

# Gippsland **Innovation** Festival 2005



Celebrating **innovation**  
in **regional life**

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## 'A message from the Chairperson'



### Dear Innovator

Welcome to the 3rd Gippsland Innovation Festival.

Gippsland is an amazing place. While we are well known for our natural resources, we have many innovative and dynamic communities and businesses.

The Gippsland Innovation Festival provides opportunity for business and community to come together and share innovative ideas. It also allows us to take stock of many of the great initiatives being developed across the region.

This year the Festival has the support of all six Gippsland Municipalities through the Gippsland Local Government Network. It has also received significant support from AusIndustry, Telstra Country Wide, ABC Radio, WIN TV, Gippsland's newspapers, MidValley Shopping Centre and Regional Development Victoria.

With a program of over 35 key events across the region, the Festival will encourage a culture of innovation that celebrates success and provides encouragement to people committed to 'making good ideas happen'.

This year's theme 'Celebrating Innovation in Regional Life' is about promoting a positive sense of diversity within the community and recognising the importance of economic, environmental and community development in this region's future.

With a population of over 210,000 people living in an area covering nearly 20% of the State of Victoria, it is really important that our diversity is recognised as a key strength and that a culture of tolerance and mutual respect is encouraged.

This project is about bringing communities together, creating a point of focus and a reason for celebration. The Festival is a great opportunity for people to build partnerships and strengthen networks throughout Gippsland, Victoria and Australia. It enables business, community and the region to take stock of innovative activities and identify future avenues for growth on an economic, social and environmental basis.

Please join with us in 'Celebrating Innovation in Regional Life' and participate in an event or an activity listed in this program.

Yours sincerely

### Paul Buckley

Chairperson, Gippsland Innovation Festival  
Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe City



## AusIndustry

AusIndustry provides Australian Government assistance to support Australian business innovation, investment and international competitiveness. AusIndustry delivers a range of 27 innovation grants, small business services, tax and duty concessions, industry support, and venture capital products to more than 10,000 businesses every year.

## Gippsland.com

Gippsland.com is your internet gateway to Gippsland. It operates as a directory and linkage to the diversity of Gippsland providing a news service, events calendar, classifieds, and a comprehensive on-line business directory. Gippsland.com also provides a mini-portal service to communities, industry associations and interest groups.

## WIN Television

WIN Television is Australia's largest regional television network. WIN Television has always been an innovator in the broadcasting industry and continues this trend with constant development as we move into the digital age.

## Telstra Country Wide

- Continually improving telecommunications and information technology services for customers and communities throughout Gippsland
- Understanding the communications requirements of Gippsland and addressing these with appropriate products and locally made infrastructure investment decisions
- Maintaining Telstra's presence in Gippsland by employing staff who live and work in our communities and by extending Telstra's retail network

## Midvalley Shopping Centre

Mid Valley Shopping Centre is Gippslands largest shopping complex, featuring Target, Big W, Safeway, Bi Lo, Bunnings, Village Cinema 8, and over 65 specialty stores. With a Fresh Food Market and a Food Hall with seating for over 150 customers, 7 day trading and easy parking, Mid Valley Shopping Centre is the fashion, food and entertainment centre of Gippsland.

## Gippsland Local Government Network

GLGN works across the six shires of Gippsland to define and prioritise issues for the protection and advancement of Gippsland. GLGN will act as a coordinator for raising these issues with all levels of government.

Members:

- Bass Coast Shire Council ■ Baw Baw Shire Council ■ East Gippsland Shire Council
- Latrobe City Council ■ South Gippsland Shire Council ■ Wellington Shire Council

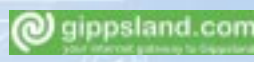
## ABC Gippsland Radio

ABC Gippsland was Victoria's first ABC regional radio station. ABC Gippsland's programs display creativity, invention and novelty. They do this through outside broadcasts, the creative use of production technology and regular departures from standard program formats that seek to provide listeners with new listening experiences. ABC Gippsland's programs cooperate closely with ABC News to get breaking news to air urgently, accurately and comprehensively.

## Regional Development Victoria

Regional Development Victoria is the State Government's lead agency for shaping policy and building stronger economies, communities and infrastructure. Its primary purpose is to facilitate economic, infrastructure and community development in provincial Victoria and as such is proud to be participating in, and supporting the Gippsland Innovation Festival.

