



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Congratulations 2004 Graduates!

The 2004 program year comes to an official end tomorrow with the formal graduation dinner and ceremony at the Premiere Function Centre in Traralgon.

Graduation is celebration of the efforts, learning and achievements of the group's GCLP year and is an occasion worth marking with family, friends and colleagues. It is also an ideal opportunity to welcome the new graduates to the GCLP network of graduates. These 24 new graduates are now a part of the network of people working to improve Gippsland in various ways.

As fellow GCLP graduates, you can expect and welcome calls from the 2004 group, and can also expect that when you ring a member of the 2004 group and mention GCLP that you will be given their attention.

More than 130 people are joining tomorrow's graduation celebrations.

Networking Opportunities

Coming up – the 2005 Program Launch will be held in the week starting February 7, 2005. Keynote speaker will be MICA paramedic and author, Peter Davidson. Watch the GCLP website for details – www.gclp.asn.au

SkillsBank Gippsland

Michael Laird (2003) will conduct a strategic planning session for the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Management Committee. The committee hopes that the session will help them to develop a project plan with priorities and timelines. The Rotary Centenary House will provide accommodation for families travelling to the Latrobe Regional Hospital for cancer treatment.

News from the GCLP office

The 2004 GCLP Yearbook is being printed as you read! This year's edition features photos of the Program year, bios of this year's group and up to date information of past graduates. The summary of the 2004 program, detailing the venues for site visits and speakers, makes fascinating reading. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the yearbook, and a special thank you to GCLP Chair, Barry Rogers, (1996) who has liaised closely with the printers.

Organising events and finalising numbers is a major undertaking which is made easier for the organisers when people reply to invitations. If an invitation includes an RSVP date, please take a few moments to indicate whether you will be attending the function or not.

Plans are underway for a printed Christmas newsletter with photos and reports from the graduation, and also announcing the members of the 2005 group. Please contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, on 5135 4304 or email gclp@igain.vic.edu.au if you have any story ideas for the newsletter.

Items of interest

Thank you to all GCLP participants, graduates and committee members who have sat on interview panels for the 2005 group. Being on a panel requires a significant time contribution which is greatly appreciated. Panel members have also offered valuable insights which will assist the selection process.

Interested in improving your public speaking and presentation skills? A guest speaker at the Board Orientation Series, Craig Taylor, is setting up a Toastmasters public speaking club in the Latrobe Valley. For further information email craig.taylor@asic.gov.au or catmail@netspace.net.au

The Rural Women's Network is seeking applications for two job vacancies, one as a Project Officer and the other as a Database and Information Officer. For position descriptions and further information about either position, phone Anna Lotkowitz on 9208 3664.

The Office for Youth have recently produced and published a series of resources to assist community organisations to more successfully engage young people in decision making.

*The series is titled **"Taking Young People Seriously"***

Publications include

- *"Young People on Boards and Committees – a handbook for organisations working with young people"*
- *"Creating Change in Your Community – a handbook for young people"*
- *"Consulting Young people about their ideas and Opinions"*

These publications provide excellent hints and tips on better engagement of young people in our communities and are available at www.youth.vic.gov.au/participation or by contacting Mick Murphy (2002), Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN bblllen@dcsi.net.au or Yoka Beumer, Office for Youth, Gippsland beumer.yoka.y@edumail.vic.gov.au

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