



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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GCLP launches newsletter for sponsors

GippsLeader Post is set to become a key communication tool between GCLP and our sponsors.

The Post, as it is already known within the GCLP office, will be published as an A3 folded to A4, and will be posted to existing and potential sponsors three or four times a year.

Sponsors are vital to the success of GCLP and the new GippsLeader Post will help them to recognise the valuable return that GCLP make to the region. From time to time, graduates and participants will be asked to share their experiences in the Post. Please remember that sponsorship made it possible for you to have your GCLP experience and ongoing sponsorship will make it possible for others to benefit in the same way.

Thank you to the sponsor for our first edition of GippsLeader Post, i-GAIN Quality Learning Inc's Industry and Business Training which is managed by Giselle Scorse (2000).

Networking Opportunities

West Gippsland is setting the pace for sub-regional networking events in 2005. Jenny Ramage (1998) has organised a get together. Join Jenny and other West Gippslanders at 6.30 for a 7pm start at the Courthouse Café (owned by Dave Cann 2004) on Thursday, April 21. If you are planning to attend, please contact Jenny by email at ramageje@wrc.vic.edu.au and let her know whether you would prefer a set menu or individual choice from the full menu. RSVP date is Friday, April 15.

SkillsBank Gippsland

Tina Dent (1997) is seeking graduate assistance in her role as Regional Manager for Scope (Vic) Pty Ltd. Scope has two residential units in Warragul and Traralgon, which support people with physical and multiple difficulties. They are looking for two people, one to join the advisory committee of each residential unit to help with household accounts and supporting the independence of people with disabilities. Interested people should contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, via email at TMatthies@igain.vic.edu.au or the office on 5135 4304.

Gippsland FM, a community radio station based in Morwell, is seeking SkillsBank Gippsland support to redevelop its website at www.3gcrfm.org.au Interested graduates with appropriate skills can contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, for further details.

Program News



Syndicate groups are taking their roles quite seriously in the 2005 group. On duty for Education Day were, from left, *Leisha Barnes, Nigel Browne, Liz Collins, Cheryl Cook and Helen Falls.*

Monash University Gippsland hosted and sponsored the day. Speakers included Monash's Manager of

Marketing & Public Affairs, Justin Kohlman (2003) who discussed the demographics of higher education in Gippsland, and Roz Muscat from the Regional Office Department of Education & Training who outlined the anti-absenteeism program, *It's Not Ok to Be Away.*

A panel, comprising Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor Monash Gippsland, Associate Professor Harry Ballis, Pathways Officer, Gippsland Education Precinct, Helen Reeves, and Justin Kohlman, were called on to address the challenges in education for Gippsland's leaders.

News from the GCLP office

GCLP has moved – but not far. The GCLP team is housed in the Morwell offices of i-GAIN Quality Learning Inc. and as part of a re-organisation within i-GAIN, Nicola, Tracey and Ian have shifted to a new office. You can now find us in the corner office to the right of reception. Spacewise it is about the same as our previous office, but the layout makes it seem so much bigger, while the extra windows are very welcome. Participants and graduates are always welcome to call in, but please remember to go to reception and sign the visitors' book before coming to see us.

Members of the GCLP team will be walking the networking talk at next week's meeting of Community Leadership Australia. CLA is an alliance of community leadership programs with staff members getting together twice a year to network and share their ideas and experiences.

Amongst the programs to be represented at next week's meeting in Melbourne are Leadership Victoria, Adelaide (Governor's and Mayor's), the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, Goulburn-Murray, Koori, Wimmera, Loddon-Murray, Leadership Plus, Leadership Victoria, Western Australia, and even Leadership Fiji.

Tracey will attend both days and will be joined by Ian for the dinner on Thursday night (after GCLP's own program day), and for Friday's session. Chair, Barry Rogers, also hopes to attend for part of the meeting.

Items of interest

The Easter Bunny has hopped off the home page of the GCLP website to be replaced by a far more attractive image – a photo of the 2005 participants, sans just one member. All individual headshots for the 2005 group are now online, and all bio notes will be completed shortly.

Allan Williams (2003) achieved a dream when he patted tiger while on holiday to Queensland recently – and he still has 10 fingers!

Congratulations to Michelle Toppin (2003) who is now Gippsland manager for Gap Communications.

A comprehensive range of training programs for industry and business is now available through i-GAIN Quality Learning. Visit www.igain.vic.edu.au to check out the selection. You can see how many places are left in each course and even enrol online.

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