- ABC Radio
- AusIndustry
- Australian Innovation Festival
- Bairnsdale Advertiser
- Bairnsdale Aerodrome
- Bass Coast Shire Council
- Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning & Employment Network
- Baw Baw Shire Council
- Biotechnology Australia
- BHP Wellington Entertainment Centre
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Century Inn
- Department of Sustainability & Environment
- Destination Gippsland
- East Gippsland Field Days Committee
- East Gippsland Institute of TAFE
- East Gippsland Livestock Exchange
- East Gippsland Shire Council
- Engineers Australia Gippsland Group
- Fabric & Faith
- Federation Health Gippsland Business Awards
- Forestech East Gippsland Institute of TAFE
- G.R.E.E.N Inc
- Gippsland Community Leadership Program
- Gippsland Education Leadership Program
- Gippsland HACC Training Regional Advisory Com.
- Gippsland Integrated Natural Resource Forum
- Gippsland Theatre Festival
- Gippsland Times
- Gippsland.com
- INNOVIC
- Latrobe Arts Innovation Festival
- Latrobe City Council
- Latrobe Community Health Service
- Latrobe Community Safety Forum
- Latrobe Job Pathways Program
- Latrobe Performing Arts Centre
- Latrobe Regional Gallery
- Latrobe Valley Express
- Lavalla College
- Leadership Management Australia
- Leongatha Star
- Lowanna College
- Lucknow Primary School
- Midvalley Shopping Centre
- Monash University
- MRCICT
- PowerWorks
- Regional Development Victoria
- South East Australia Maritime Education Centre
- South Gippsland Sentinel Times
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Stratford on Avon Shakespeare Association Inc
- Telstra Country Wide
- Traralgon & District Arts Society
- Traralgon Uniting Church
- Waratah Restaurant
- Warragul Gazette
- Wellington Shire Council
- West Gippsland Arts Centre
- WIN TV



**Friday 22 April to Monday 16 May  
Innovation in Electricity Generation  
PowerWorks Tour**

Venue: PowerWorks  
Address: Ridge Road, Morwell  
Contact: Kathryn Ritzer-Alexander  
Telephone: 03 5135 3415  
Time: Tours from 11am and 2pm daily  
Cost: Adults \$10 Concession \$6.50  
Child \$4 and Family \$22.50  
Website: [www.powerworks.com.au](http://www.powerworks.com.au)  
Email: [kathryn@powerworks.com.au](mailto:kathryn@powerworks.com.au)  
PowerWorks is an Energy Technology Centre established to educate and inform the general public about innovation in electricity generation. Guided tours feature visits to large-scale open cut mines, power stations and the Energy Technology Display Centre.

**Saturday 23 April to Saturday 7 May  
Shakespeare on the River Festival**

Venue: Stratford on Avon and Environs  
Address: Stratford  
Contact: Beth Ripper  
Telephone: 03 5145 6133  
Time: 10am to 11pm each day  
Cost: Ticket prices range up to \$30, with most events under \$15 and many events free  
Website: [www.stratfordshakespeare.com.au](http://www.stratfordshakespeare.com.au)  
Email: [director@stratfordshakespeare.com.au](mailto:director@stratfordshakespeare.com.au)  
The Shakespeare on the River opens with a celebration of Shakespeare's birthday/death day on 23 April. A multi faceted arts festival, this annual event provides two weeks of Shakespeare, theatre, music, film, dance, banquets and the ever-popular Avon Village Faire Day. Performances that draw on the work of Shakespeare are the backbone of the festival program, with new and innovative works being commissioned annually. Youth participation is a key aspect of the festival.

**Monday 25 to Sunday 15 May 2005  
Latrobe Arts Innovation Festival**

Venue: Venues across Latrobe City  
Contact: Lynette Raven  
Telephone: 03 5218 5639  
Email: [lynettera@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:lynettera@latrobe.vic.gov.au)  
The Latrobe Arts Innovation Festival is a unique coordination and promotion of arts specific events through out May in Latrobe City. The program includes innovative events and activities in the Latrobe Valley such as: Creative Gippsland, Fabric and Faith, Traralgon and District Arts Society, Latrobe Regional Art Gallery and The Gippsland Theatre Festival.

**Wednesday 27 April  
Gippsland Innovation Festival Business Expo**

Venue: West Gippsland Arts Centre  
Address: Civic Place Warragul  
Contact: Peter Kulich  
Telephone: 03 5624 2523  
Time: 9am to 10pm Cost: Free  
Email: [peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)  
Exhibition of innovative commercial products from the Gippsland region. The expo is to be

held in conjunction with the launch of the Gippsland Innovation Festival and the Baw Baw Gippsland Innovation Festival Dinner.

**Wednesday 27 April  
Official Launch of the 3rd Gippsland  
Innovation Festival**

Venue: West Gippsland Arts Centre  
Address: Fountain Room, Civic Place, Warragul  
Contact: Peter Kulich  
Telephone: 03 5624 2523  
Time: 10:30am to 11.30am Cost: Invitation only  
Website: [www.innovation.gippsland.com](http://www.innovation.gippsland.com)  
Email: [peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)  
The official launch will bring together leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs from across Gippsland to celebrate the innovation in regional life. The Gippsland Innovation Festival is the largest regional innovation festival in Australia with over 35 events. Strong themes include Arts, Business, Technology, Education, Environment and Agriculture. It has the backing of the Gippsland Local Government Network and corporate partners: Telstra Country Wide, AusIndustry, ABC Radio, WIN TV, Newspapers throughout Gippsland, [www.gippsland.com](http://www.gippsland.com) and Midvalley Shopping Centre. The Launch will acknowledge the terrific support for the festival from across the Gippsland region.

