



# GippsLeader

## GCLP news, notes & events

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Your thoughts might be turning to Christmas shopping and here in the GCLP office we've been thinking about gift-giving as well – but we need your help! The team would like to source some uniquely Gippsland gifts to present to GCLP speakers. Send your suggestions to Nicola or Tracey on [gclp@igain.vic.edu.au](mailto:gclp@igain.vic.edu.au)

### 2005 Recruitment

The inaugural series of information sessions for 2005 recruitment were, by and large, successful. Good numbers of potential applicants attended at Bairnsdale, Sale, Morwell and Warragul, although there was limited attendance at Wonthaggi or Leongatha. Thank you to all participants, graduates and committee members who enthusiastically supported these information sessions by attending, by inviting potential applicants to attend, organising venues and by distributing GCLP information.

Applications for the 10<sup>th</sup> GCLP year are open until Monday, November 1 so please encourage interested people to lodge their applications promptly. Nicola and Tracey will send out information kits, including application forms, on request.

### 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](mailto:skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au)*

Another SkillsBank Gippsland project is in the wings – more details to come soon.

### News from the GCLP office

The first GCLP/Leadership Victoria Board Orientation Series begins tomorrow, Wednesday, October 13, at the Latrobe Motel Convention Centre with 21 participants, almost half of whom are GCLP participants or graduates. Leadership Victoria has contributed to the pool of speakers' gifts with several pairs of socks printed with their logo!

If you haven't returned your 2004 yearbook update (2004 group excepted), it's almost too late. We are preparing to go to the printers soon so that the yearbook can be launched at this year's graduation.

### Items of interest

Congratulations to Jenny Hammett (2000) will take up a new position as CEO of i-GAIN Quality Learning Inc. next Tuesday, October 19. Jenny has worked as an electorate advisor to Peter McGauran MHR for six years, but will barely have time to celebrate Peter's latest election victory before moving to i-GAIN.

Andrew Redston (2003) has organised a deb/presentation ball for people in the Latrobe Valley area with a disability – and all tables are filled. Best wishes to Andrew and his dancers for November 13.

Katherine Heinemann (2003) has joined Lifetime Health Pharmacy in Traralgon in administration.

Sally Paech (2004) has a new job tile, Community Services Manager, at Bass Coast Shire.

Just back from Paris, Vicki Miles (2003) is already planning a return trip!

Chris Notman (2003) has had his 15 minutes of fame in the Latrobe Valley Express recently with a photo and article, plus two letters to the editor all published in a single edition.

Jason Beck (1997) not only gave GCLP a great write up for our Wonthaggi information day, but also gave up his office for the event!

Parliament Day was another successful program day, kicking off the night before with dinner at the Spaghetti Tree and midnight photos on the steps of Parliament House. Participants welcomed the opportunity to connect with their Gippsland state MPs just two days before the federal election and appreciated their candour under the protection of Chatham House rules.

From the Rural Women's Network bulletin:

The Office of Women's Policy has recently launched its new website, [www.women.vic.gov.au](http://www.women.vic.gov.au)

The new website is both an information source and an interactive tool to allow Victorian women the chance to engage with Government to share their thoughts, opinions and views on issues affecting them.

New features of the website include a sign up member section entitled “our on-line community”. As a member of the site, you will be told about upcoming projects and programs from the Office of Women’s Policy and other Government departments with programs or events relevant to women.

“Women Speak to Government” is also a new feature of the site. Members of the on-line community will be notified of surveys to gauge their views on issues such as health, child care, work, financial security and more.

Results from these surveys will be shared with members of the on-line community and assist the Office of Women’s Policy in shaping policies and programs for women. A Discussion Board facility on the website will allow visitors to share their thoughts, stories and ideas on current topics with women from all over Victoria.

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