



# GippsLeader

*GCLP news, notes & events*

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## Projects benefiting the community

GCLP participants are expected to undertake a community project during their project year.

Many valuable projects are carried out each year and it would be great to highlight all of them in GippsLeader. Unfortunately this is not always possible, but in this issue, we will look at two participant projects, one of which was started last year and comes to fruition this month, and another special event run by two members of the 2005 group.



Michelle Weatherall, pictured left receiving a bunch of flowers, and Kerry Timmins, both of 2005, and Monique DeZwart (2004) brought together a group of young Latrobe Valley women and a group of successful women for the "Inspiring Young Women" event. The evening, held at GippsTAFE's Waratah Restaurant in Morwell last week, was an opportunity for the 15-17 year olds to learn about a variety of career options.

And Dan Clancy (2004) will finally see his project/dream come to fruition when the Gippsland Theatre Festival kicks off at the Latrobe Regional Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon on Friday, May 13.

Dan has brought together an exciting three-day program of workshops and performances involving many individuals and groups from the Gippsland theatrical community. Check out the details at [www.mdpictures.com.au/gtf](http://www.mdpictures.com.au/gtf)

## Program News

The 2005 group is at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve for today's program day, "Strengthening Communities and Local Government." Guest speakers include Peter Quigley (1998), Federal Member for Gippsland, Peter McGauran, Latrobe City CEO, Paul Buckley, Director of the Centre for Rural Communities, Helen Shiel, and Latrobe City's Heather Farley. The day has been sponsored by Yinnar Football and Netball Club and Gippsland Water. It will end on a social note with the traditional dinner at the Yinnar Pub.

Next program day is Health Day on Thursday, May 19, and will see GCLP hold its first program in Orbost!

## SkillsBank Gippsland

Another fantastic response to requests for assistance with SkillsBank Gippsland projects! Two people have volunteered for the Scope project to serve on advisory committees for residential units for people with disabilities. Further details will be advised when appointments are finalised, but it is always encouraging to see GCLP people so willing to contribute to our community.

**A couple of new projects are in the wind and graduate assistance will be sought for them shortly.**

You can make the team's job in the office a little easier by keeping your Skills' Profile up to date on the website. Log in to [www.gclp.asn.au](http://www.gclp.asn.au) regularly and keep your details current. You can even indicate whether you are currently available for SkillsBank Gippsland projects or not – just remember to return yourself to active duty when you become available again!

**If you have lost or forgotten your username and password, just contact the GCLP office on 5135 4304 or email [gclp@igain.vic.edu.au](mailto:gclp@igain.vic.edu.au)**

## Graduate Events

"Graduate Events" is a new section in GippsLeader which will be used to highlight events which graduates and participants have organised, or played a role in organising, and which they would like other graduates or participants to support.

**Carol Blandford (1999) is a member of Pelicans Inc, which raises funds for the Bairnsdale Regional Health Service. Carol has invited GCLP women to support a Women's Forum to be held at Lakes Entrance on Wednesday, May 25. The forum includes a light dinner and will feature three inspirational guest speakers. A bus will run from Bairnsdale.**

**Further details and information on how to book are included on the attached flyer.**

Tracey Matthies (2003) is a member of Hooked on Rock which is running a 50-50 (rock and roll/old time) dance at Skippers (formerly the Falcons Soccer Club) in Morwell, on Saturday, May 21. She has organised a raffle with all proceeds going to the Motor Neurone Disease Association in honor of her late brother-in-law, Neville Matthies. The raffle has already been well supported by GCLP graduates and participants who have donated many prizes, including dinner for two at the Courthouse Café, Warragul, family passes to PowerWorks, and a double pass to a Latrobe City Box Office play. For further information contact Tracey on 0427 846 859.

## Items of interest

**Di Goulding (1997) is stocking up on her winter woollies as she prepares to head off to China in mid-August. Di and her husband, Graham, will spend four months teaching trainee teachers at the Taizhou University to teach English. The temperature can drop to -6 degrees Celcius! Di says they never have a language problem because**

**the Chinese people are so keen to practice their English (and the Gouldings get cheat sheets made up with standard requests!)**

Peter Kingwill (1998) is featured in the current edition of the Qantas inflight magazine. Peter flies regularly for work and is hoping he will be recognised by flight attendants and fellow passengers.

**Hanna Wardell (2003) is enjoying a break following the sale of her family's dairy goat herd. Hanna and her husband, Mike, built the herd up from scratch and made significant contributions to growing the Australian dairy goat industry over the last eight years.**

You'll need to act quickly to take up this opportunity! Fulham Correctional Centre is inviting interested people to attend a performance of "From the Darkness", a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's, "The Tempest." See the attached flyer for details and RSVP directly to Centre.

**Young Australians with ideas to make use of science or innovative technology to benefit rural industries are invited to apply for a prestigious national award to support their project. The Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry are sponsored by the Australian Government and nine rural research and development corporations. Entries close on 13 June. Application forms are available at [www.daff.gov.au/scienceawards](http://www.daff.gov.au/scienceawards).**

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