**Wednesday 27 April  
Gippsland Innovation Festival Dinner**

Venue: Stagedoor Restaurant  
Address: Civic Place, Warragul  
Contact: Peter Kulich  
Telephone: 03 5624 2523  
Time: 6.30pm to 10pm Cost: \$20 per person  
Email: [peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)  
The Baw Baw Gippsland Innovation Festival Dinner will celebrate innovation in business. It will feature a presentation from Innovic and leading innovators in Gippsland.

**Wednesday 27 April  
"Inspiring Young Women"**

Venue: Waratah Restaurant  
Address: Princes Dr. and Monash Way, Morwell  
Contact: Michelle Weatherall  
Telephone: 0409 221 795  
Cost: By Invitation Only  
Email: [michelle.bbllen@dsci.net.au](mailto:michelle.bbllen@dsci.net.au)  
This is a one-off event that facilitates links between successful businesswomen, community leaders and young women. This is not a formal mentoring exercise, rather a information and knowledge sharing event connecting young women to our diverse community, giving them a sense of what's out there and inspiring them with a "can do attitude". The group will consist of approx. 25 young women (15-17 year olds) invited from the Latrobe Valley Secondary Schools and leading women from the Gippsland community. This event is an outworking of the Gippsland Community Leadership Program 2005.

**Thursday 28 April  
Gippsland Innovation Festival Business  
Breakfast**

Venue: Stagedoor Restaurant,  
Address: Civic Place, Warragul  
Contact: Peter Kulich  
Telephone: 03 5624 2523  
Time: 7am to 9am Cost: \$10 per person  
Email: [peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)  
Business people and economic development stakeholders from across Gippsland and Baw Baw Shire will come together for breakfast with Roger La Salle a well known innovator and guest presenter on the ABC TV's New Inventors Program.

**Thursday 28 April  
Gippsland Innovation Festival - Innovic  
Business Workshops**

Venue: Stagedoor Restaurant  
Address: Civic Place, Warragul  
Contact: Peter Kulich  
Telephone: 03 5624 2523  
Time: 9am to 12pm Cost: \$20 per person  
Email: [peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:peter.kulich@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)  
Business workshops with Innovic to assist Gippsland businesses understand the importance of innovation and how it can be applied to their business.

**Thursday 28 April  
South Gippsland Innovations  
in Business Dinner**

Venue: McCartins Hotel  
Address: Cnr. McCartins & Smith St Leongatha  
Contact: Jeannie Hicks  
Telephone: 03 5662 9221  
Time: 6.30pm Cost: \$25 per person  
Email: [jeannieh@sgsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:jeannieh@sgsc.vic.gov.au)  
Join us for dinner with dynamic guest speaker, Roger La Salle, a professional engineer who has spent a lifetime with new products, innovation and invention. Indeed, you may have seen him on the ABC New Inventors TV program where in 2004 he was a regular panelist. Roger is a director of the INNOVIC and holds the Chair of Innovation and Visiting Professor status at the prestigious Queens University in Belfast.

**Friday 29 to Saturday 30 April  
19th East Gippsland Field Days**

Venue: Bairnsdale Aerodrome  
Address: Bengworden Road, Bairnsdale  
Contact: Phil Rickards  
Telephone: 03 5153 1398  
Time: 9am to 4pm each day  
Cost: Adult \$10 Children 15 and under \$5  
Website: [www.egfielddays.com](http://www.egfielddays.com)  
Email: [converge@net-tech.com.au](mailto:converge@net-tech.com.au)  
Major annual regional event comprising some 250 exhibitors displaying new products and services in agriculture and all rural industries, as well as information on government and community organisations. Over 6,000 visitors of all ages and backgrounds attend to see and purchase the latest equipment and services.

Telstra Country Wide will be demonstrating a range of innovative wireless internet solutions for remote working and telemetry solutions for farming. The feature will be the Innovation and Farming Fashion Parade.

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**Saturday 30 April to Sunday 15 May**  
**Innovative Expression Exhibition and Workshops**

Venue: Traralgon Historic Railway Station  
Address: Queens Parade Traralgon  
Contact: Val Cooper  
Telephone: 03 5176 6000  
Time: 10am to 4pm each day Cost: Free

The Traralgon and District Art Society are hosting an exhibition with a wide variety of visual arts on display as part of the Latrobe Arts Innovation Festival. Running a series of workshops for artists concurrently, with the exhibition that focuses on innovative expression, using a number of different media. View a working arts studio where innovative artwork can be viewed in progress to completion.

