

GippsLeader

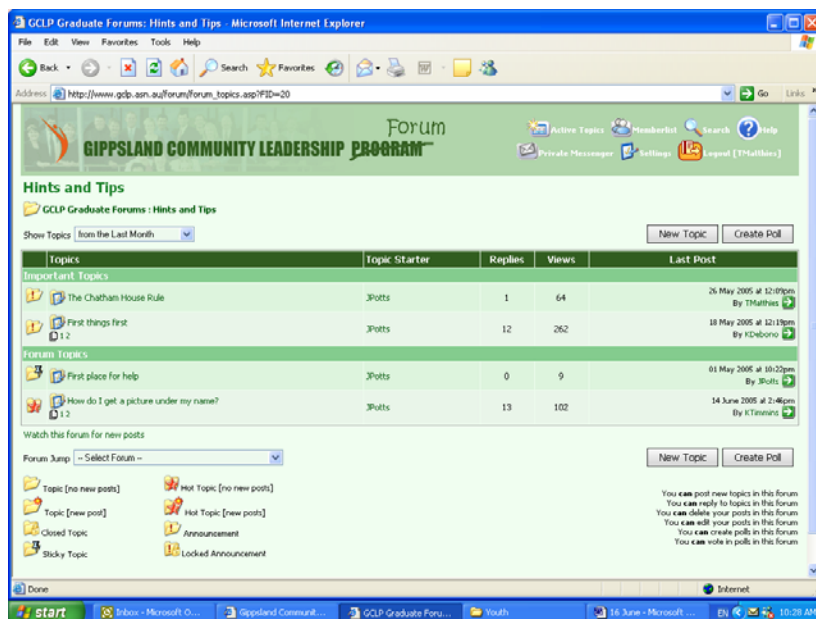
GCLP news, notes & events

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Discussion forum launches scheduled

Four sub-regional events are planned to launch the new GCLP online discussion forums.

The launches will give graduates a hands-on opportunity to log in to the online discussion forum and learn how to use the forum. Forum creator and 2005 participant, Jason Potts, will be present to help graduates become comfortable with the forum.



The first event will be held in Warragul at the GippsTAFE campus on Wednesday, July 13 for West Gippsland graduates. The central Gippsland launch will take place at Lowanna College in Newborough on Wednesday, July 20. Thank you to Doug Mullen (2003) and Greg

Gebhart (2001) for providing the venues for these launches.

Planning is underway for launches in East and South Gippsland. Invitations with full details will be sent out shortly.

Program News – Youth Day

Youth Day was held last Thursday at the Blackwood Centre for Adolescent Development at Hallora, which again proved to be an excellent venue. Objectives of the day were:

- To explore the capacities, contributions and needs of young people of Gippsland through presentations from young people and youth sector workers
- To acknowledge that young people's needs should be understood and catered for

- To identify how their voices may be heard with leaders providing opportunities to connect young people of Gippsland to decision making processes
- To understand the needs of youth at risk and explore ways for them to be reconnected to our community

The entire day had quite an impact on the group with a highlight being an interactive session shared with the students of Blackwood and facilitated by Blackwood team leaders, David and Julie Hayes. Other keynote speakers included Lyn Simmons, manager of House LifeSkills Centre at Traralgon College with mentors and mentees from the Plan-It Youth Program, who also worked interactively with the group. Kerry Irwin of GippSport and social worker, Katherine Monson, originally of Warragul, also shared their experience, insights and aspirations for young people in Gippsland.

“It really was a great day and the venue was superb, “said Rob Vesty, participant from International Power Hazelwood. “ It was very inclusive and happy with the whole group working together supportively. I wouldn’t change anything! ”.

The day was generously sponsored by the Blackwood Centre and the West Gippsland Health Care Group. The young people who participated were treated to showbags, filled with information and giveaways from a number of GCLP sponsors and supporters including Gippsland Water, V-Line, Loy Yang Power, International Power Hazelwood, Baw Baw Latrobe Vet Cluster, Latrobe Valley Pathways and i-GAIN Quality Learning.

Sponsors’ Lunch

Correction. The wrong date for the annual sponsors’ lunch was included in the last edition of GippsLeader. The lunch will be held at GippsTAFE’s Waratah Restaurant on Friday, July 29 during Leadership Week. The lunch is an important event on the GCLP calendar as we acknowledge and thank the sponsors’ whose support makes it possible to deliver the program each year.

From the GCLP team

GCLP Executive Officer, Ian Gibson, is about to head off to Vietnam for a three week holiday. He’ll return just in time for the mid-year reflection.

Items of interest

The online discussion forum is working extremely well with the current participants and is now being rolled out to individual year groups and the committee of management. Users have made 368 posts on 97 topics in 52 forums.

It’s an ideal way for current participants to coordinate carpooling, discuss syndicate duties and debrief after program days. The 2003 graduate group is using the forum to catch up and plan a get together in July.

GCLP was featured in the Autumn 2005 edition of Leadership, the glossy magazine published by Leadership Victoria. The coverage included an article about this year’s program launch, SkillsBank Gippsland activities and a photograph of the 2005 group.

First response to the recent offer of beauty services at i-GAIN was from a male requesting a half leg wax – “Just the front please, I don’t like the backs of my legs getting cold when I sit down while wearing shorts.”

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