



# GippsLeader

## *GCLP news, notes & events*

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### ***Discussion forums trialled for GCLP***

The 2005 participants are trialling an exciting new communication tool. Jason Potts has used his skills as Information and Communication Technologies Manager at Latrobe Community Health Service to set up an internet-based discussion board as his community project.

The discussion board, with a range of forums relating to program day themes and other areas of interest, has been embraced by the 2005 group. It will be made available shortly to all graduates in a staged rollout.

Watch this space for more information!

### **Coming Events**

**The annual sponsors' lunch will be held on Friday, July 28. GippsTAFE has again generously agreed to sponsor the event which will be held at the Waratah Training Restaurant in Morwell.**

### **Participant Projects' Coming to Fruition**

Thursday 26th May saw the launch and inaugural meeting of the Gippsland Public Affairs and Marketing Network at PowerWorks. The drive for the Network has come from several people including Neil Lawson (2004) who listed it as his community project for his GCLP year.

Neil was assisted by Gerald May from Loy Yang Power and Chris Buckingham (1999) from Go To.... Twenty five public relations and communication professionals from Warragul to Sale to South Gippy attended the launch including Justin Kohlman (2003), Pam Dyson (2004) and Dan Clancey (2004).

The Network addressed issues of structure and an ongoing charter in its inaugural meeting and planned future meetings with guest speakers for 2005. Importantly the feedback from the first meeting has been excellent with a very positive endorsement of the Network's aims and aspirations. It is also envisaged that the PR network will assist in helping achieve the aims of strengthening the established networks and professional relationships within Gippsland.

If you know of people working in the PR, Comms or Marketing field that could benefit by being part of the group, then contact Neil on 5135 5093 and he will provide the relevant information.

**Another 2004 project is also about to be realised with a meeting to be held in Melbourne in July to establish a network of Victorian community newspapers. Marg Guthrie (2004) has played a key role in**

**the formation of the network following the success of a conference involving community newspapers held at Monash University.**

### **SkillsBank Gippsland**

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 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**

**The GCLP committee of management welcomed new GippsTAFE CEO, Peter Whitley, to his first meeting last month. Peter is very supportive of the Program and has already agreed to continue GippsTAFE's sponsorship of the annual sponsors' lunch.**

### **Items of interest**

Three GCLP people have featured on the front page of Airwaves, the official publication of community radio station, Gippsland FM. Rob Vesty (2005) and Greg Forte (1998) anchor a team selection program each Thursday evening with Mark Wilkins. Mark's wife, Narelle (2002), works feverishly behind the scenes to collate all the incoming information for the trio of presenters. Rob and Mark also broadcast a local footy match each Saturday.

**Heard on ABC Radio's Countrywide was Eric Duffy (1998) speaking from a police perspective about the theft of animals from East Gippsland farms.**

Congratulations to Vicki Miles (2003) who has earned a promotion. She will take over as principal of Trafalgar Primary School next term.

And in further evidence of a GCLP invasion of Trafalgar, Tracey Matthies (also 2003) will move there in a couple of weeks.

**Genevieve Kelly (1999) moved to Melbourne last year where Paul is working as the principal ecologist for ERM Australia and Genevieve is at Swinburne University working in educational development. Genevieve says her community involvement is limited to being a volunteer at the Commonwealth Games in 2006.**

Glenda McPherson (1996) is undergoing a career move. She reports: "Until the end of June I am working part time with TAFE frontiers in Melbourne and part time at GippsTAFE. From July 1st I will be full time at GippsTAFE, working in the i-Learning team assisting teachers to implement more interactive teaching methods. It is very similar work to what I have been doing at TAFE frontiers, except that TAFE frontiers is Victoria wide whereas GippsTAFE is mainly across the 4 campuses."

**And Greg Gebhart (2001) is about to head overseas to present at an international conference. Greg reports: "I am presenting a paper at**

the World Conference for Computers in Education in Capetown South Africa. <http://www.sbs.co.za/wcce2005/> The conference is held once every 4 years and attracts the world's leading computer educators. The last conference was held in Copenhagen Denmark in 2001.

My presentation will be on Leadership in Technology and will focus on the important values of leadership and how they apply in technology. The focus will be on Administrators and ICT Managers and their leadership capacity to ensure organisation function effectively using new technologies. This will relate to schools and businesses.

My path to presenting at the WCCE conference involved presenting at the state Information Technology in Education Conference and then at the National Computer Education Conference.

I have also a number of upcoming conference bookings which include: Spotlight / keynote speaker at the Australian and New Zealand Navigator schools conference. - topic, "Innovation in Technology" Careers Teachers Education Conference - topic, "Gippsland Education Leadership Program, linking industry best practise with education" Victorian Information Technology Teachers conference - "International Best Practise, reflections of a recent 3 months international study tour" Kerrie Warren (2005) organised a successful workshop for artists in May called "Arts Business Basics." Kerry said the weekend workshop brought artists together to discuss issues and talk about what they need as artists and what we can offer as artists within our community.

"It was a great success and I have a feeling there might be a few more in the near future as a follow up," Kerrie said, "It was a good experience for me to get to work alongside Baw Baw Shire Council and other artists."

**Not just for the ladies – but this offer will probably appeal to them more than it will appeal to men. Check out the attached flyer for some great value beauty treatments, including manicures, pedicures and waxes. i-GAIN Quality Learning Inc is running a beauty course and the students need live models to practice their skills on.**

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