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**Sunday 1 to Friday 13 May**  
**Faith and Fabric Art Exhibition**

Venue: Uniting Church Hall  
Address: Park Lane Traralgon  
Contact: Bev Palmer  
Telephone: 03 5176 1029  
Time: Sun 1pm - 4pm, Mon - Sat 11am - 3pm  
Closed 6th and 9th May  
Cost: Free. Other times by arrangement  
Email: mail@traralgon.unitingchurch.org.au

The Fabric and Faith Art Group have participated in the Australian Innovation Festival for the past three years. They are putting on an exhibition of their innovative work. Visitors to the exhibition will be challenged, thrilled and excited. The group use a diversity of unique techniques and themes that push the boundaries of conventional art, but ensure that the mediums they use are accessible.

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**Monday 2 May**  
**Good to Great: Let's Innovate**

Venue: Waratah Restaurant  
Address: GippsTAFE, Princes Drive, Morwell  
Contact: Nicola Watts  
Telephone: 0408 351 475 or (03) 51560898  
Time: 7.15am - 10.00am Cost: \$49.50  
Email: lma.wf@bigpond.com  
Website: www.leadershipmanagement.com.au

Part of an ongoing series of business leadership breakfasts conducted across Gippsland by Leadership Management Australia. This particular seminar explores practical considerations and strategies for moving from being a 'good' organisation to a 'great' organisation through 'innovation'. In particular it looks at 'leadership' requirements for enabling innovation at all levels of the organisation.

**Tuesday 3 May**  
**The Australian Logistics Assured Program**

Venue: Stage Door Restaurant  
Address: West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul  
Contact: Victorian Business Centre  
Telephone: 03 5174 9233  
Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Cost: Free  
Email: diane.carson@iird.vic.gov.au

The Department of Innovation Industry and Regional Development is holding an introduction briefing seminar for companies interested in improving their supply chain performance.

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**Wednesday 4 to Thursday 5 May**  
**"Enabling Change" with Les Robinson**

Venue: Dept. of Sustainability and Environment  
Address: 71 Hotham Street Traralgon  
Contact: Carol Jeffs  
Telephone: 03 5175 7800  
Time: 9am to 5pm Cost: \$200  
www.media.socialchange.net.au/people/les/  
Email: Carol.Jeffs@ginrf.org.au

A two-day master class in the design of community participation and behaviour change programs. The Gippsland Integrated Natural Resources forum is proud to host Les Robinson, (author of Enabling EcoAction and the Seven Doors of Program Design), for a class in the theory and practice of designing social marketing programs targeting the public, business or internal audiences. Engage and motivate your community on issues including biodiversity / landcare, sustainable living, waste, storm water, energy and water conservation, crime prevention, health promotion and road safety.

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**Wednesday 4 May**  
**Federation Health GBA Finalists Breakfast**

Venue: Century Inn  
Address: Princes Hwy, Traralgon  
Contact: Pat Coles  
Telephone: 03 5174 6207  
Time: 7:30am to 9am Cost: Invitation only  
Email: info@movetogippsland.com

The Federation Health Gippsland Business Awards are a celebration in business excellence and innovation across the Gippsland Region. The Finalists Breakfast is special preview event that brings finalists and sponsors together a fortnight before the premier event on the Gippsland Business Calendar.

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**Wednesday 4 May**  
**Gippsland Education Leadership Program - Leadership Forum**

Contact: Greg Gebhart  
Telephone: 03 5127 9200  
Time: 4:30pm to 7:30pm Cost: Invitation only  
www.lowanna.vic.edu.au/gelp/gelp.htm  
Email: greg.gebhart@lowanna.vic.edu.au

The Gippsland Education Leadership Program provides educators with the opportunity to study leadership from a business perspective. This forum will provide this year's participants with the opportunity to hear from three local leaders who will share their knowledge and passion on innovation and leadership.

**Wednesday 4 May**  
**Ecommerce Roadshow for mobile businesses - "Making eBusiness Your Business"**

Venue: Orbst Football Club  
Address: Lochiel Park Pavilion Orbst  
Contact: Sandra Bailey  
Telephone: 03 5153 9500  
Time: 6pm to 9pm Cost: Free  
Website: www.egipps.vic.gov.au  
Email: sandrab@egipps.vic.gov.au

This free event is designed for trades people, gardeners and landscapers, fencing contractors, home maintenance and cleaning services - in fact anyone who works from their vehicle. Enjoy some socialising with your colleagues, and hear about new technologies that can help you reduce the time you spend in the office, and leave more time for business. Business partners and spouses are also invited. Our presenter is Jane Oakley, Area General Manager of Telstra Country-wide in Gippsland. Jane has had 20 years experience in the telecommunications industry and she will be showing how new mobile technologies can improve cash flows, reduce paperwork, manage jobs more effectively, and protect valuable plant and assets in the field. Drinks and finger food will be provided.

