



# GippsLeader

*GCLP news, notes & events*

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## ***Festival highlights GCLP innovation***

Two key events in this year's Gippsland Innovation Festival were closely linked to GCLP.

The Gippsland Theatre Festival was initiated by Dan Clancy (2004) as his participant project. The result was a three day festival bringing together theatre groups and enthusiasts for a series of performances and workshops. Planning is already underway for next year's festival.

The Inspiring Young Women event was organised by 2005 participants, Michelle Weatherall and Kerry Timmins, with 2004 participant, Monique De Zwart. It brought together a group of successful Gippsland women to share their career and business experiences with 15 – 17 year old girls.

Both events were highlighted by the Latrobe Valley Express as features of the Gippsland Innovation Festival.

Many GCLP participants and graduates are doing inspirational things in their local community – share your achievements and involvements through the GippsLeader by dropping a line to [gclp@igain.vic.edu.au](mailto:gclp@igain.vic.edu.au)

## **Program News**



**Syndicate groups are having plenty of fun with their duties – here's the look adopted by the syndicate on duty for Media Day!**

Look out for plenty of news coverage of 2005 program days following a successful media workshop held at i-GAIN in Morwell. Several members of the

current year group learnt skills and tips to help them write effective media releases. The workshop was conducted by Ian Needham (1996), Neil Lawson (2004) and the editor of the Latrobe Valley Express, Lynne Smith.



**And here's a representation of healthy communities and local government by the syndicate group on duty for that day at Yinnar!**

GCLP is making its first trip to Orbost today for Health Day. The program is being held at Orbost Regional Hospital, and sponsored by Orbost Regional Health. Speakers include the CEO of Orbost Regional Health, Jill Hutchison and Executive Officer Gippsland Women's Health, Diane Wilkinson (1998).

### **SkillsBank Gippsland**

Moe Life Skills Community Centre is seeking assistance from SkillsBank Gippsland to conduct a strategic planning workshop. They need a visionary person to lead them through the process of introspection and preparing a strategic plan. Moe Life Skills provides lifelong learning opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.

**GCLP is seeking a graduate to provide assistance to a major sponsor of the program. Latrobe City Council is looking for an independent person to sit on an interview panel. The panel will interview candidates for the council's tourism advisory committee. Graduates do not need to have a background in tourism, but an interest in helping the council to select a diverse group of people to sit on the committee would be advantageous.**

To find out more about either of these projects, or to volunteer your skills, contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, on 5135 4304 Wednesdays or Thursdays, or email [tracey.matthies@igain.vic.edu.au](mailto:tracey.matthies@igain.vic.edu.au) any time.

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

**Sponsors have received their first edition of the GippsLeader Post, an extended printed version of the GippsLeader e-newsheet. The Post will play a vital role in keeping our sponsors aware of the program's achievements and its value to the wider Gippsland community. You can read the Post on the GCLP website under Newsletters, and if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a sponsor, please let Nicola or Tracey know in the office, [gclp@igain.vic.edu.au](mailto:gclp@igain.vic.edu.au), and we will send a copy to them.**

There's a large selection of new photos now available on [www.gclp.asn.au](http://www.gclp.asn.au) Go to the website and follow the links to Photo Galleries to have a look.

## Items of interest



Did you take up the recent invitation to have lunch with the Premier at Moe on Budget day? A number of 2005 participants were there and even snapped this photo opportunity with Steve Bracks. From left: Jason Potts, Lois Pratt, Rob Vesty, Steve Bracks and Peter Middleton. Program Manager, Nicola Epps, is hoping that Mr Bracks

will remember having met the participants when she invites him to speak at Parliament Day later this year.

Susan Lloyd (1998) is about to head overseas, 4 weeks & 1 day to take up an exciting opportunity with Sir David Henshaw, CEO of Liverpool City Council and his senior management team.

"While I am there I am also undertaking research for my thesis, "Learning to Lead" to explore how people within organisations learn about leadership and how leadership is developed. Following the UK leg, I head to Ottawa to spend 5 days with my youngest daughter Allison, who is on student exchange to Canada for 12 months, and then join my local volleyball team the "Gippsland Aussies" for the World Masters Games in Edmonton, Alberta.

When I return on August 2, I'll be taking up a new job at the EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) as a Senior Community Liaison Officer" Susan said.

**Peter Kingwill (1998) is enjoying his 15 minutes of fame. Peter, a Director of Sage Technology, is featured, photo and all, in the current edition of the Qantas in-flight magazine. The spread features several people who travel for business and asks them about their travelling habits. Peter admitted to preferring an aisle seat, especially on long trips.**

Baby news from the 2004 group – Sally Paech is expecting in October, along with Denmark's Princess Mary, and Bec Cartwright, while Loretta Willaton is expecting in about a month's time. Best wishes to both Sally and Loretta.

**Also with this edition of GippsLeader are invitations to attend a Disability Leadership Roundtable Series, and Leadership Victoria's annual leadership lecturer, featuring media personality, Michelle Grattan.**

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