



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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GCLP making a difference

GCLP really is making a difference to the Gippsland community. LifeLine is evicting regional leaders from their beds for their annual fundraising event. As well as having a strong presence on the board of LifeLine Gippsland, graduates and participants have pledged their financial support to this worthwhile organisation.

And that's just one example of GCLP responding to community needs!

Networking Opportunities

Leadership Victoria is offering GCLP participants and graduates the opportunity to receive the LV magazine which is published three or four times a year. The next edition of the glossy mag will include an article from GCLP and possibly a photograph from the launch.

If you do NOT wish to receive this magazine (free of charge), please advise GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, via email tmatthies@igain.vic.au no later than Wednesday, March 23.

SkillsBank Gippsland

Kurnai College, in the Latrobe Valley, is seeking two school council members. The College, which has junior campuses in Morwell and Churchill, a KODE campus in Morwell, and a senior campus also in Morwell, has vacancies for two co-opted community members. The council faces an interesting period as it prepares for the transition of its senior campus to the newly-built Gippsland Education Precinct at Churchill and the relocation of its Morwell junior campus to the Maryvale campus.

Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault is still in need of two board members.

As usual, interested people can contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, via email tmatthies@igain.vic.au

Remember, if you are asked to take on a community role that you just can't manage for some reason, you can always refer the organisation to SkillsBank Gippsland and we will try to find another graduate who can help out.

News from the GCLP office

On 3 and 4 March, Ron Wilson and Steve Arndt from the Whyalla Economic Development Board visited to assess the relevance of the GCLP

model to the Upper Spencer Gulf Region. They expressed considerable enthusiasm for our approach; we also used the opportunity to gain valuable publicity through WIN-TV and the Latrobe Valley Express.

Thank you to graduates, participants and committee members who gave freely of their time to share their GCLP experiences with Ron and Steve. It was an excellent opportunity to reflect on the growth and achievements of our program and its positive effects on the region.

With the valuable support of i-GAIN Quality Learning Inc., the GCLP team is currently preparing a printed newsletter which will go out to sponsors and other businesses in the Gippsland region. As you know, sponsors are vital to the success of our program. Participants and graduates are invited to submit articles for the newsletter via the GCLP office. Tracey will also be contacting some people individually for comments on specific events.

2005 Program News

The new "Gippsland's Identity" session was held on 24 February at Mirboo North. Speakers included Jeremy Reynolds (DSE), who provided a detailed analysis of population trends and projections for Gippsland; Gary Gibson (Seismology Research Centre) on earthquake hazard in Gippsland; and Doris Paton from GippsTAFE, who presented on the history and identity of indigenous people.

The objectives were:

- To explore and share a sense of personal identity of Gippsland with fellow participants
- To understand the significance of Gippsland's sub-regions, and the relationships between them
- To explore and share an indigenous perspective of Gippsland
- To explore the factors affecting demographic change in Gippsland, and the implications of population changes for Gippsland's industries and governments
- To explore the significance of Gippsland and its relationship to Melbourne and other regions

Participants said the day, and especially Doris Paton's presentation, was a valuable follow up to Paddy Morgan's presentation at the opening residential. Paul Van Loon (2002) added a local flavour with his talk about living in the Mirboo North area.

Thank you to the Walter J. Tuck Reserve Committee of Management for their sponsorship support of the day.



The Mob was in charge of Gippsland Identity Day. Taking their syndicate duties seriously were Mob members, from left, Peter Middleton, Carole MacMillan, Leah Watson, Chris Griffin and the Enforcer, aka Jason Potts.

Items of Interest

Well done to Darren McCubbin (2002) who appeared on the Today show on 2 March, defending his home town of Sale against claims that it was Australia's most boring town.

Also seen in the media was Craig Lamshed (2003) as part of Kurnai College's leadership team. Craig is principal of a Kurnai campus in Morwell.

Community groups can access some valuable information to assist with their marketing and communications by going to www.ourcommunity.com.au/marketingmediapostcentre

The Victorian Government wants to know how well women are supported in the workplace as they try to strike a balance between work and family commitments on a daily basis. Have your say in the consultation process by going to www.women.vic.gov.au before the end of March.

A free breakfast seminar for small business owners and managers will be held in Maffra next Wednesday, March 16. Topics will include using direct marketing to grow your business, obtaining government assistance and information, using the internet as a marketing tool and economic development in Wellington Shire. Phone 1800 669 300 to book your place.

The National Institute of Financial Studies (NIFS) will conduct an investment training and education session in Sale from 30 April to 1 May. Visit <http://www.nifs.net.au> or phone 1300 361 571 for further details.

If your networks extend to the Alpine Valleys region you may want to recommend someone for the Alpine Valleys Leadership Program which is now seeking applications for its 2005/06 intake. Application forms and further details are at www.avlp.org.au

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council is calling for nominations for this year's program. For further information, phone 9484 2399 or go to www.keepaustraliabeautiful.org.au

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