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**Thursday 5 May**  
**Excellence In Innovation Business Breakfast**

Venue: Hacienda Motor Inn  
Address: Cnr Princes Hwy & Raymond St. Sale  
Contact: Trish Dean  
Telephone: 03 5142 3487  
Time: 7am to 9am Cost: Free - bookings required  
Website: www.wellington.vic.gov.au  
Email: patriciad@wellington.vic.gov.au

Wellington Shire is hosting a business breakfast with three successful local business people recognised for the innovative nature of their businesses. The breakfast will provide an opportunity to network with other businesses and obtain information on programs available to business from all levels of Government

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**Thursday 5 May**  
**Innovation Showcase 2005**

Venue: West Gippsland Arts Centre  
Address: Civic Place Warragul  
Contact: Jay Duncan  
Telephone: 03 5172 2809  
Time: 9am to 4pm

Gippsland community service sector has a strong history of resourcefulness, innovation, co-operation and community participation. Service providers based in Gippsland will showcase community based projects that play a very significant role in supporting individuals and strengthening regional communities through resource sharing, volunteer participation and understanding and recognising diversity. Keynote speakers will include Dr Keith Hill, Director, Public Health Division, Physiotherapist & Senior Research Fellow and The National Ageing Research Institute. The forum is intended to provide an opportunity for people to learn from each other and to exchange ideas and information.

#### Thursday 5 May

##### **Strengthening Communities and Local Government: Innovation in Community Development**

Venue: Yinnar Recreation Reserve

Address: Yinnar

Contact: Ian Gibson

Telephone: 03 5135 4304

Time: 8:30am to 5:30pm Cost: Invitation only

Website: [www.gclp.asn.au](http://www.gclp.asn.au)

Email: [gclp@igain.vic.edu.au](mailto:gclp@igain.vic.edu.au)

The Gippsland Community Leadership Program runs annually at venues throughout Gippsland. It provides a forum for future and existing leaders to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with those who will further Gippsland's development. The ultimate goal of the program is to build leadership resources within the Gippsland Community. This event is a Program Day of the Gippsland Community Leadership Program, and will explore innovation in community development.

#### Friday 6 May to Saturday 7 May

##### **Open Day at Forestech**

Venue: Forestech

Address: Princes Hwy, Kalmina West

Contact: David Stone

Telephone: 03 5155 6800

Time: 9am to 4pm Cost: Free

Website: [www.egtafe.vic.edu.au](http://www.egtafe.vic.edu.au)

Email: [dstone@egtafe.vic.edu.au](mailto:dstone@egtafe.vic.edu.au)

The Forestech Campus brings together the special expertise of East Gippsland Institute of TAFE at one location. The facility is located on the edge of the Colquhoun Forest and is 6 km west of Lakes Entrance, set in a delightful bush setting. The Forestech facility is known as 'The Living Resource Centre'. Its teaching focus is upon all issues related to the timber industry and the environment, ranging from the collection of seeds through to Furniture Design and all activities in between. Innovative use of timber is a major feature of the Centre. All staff are extremely aware of environmental issues as they are not only teachers and trainers, but are experienced practitioners in their various fields of expertise, all of which relate to the sustainable management of our natural resources. A clear intention of the vision for Forestech 'The Living Resource Centre' and its construction was to demonstrate the ability to use previously discarded timber in a number of applications.

#### Friday 6 to Saturday 7 May

##### **SEAMEC Showcase Open Day**

Venue: SEAMEC

Address: Bulloch Island Lakes Entrance

Contact: David Stone

Telephone: 03 5155 6817

Time: 9am to 4pm - 1 hour tours will also occur at the following times: 9am 11am and 2pm

both days Cost: Free

Email: [dstone@egtafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:dstone@egtafe.vic.gov.au)

South East Australia Maritime Education Centre, (SEAMEC) is conducting two open days as a part

of the Gippsland Innovation Festival. Guided tours are available to the public. SEAMEC, a division of East Gippsland Institute of TAFE, is located in a state-of-the art marine research and education centre on Bullock Island in Lakes Entrance. Architecturally designed to complement its waterway surrounds, the building includes a mix of classrooms and laboratories and overlooks the ocean entrance to the Gippsland Lakes. With stunning views across the sea, training vessels moored close by and the latest in electronic navigation and communication aids, this maritime education facility is the only one of its kind in Gippsland

#### Monday 9 to Saturday 14 May

##### **Gippsland Inventors Showcase**

Venue: Midvalley Shopping Centre

Address: Princes Drive Morwell

Contact: Cate Reilly

Telephone: 03 5122 6508

Time: 10am to 4pm each day Cost: Free

Website: [www.mrcict.monash.edu.au](http://www.mrcict.monash.edu.au)

Email: [cate.reilly@infotech.monash.edu.au](mailto:cate.reilly@infotech.monash.edu.au)

The Gippsland Inventors Showcase is being run for a week at Midvalley Shopping Centre the largest shopping centre in regional Victoria. The Showcase will feature daily demonstrations of inventions and a static display of entrants in the Gippsland Inventors Competition being held on May 15th at Monash University Gippsland. This initiative is a joint promotional activity between Midvalley Shopping Centre and the Centre for Information and Communications Technology. The objective of the promotion is to make innovation and the spirit of inventiveness more accessible to the community.

