from Christmas! In fact, Christmas may come as a welcome quiet time in the office.

2005 recruitment, the Board Orientation Series, Program days, sponsorship and the yearbook are all major events requiring plenty of time and effort from Ian, Nicola and Tracey. Fortunately we are backed by a wonderful network known as GCLP – thank you to all participants and graduates who have willingly lent a hand when asked.

2005 Recruitment

Recruitment for next year's program is in full swing with six information sessions to be held across Gippsland in the next couple of weeks. These are shaping up as a real team effort with Carol Blandford (1999), Barry Rogers (1996), Donna Faulkner (2001), Sharon Fowler (2001), Jeanette Draper (1999), Martin Fuller (2003), Tracey Matthies (2003), Dan Clancy, Neil Lawson, Lisa McDonald, Darren Williams and Pam Dyson, all 2004, have all agreed to attend the information sessions to chat informally about GCLP with potential candidates. Jason Beck (1997) is even giving up his office for our Wonthaggi session!

All participants and graduates are welcome to visit any of the information sessions, especially if you bring along a candidate or two!

The full schedule of information sessions is included under the "Newsletters" section of www.gclp.asn.au

More than 50 information kits have been sent out to GCLP sponsors with additional kits sent out to other people who have expressed an interest in next year's program. Contact the GCLP office if you would like an information kit sent to an interested person.

Board Orientation Series

The Board Orientation Series is shaping up as an excellent opportunity for people to learn about the skills necessary to serve effectively on the boards of not for profit organisations. A quality field of speakers is in place, the venue has been booked and a delicious menu planned.

But – and it is a big BUT – more enrolments are needed to make it financially viable for the series to go ahead. So, if you are intending to do the series but have not yet returned your enrolment form, please do so ASAP. Additional forms are available from the GCLP website at www.gclp.asn.au by going to the Events section and clicking on the “more info” section on the BOS listings on October 13, 20 and 27.

Enrolments close next Wednesday, September 22.

SkillsBank Gippsland

Graduate support is needed for an exciting and innovative project. The Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support group (GARDS) and Gippsland Trades & Labour Council are working together to create a memorial to victims of asbestos and related diseases as well as workplace accidents. The two groups have exciting plans to create a memorial which will also be a much-needed major tourist attraction in the Latrobe Valley. GARDS and GTLC have applied for SkillsBank Gippsland assistance to help them develop a business plan. Interested graduates should contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, on 5135 4304 or skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au

News from the GCLP office

A working group, including Neville Penrose (1999), Diane Wilkinson (1998) and Susan Lloyd (1998) has held its first meeting to begin planning for GCLP's 10th anniversary celebrations. Events are being planned which will raise the profile of GCLP, involve the community and other leadership programs, and celebrate 10 years of GCLP. Although still in the early discussion stages, events are likely to include a conference on the future of Gippsland, and a gala dinner. Anyone interested in contributing to planning these events can contact Neville, Diane or Susan.

Just 31 people have returned their yearbook update and one of the quickest to respond was Adrian Fyfe (1997) all the way from Papua New Guinea! Yearbook listings are a powerful way of showing how GCLP graduates are faring and continuing their community contribution after their program year. Ensuring that your details are up to date means that we can present a professional publication. An extra copy of the yearbook update pro forma is included with this GippsLeader, so if you have not yet replied, please do so.

Note to 2004 group – as the graduating group, you will have a full bio note in the yearbook, so do not need to complete the yearbook update.

Items of interest

Two graduates will play important roles in Sale's first National Police Remembrance Day Service next Wednesday. Senior Sergeant Joe Sestokas (2000) is organising the event which gives the community the opportunity to pay their respects to police officers who have died in the line of duty, while guest speaker will be Bob Haldane (1996). Bob is a former superintendent and author of "The People's Force", a comprehensive history of the Victoria Police. The service will be held at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale from 10.30am.

Leonie Murray (2002) is now on the GCLP website and will be in the next yearbook as Leonie Blackwell.

It was a wild night in Inverloch last night – but that was the weather. The GCLP networking dinner was much more controlled with a number of graduates and their partners joined by Ian Gibson, Tracey Matthies (who was wearing both hats as Project Officer and graduate), and committee member, Bob Newton, for dinner at Café Tsunami. It was great to see people sharing and building their GCLP network while enjoying a lovely meal.

GCLP graduates have been specifically asked to consider this employment opportunity with the Gippsland Women's Health Service. The GWHS is seeking a new Executive Officer to head up the service, which provides information, resources, support, referral and programs that focus on the health and well being of women in the Gippsland region. Applications close on Monday, so you will need to act quickly if you are interested. Further information is available at www.qwhealth.asn.au

The humble snag could be the key to your business success! Life FM Gippsland, managed by Deb Bye (1996), has come up with an unusual fundraising idea which offers a win-win solution. The business or group which raises the most money for Life FM Gippsland through sausage sizzles in October will receive \$1,000 worth of sponsorship advertising on Gippsland's newest community radio station. Register your sausage sizzle today by phoning 5143 0355 or emailing sausage@lifefm.com.au and fire up the barbie!

Do you know a young person with leadership potential? The Rotary Clubs of Warragul and Morwell are calling for applications for their 2005 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp to be held at Rawson Village next February. The RYLA program aims to provide young people with guidance and development in the areas of leadership, management, team building, motivation, communication, public speaking and personal confidence. For further information contact Rotarians Cleo Sahhar 5623 2251 (w) or Steve Harkins 0419 313 430.

Sharon Fowler (2001) is calling for registrations for the Victorian women on Water Dinner and Forum at Sale on Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15. Guest speaker will be Australia's first salinity and water quality ambassador, marathon swimmer and motivational speaker, Tammy Van Wisse. Contact Sharon on 5142 3327 for further information.

mecu (a GCLP sponsor) and Latrobe City Arts invite you to a night of fun, entertainment and art at the Latrobe Regional Gallery on Friday, October 8 from 6pm til 7.30pm. The evening will include complementary wine and cheese on arrival and feature entertainment by musician, Danny McDonald. Tickets are \$10 from Latrobe City Box Office on 5176 3559.

Thought for the day

The road to success is not straight.

There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends,

red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family.

You will have flats called Jobs.

But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, you will make it to a place called Success.

- Gabby Coles

Especially if you have the support of a network called GCLP!

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