



# GippsLeader

*GCLP news, notes & events*

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## **Good support for launch**

The big day is almost upon us! More than 110 graduates, participants, sponsors and supporters have registered for the 2005 Program Launch and Annual Graduate Address which will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, February 9 in the Wellington Room at the Port of Sale Civic Centre.

As well as introducing the 2005 Group, a feature of the evening will be the address by Traralgon-based Helimed One paramedic and author, Peter Davidson. Peter will talk about his role in the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race rescues as well as the leadership and personal skills needed to cope in his demanding line of work.

Copies of Peter's book, 'On the end of a wire – the Peter Davidson story', will be available for sale at the launch at the special discounted rate of \$20. Be sure to have your cash! (NB Payment for books will be made directly to Peter, not via GCLP.)

Graduates and supporters will also be able to buy their own GCLP coffee mug at the launch. The mugs, which feature the GCLP logo, are \$6 each.

**Graduate Reminder: Please wear your GCLP name badge when attending GCLP functions.**

### **2005 News**

**Christine Waring has joined the 2005 GCLP group following the withdrawal of Ella Ross. Christine is WorkHealth Unit Manager with the Department of Human Services in Traralgon.**

The 2005 group is in for a busy week with the Program launch tomorrow night followed by the opening residential on Saturday and Sunday at the Latrobe Convention Centre in Traralgon.

**News and photographs of this year's Program activities will be added to the website on a regular basis.**

### **Networking Opportunities**

The Wyalla (SA) Economic Development Board will visit GCLP in early March. The Board is investigating setting up a community leadership program and is interested in the experiences and outcomes of GCLP.

Graduate support will be sought closer to the time to meet with members of the Board. Initial plans include a networking dinner for an informal sharing of information. The visit is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4.

### **SkillsBank Gippsland**

**Bruce Connolly (1997) is supporting a GCLP sponsor, the Department of Sustainability and Environment, as a guest speaker at their Frontline Management conference at Metung later this month.**

A team of four GCLP graduates will provide a range of training for Latrobe Youth Council.

- Lisa McDonald (2004) will teach public speaking skills
- Mick Murphy (2002) will lead some team building exercises
- Tracey Matthies (2003) will show the youth councillors how meetings can be both fun and effective
- Dave Cann (2004) will help the group build a check list of actions to help them disseminate important information to their peers

**June Owen (1999) had deferred her application to become a member of the Latrobe Community Health Service board after breaking her leg, but with the plaster off and recovery well underway, she has decided to pursue this valuable community service opportunity.**

### **News from the GCLP office**

GCLP Executive Officer, Ian Gibson, has addressed a group of visiting Rotarians from Scotland on January 27. The group was most interested to learn about the leadership program.

**The GCLP team welcomes graduates and participants to call into the office when you are in Morwell. We are based in the i-GAIN building at the western end of Commercial Rd.**

**Your ongoing support for the Program is vital. Please note that whenever you do visit us, you will 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.**

### **Items of interest**

Carolyn King (2002) is enjoying her latest career move – to motherhood. Kira Emily was born six and a half weeks early, weighing just 1820 grams (that's

four pounds for the rest of us!) Kira is now 11 ½ lb, four months old and doing very well, Carolyn reports from her home at Orange in New South Wales.

**You'll need to act quickly for this one! Reflect Consulting is hosting a business forum entitled 'People, Innovation and Growth' at the West Gippsland Arts Centre this Friday, February 11. Keynote speaker is the inspirational Beechworth baker, Tom O'Toole. Check out the details at [www.reflect.com.au](http://www.reflect.com.au) or phone Peter Smith on 0425 824 400 for further information.**

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