#### Monday 9 May

##### **Biotechnology 2020 A Gippsland forum on what the future might hold for us**

Venue: Wellington Shire Council

Address: 70 Foster Street Sale

Contact: Trish Dean

Telephone: 03 5142 3487

Time: 6pm to 8pm Cost: Free

Website: [www.wellington.vic.gov.au](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au)

Email: [patriciad@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:patriciad@wellington.vic.gov.au)

A community forum to discuss visions of biotechnology in the year 2020. What impact will biotechnological innovations have upon our society? Will we see many of our health, environmental and agricultural problems being solved, or will we see new and unforeseen problems confronting us?

#### Tuesday 10 to Wednesday 11 May

##### **What will Gippsland Agribusiness look like in 2015? - An Industry Workshop**

Contact: Geoff Kirton

Telephone: 03 5662 9277

Cost: \$5 admission

Gippsland Agribusiness sector has undergone unprecedented change in the last decade. The Gippsland Agribusiness Forum will be inviting one of Australia's most influential speakers to

challenge your thinking. Will we have the labour? Will we have family farms or corporations? Will we be milking cows or breeding fish? What will Gippsland Agribusiness look like in a decade? Join the Gippsland Agribusiness Forum at three venues.

Leongatha: 7.30pm - 9pm, May 10th at the

South Gippsland Shire Council Chambers,

Smith Street, Leongatha.

Sale: 10.30am - Noon, May 11th (Venue TBA).

Morwell: 1.3pm - 3pm, May 11th

Latrobe City Offices, Commercial Road, Morwell

#### Wednesday 11 May

##### **Destination Gippsland Tourism Masterclass**

Venue: BHP Wellington Entertainment Centre

Address: 70 Foster Street Sale

Contact: Trish Dean

Telephone: 03 5144 2992

Website: [www.wellington.vic.gov.au](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au)

Email: [patriciad@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:patriciad@wellington.vic.gov.au)

One day Regional Tourism Conference with a marketing, promotional and regional development theme. Designed to provide Industry with innovative approaches, styles and technologies for marketing and promotion the extensive tourism assets of the Gippsland region.

#### Wednesday 11 May

##### **Innovate Real Estate**

Venue: The Wonthaggi Club

Address: 16 McBride Avenue Wonthaggi

Contact: Telstra Country Wide, Gippsland

Telephone: 1800 687 289

Time: 7:15am to 9:00am Cost: Free to attend.

Voluntary Donations to Gippsland Cancer Care Foundation accepted

Email: [gippsland@countrywide.telstra.com](mailto:gippsland@countrywide.telstra.com)

A breakfast forum for the Real Estate Sector to hear how Real Estate agency businesses can adopt innovative telecommunications solutions and technologies to improve productivity, customer service and sales. The format is built around generic case studies looking at typical challenges faced by real estate agents in their day-to-day activities.

#### Wednesday 11 May

##### **3rd Annual Latrobe Community Safety Forum**

Venue: Churchill Football Club

Address: Manning Drive, Churchill

Contact: Henk Harberts

Telephone: 03 5128 5634

Time: 9:30am to 4pm Cost: Free

Website: [www.phs.ki.se/csp](http://www.phs.ki.se/csp)

Email: [henkha@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:henkha@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

The Forum brings together all local stakeholders including those concerned with crime, violence, drugs, alcohol, transport, injury, emergency, workplace, recreation and sport with a specific focus on safety promotion and injury prevention. The innovative multifaceted community safety promotion programs in Latrobe City are accredited by the World Health Organisation 'Safe Community' Global network.

The annual forum is a local innovation, designed to bring together those with an interest in local safety promotion. The forum features a number of speakers and the opportunity to workshop local actions, data and outcomes. A specific outcome of the forum is to provide direction for the Latrobe Local Safety Committee, a local partnership between Victoria Police, agencies and Latrobe City in the evaluation and development of their annual action plan.

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### **Wednesday 11 May** **Webs for Business by Kids**

Venue: Lavalla College  
Address: Admin Centre - Kosciuszko St. Traralgon  
Contact: Sue Tyson  
Telephone: 03 5142 4563  
Time: 12:55pm to 1:45pm Cost: Free  
[www.telstra.com/countrywide/gippsland](http://www.telstra.com/countrywide/gippsland)  
Email: [suzanne.tyson@team.telstra.com](mailto:suzanne.tyson@team.telstra.com)  
Launch of the Webs for business by Kids project. The Project matches VET IT students with a Small Business to develop a Web site. Businesses are able to register their interest to participate by contact Telstra Country Wide 1800 687 829. The program is completely free and gives the students the opportunity to operate in a real life work environment. The Program runs for 12 weeks and majority of the work is conducted in class. The students have regular contact with the business throughout the program - keeping the business up to date with their progress on the Website and this also gives the students the opportunity to learn about the business while building the Website.

