



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Book now for 2005 launch!

If you've ever wondered what it's like to put your life on the line in the course of your daily work, then you need to be at the GCLP 2005 Program launch and Graduate Annual Address.

Presenting the address will be Traralgon-based Helimed One paramedic and author, Peter Davidson, who was heavily involved in the rescue of stricken sailors during the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Peter has written about his experiences in the book, "On the end of a wire – the Peter Davidson story." Peter will have copies of his book for sale at the launch.

The 2005 Program launch and Graduate Annual Address will be held in the Wellington Room at the Port of Sale Civic Centre in Foster St, Sale on Wednesday, February 9.

This is a great opportunity to meet the 2005 group and to network over nibbles and drinks with sponsors and fellow graduates. **Please get your RSVPs into the office ASAP as numbers will be limited.**

Invitations were posted out last week to all participants and graduates with Victorian addresses. If you did not receive your invitation in the mail, please contact the office so that we can check our records. Interstate and international-based graduates who will be in Gippsland at the time and would like to attend the launch are also invited to contact the GCLP office.

Networking Opportunities

The Program launch and Annual Graduate Address is the only networking event on the GCLP calendar so far this year.

Remember to use GippsLeader to promote your networking event to others who may be interested in joining you. Networking is one of the great benefits of GCLP and is an opportunity for graduates to support each other both professionally and personally.

SkillsBank Gippsland

Frankie MacLennan (2004) will facilitate a strategic planning workshop for the Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault.

Graduate support is still needed for the Latrobe Youth Council project. Graduates who can run team building activities for young people, and help the youth council develop a checklist for the dissemination of information are needed for two separate training sessions. We have information on team building activities available in the GCLP office, if needed.

Lisa McDonald (2004) has volunteered to run a training session to help the youth councillors develop their public speaking skills, while Tracey Matthies (2003) will conduct a session on meeting procedure and chairmanship.

If you are asked to take on a community task which you cannot manage or is beyond your range of skills, encourage the organisation which is asking for help to consider making an application to SkillsBank Gippsland. GCLP has 224 graduates with a wide range of skills to offer the Gippsland community. Just log into the website and do a SkillsBank search to see all of the skills available!

News from the GCLP office

Nicola's back! Welcome back to GCLP Program Manager, Nicola Epps, who has just enjoyed a five week holiday in her native New Zealand. We're still waiting to see the photos in the office, but you can catch up with Nicola at the launch to hear her travel stories.

A few observant people noticed the discrepancy in the last GippsLeader where we announced that 26 people had been chosen for the 2005 Program but we only listed 25 names. Helen Falls, Quality Coordinator at Burra Foods, in Korumburra, is the additional participant.

The GCLP team welcomes graduates and participants to call into the office when you are in Morwell. Your ongoing support for the Program is vital. Please note, however, that whenever you do visit us, you will now need to sign in the visitors' book at reception and obtain a visitor badge. You will then need to sign out and return your tag when leaving. This is an Occupational Health and Safety measure to ensure that we can account for everyone in the building in the event of an emergency.

The GCLP website is proving a valuable tool, especially for communication and marketing purposes. The database of graduates and participants which sits securely behind the website is also a valuable tool which allows you, as a graduate or participant to maintain your contact details.

There has, however, been some confusion about the “postal preference” options. Please note that if you select the “home” option, then your home address details will appear when we create mailing labels.

The “work” option selects the information you have entered in the postal address fields.

So if you want to have your GCLP snail mail sent to your workplace, or to a PO Box, you will need to enter those address details in the postal address section and select the “work” postal preference.

If you have any queries about maintaining your details on the GCLP site, please contact Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, in the office (contact details below.)

Items of interest

This year is the 10th anniversary year of GCLP. The committee plans to combine our major celebrations for the year with the graduation ceremony. Watch this space for details of other 10th anniversary celebrations, especially calls for volunteers to help organise various activities.

The Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation has come on board as a sponsor for the 2005 GCLP year. Three participants have a direct involvement in the Gippsland dairy industry – Chris Griffin, a dairyfarmer from Westbury; Adam Tyson, a process controller with Bonlac at Darnum; and Helen Falls, a quality coordinator with Burra Foods at Korumburra.

The Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation was established to improve the international competitiveness of the Victorian dairy industry and provides funding for a range of projects including education, training, skills development and activities which benefit Victorian dairy communities.

One graduate will have a special interest in hearing Peter Davidson’s story at the launch and annual graduate address after the events of last weekend. The graduate was camping in the bush with family and friends when one of the group had a motorcycle accident and had to be treated and airlifted by Helimed One. The paramedic on the end of the wire wasn’t Peter Davidson, but had also been involved in the yacht rescues.

More from the vault of useless information and GCLP consistency! For the 10th consecutive year, the program group has at least two people with the same name. This year there are two Helens (Dixon and Falls), and two Kerrys, although one is spelt Kerry (Timmins) and the other is spelt Kerrie (Warren.) The domination of Peter and David as men’s names continues with one more of each, Peter Middleton and David Wilbraham.

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