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### **Thursday 12 May** **Industry Seminar with Slurry Systems with Engineers Australia Gippsland Group & AusIndustry**

Venue: East Gippsland Shire Council Office  
Address: 55 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance  
Contact: Andrea Court  
Telephone: 03 5153 9619  
Time: 4:30pm to 9:30pm  
Cost: \$10 General public, \$8 for AIE Members  
Website: [www.egipps.vic.gov.au](http://www.egipps.vic.gov.au)  
Email: [AndreaC@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:AndreaC@egipps.vic.gov.au)  
Industry seminar with keynote speaker Les Nankervis, MIEAust CPEng Managing Director of Slurry Systems - an innovative technical services supplier to the Sandbypass/ Dredging and Mining industries for over 20 years. This seminar is being co-hosted by Engineers Australia Gippsland, AusIndustry and East Gippsland Shire. Key points of focus are: Automated control sand shifting, especially the latest in the local bypass equipment trial at Lakes Entrance & their other activities around Australia such as: high-density waste disposal; coal slurry pumping; innovations in on-line viscosity and mining services.

### **Friday 13 to Sunday 15 May** **Gippsland Theatre Festival - Innovation in the Arts!**

Venue: Latrobe Performing Arts Centre  
Address: Grey Street Traralgon  
Contact: Latrobe Box Office  
Telephone: 03 5176 3559  
Time: 7.30pm Cost: \$15 per session of theatre \$10 professional development workshops  
Email: [daniel@mdpictures.com.au](mailto:daniel@mdpictures.com.au)

The Inaugural Gippsland Theatre Festival is an event celebrating innovation in all aspects of theatre including performance, technical, costumes, make-up, music and dance. A combined theatre festival where Gippsland theatre groups are given the opportunity to come together and work on producing an extravagant production over a weekend of entertainment. Across 4 sessions from Friday to Sunday will include such things as one act plays, dramatic performances, workshops, dance, music, make-up and costumes. Open for the public to enjoy, but targeted at the theatre enthusiast seeking to push the boundaries of performance and production.

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### **Friday 13 May** **Innovation in Livestock Exchanges**

Venue: East Gippsland Livestock Exchange  
Address: Bairnsdale  
Contact: Terry Dervusoski  
Telephone: 03 5152 6276  
Time: 11:30am to 1pm  
Cost: This is a closed event; however the general public is welcome to visit the Livestock Exchange at other times  
Email: [terryd@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:terryd@egipps.vic.gov.au)

The East Gippsland Livestock Exchange is one of the most modern livestock exchange facilities in Australia. It features state of the art facilities including advanced stock management systems and was one of the pioneers of the National Livestock Identification Scheme. As an early adopter of the technologies required to track stock movements throughout Australia, the exchange is running a special tour for pupils at the Lucknow Primary School. The tour will be held during Store Cattle Sales and will give students first hand experience of how the technology is applied. One of the special features of this event will be a live web cast of the tour that will allow students in other classes and schools the opportunity to do a virtual tour of the facility at the same time. The web cast is being facilitated by Telstra Country Wide as a part of their commitment to the festival in Gippsland.

### **Sunday 15 May** **Monash Gippsland Inventors Competition**

Venue: Monash University  
Address: Churchill  
Contact: MRCICT  
Telephone: 03 5122 6508  
Time: 9.30am - 4pm  
Cost: There is no admission cost for attendees and competition entry is free for participants, but inventors must complete a registration form with competition organisers before the day of exhibition.  
Website: [www.monash.edu.au](http://www.monash.edu.au)  
Email: [gael.andrews@monashcommercial.com](mailto:gael.andrews@monashcommercial.com) or [Cate.Reilly@infotech.monash.edu.au](mailto:Cate.Reilly@infotech.monash.edu.au)

This competition is open to all residents of Gippsland. Judging will take place on 15 May at a family day event at Monash's Gippsland campus. Inventors will also be able to display their prototypes during the week prior at the Midvalley Shopping Centre in Morwell.

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### **Monday 16 to Friday 20 May** **Cardinia Business Week 2005**

Contact: Joanna Redmond  
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2005 will see the first ever Cardinia Business Week. This year the week will run from 16 - 20 May and features a celebration and recognition of local business. The event will provide opportunities for networking, education, information sharing and increasing business-to-business relationships as well as promotional opportunities. Business Week caters for all types and sizes of business whether it is home-based, manufacturing, agricultural, retailing or tourism to name a few.

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### **Monday 16 May** **Cardinia Business Week Launch and Business Briefing**

Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre  
Address: Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham  
Contact: Joanna Redmond  
Telephone: 03 5945 0401  
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm Cost: Free  
Email: [ecodev@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodev@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

The inaugural Cardinia Business Week 2005 will be officially launched with a networking function featuring a presentation on issues important to local business such as the economy, future projections, population and demographic information, significant projects and new initiatives.

## In Gippsland to much innovation is never enough, however there is a range of activities happening before, during and after the Gippsland Innovation Festival that are unique to the region and celebrate our diversity.

### Friday 22 to Sunday 24 April **OPENChannel Film Festival**

Venue: Briagolong Primary School  
Address: Church Street Briagolong  
Contact: Darren Randle or Trish Dean  
Telephone: 0438 455 604 or 03 5142 3487  
Website: [www.wellington.vic.gov.au](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au)  
Email: [darr@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:darr@wellington.vic.gov.au)

Film making Workshop to coincide with the recently announced travelling Big Screen Film Festival hosted by Wellington Shire Council in Briagolong over the ANZAC Day long weekend. An intensive two and half day component will see participants shoot a short scripted film and experience the various crew roles of directing, camera operating, sound recording, lighting and editing.

### Sunday 24 April **Churchill Island Art Market**

Address: Phillip Island Rd Phillip Island  
Contact: Sian Adnam  
Telephone: 0418 519 181  
Time: 10am to 3pm  
Cost: \$55.00 per stallholder and free admission for public  
Email: [sianadnam@hotmail.com](mailto:sianadnam@hotmail.com)

This unique market is a celebration of the quirky, unusual and innovative designs created by local and regional artists in the Gippsland region. It is a market where photographers, sculptors, ceramic designers, wood and metal craftsmen and women and jewelers can come together in an environment where they are not competing with cheap imports and the mass produced goods that have recently flooded the market scene. This market also provides opportunities for young, emerging and established performers in music and dance to showcase their talent

### Tuesday 26 April to Sunday 15 May **Poetry Walks on Phillip Island with a Poem teller**

Venue: Phillip Island  
Address: Various  
Contact: Malcolm Brodie  
Telephone: 0408 540 742  
Cost: Adults \$10.00 Children under 12 Free  
Poetry walks with a Poem teller will be held at various locations throughout Phillip Island.

Splicing of poetry with the environment. Walks include: The Colonnades (Ocean Beach Walk), Bush Ballad Walk through Remnant Forest, The Enchanted Grove Walk (Lower slopes of Cape Woolamai), Magical Realms Walk (The crest of Cape Woolamai) and the Churchill Island Circuit. A range of poetry is recited to match the location of the walks. For example the Ocean Beach Walk features Celtic sea ballads, Briny Comedies and the Rime of the Ancient Mariner.

### Friday 6 to Friday 13 May **The National 1 Pizzezy Cup School Sports Australia Secondary Tennis Championship**

Venue: Traralgon Tennis Complex  
Address: Franklin Street Traralgon  
Contact: Ian Landy  
Telephone: 035174 4626  
Time: 9am to 5pm each day Cost: Free  
Website: [www.traralgontennis.com.au](http://www.traralgontennis.com.au)  
Email: [sec@traralgontennis.com](mailto:sec@traralgontennis.com)

The best school age players will compete for the National 1 Pizzezy Cup School Sports Australia Secondary Tennis Championship in Traralgon. State teams of 16 players and 3 officials play both in team events and individual event. The individual component has recently been granted status as an Australian Junior Ranking Tournament. This is the first time this event has been held in regional Australia.

### Sunday 15 May **The Spinete Festival**

Venue: Gippsland Heritage Park  
Address: Lloyd Street Moe  
Contact: Hughie Sherritt  
Telephone: 03 51273082  
Time: 10am to 4pm Cost: \$2 admission  
An exhibition of traditional Italian cuisine, homemade wine, music, dance and costumes. A photographic display of records of family history representing the cultural development of Italian migration to the Latrobe Valley.



## Live in Gippsland

Gippsland is an innovative region that is actively encouraging businesses and professionals to relocate to the 'right side of Victoria'. With over 210,000 people living in an area that covers 20% of Victoria, Gippsland really does have it all.

No other part of Victoria offers the sheer variety of natural attractions... unspoilt, beaches, pristine rainforests, virgin snowfields, hiking and riding trails and clean, fresh air... all within comfortable driving distance, wherever you choose to live in Gippsland.

The obvious reason to move is lifestyle, but there are other compelling reasons for relocating to Gippsland.

As you would expect in a substantial region there are excellent employment opportunities for professionals and qualified trades people in nearly every sector.

Freeways, road and rail networks and world-class communications centres – are complemented by some of provincial Victoria's best shopping and entertainment centres, as well as first-class education facilities at every level, from pre-school to post-secondary.

There is a demand for innovative businesses that can niche value-add in manufacturing, particularly agriculture, timber and specialist services.

Gippsland is the energy powerhouse of Victoria, with vast oil, coal and natural gas reserves. It's also home to most of the State's rainforest, awe-inspiring high country, spectacular beaches, rivers and lakes, hills, snowfields and wilderness areas for every imaginable form of recreation and relaxation.

Opportunities abound for just about any kind of lifestyle you can imagine, from summers on the beaches, lakes and rivers, bushwalking, skiing, hiking, wilderness, fishing... it's all here for you in endless variety and abundance.

### Explore [www.liveingippsland.com](http://www.liveingippsland.com) and [www.gippsland.com](http://www.gippsland.com) to discover more of what Gippsland has to offer.

Then come to Gippsland for a personal visit for you and your family to experience, first hand, the kind of lifestyle - and business and professional support - you could be enjoying, soon.

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