



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Communication is vital to networking and networking is vital to GCLP. The quarterly newsletter, GCLP News, is a valuable communication tool as it allows us to go into greater detail and give more background than we can in this quick-read e-newsheet. The July edition of GCLP News was mailed out last week. A huge thanks is due to Diane Wilkinson (1998) for her commitment in achieving this major undertaking.

Remember, GippsLeader is your e-newsheet for communicating with GCLP graduates, participants and supporters. To share your news, email to gclp@igain.vic.edu.au

Networking Opportunities

Build your GCLP relationships by attending networking opportunities as they arise:

- Saturday, 31 July - 8pm til late, **dance** at Kernot Hall, Morwell. Two tables have been booked for graduates, participants and partners, for a New Year's Eve Masquerade Rock and Roll Ball so put on your dancing shoes and grab your partner for social networking evening. \$10 per person, BYO drinks & nibbles. RSVP Tracey Matthies (2003) TMatthies@igain.vic.edu.au
RSVP early! - This is shaping up as a fun social night, as well as an opportunity to network across year groups.

Anyone can create a GCLP networking opportunity. Simply select a date and venue and let the GCLP office know to have it included in GippsLeader and on the website. Networking events can be stand alone, i.e. a group getting together for drinks and/or dinner, social, such as the rock and roll dance, or incorporated into another event, e.g. by booking a table at an event such as a business lunch or dinner. Remember to check the website www.gclp.asn.au regularly for event details.

SkillsBank Gippsland

East Gippslanders answered the call for youth mentors for the Gippsland East Local Learning Employment Network with Helen Martin (1997), Bob Haldane (1996), Bruce Connolly (1997) and Chris Wrench (1999) all putting their hands up. They are meeting with GELLEN Executive Officer, Linda Wilkinson (1996), this week to finalise details, and hopefully fit this significant commitment into their busy time schedules.

West Gippslanders – this is for you! Warragul Theatre Organ Society is seeking a committee member to help them realise their dream of purchasing a theatre pipe organ to be installed in the Wesley Building in Warragul. Particular issues of concern are fundraising as well as the general running of the Society by the committee. This is a group which would welcome fresh ideas over a limited period of time. You don't need to be musically talented, although enjoying music will make this SkillsBank Gippsland placement more fun!

Australian Paper is seeking a community member for its Community Environmental Consultative Committee. AP uses the committee, which meets just three to four times a year, obtain community feedback on environmental issues. Diane Blackwood (1998) is already a member of the committee and would welcome enquiries about the function and format from interested people. Contact Diane via email blackwood@net-tech.com.au

The Latrobe Community Health Service is seeking to co-opt a female board member from the Traralgon area for a one year term, with a possibility of an additional three year term. The geographic and gender restrictions are based on meeting the required make up of the board.

Graduates can register an initial expression of interest in any of these projects with SkillsBank Gippsland Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, by phoning 5135 4304 (if office is unattended, please leave a voicemail message) or email skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au

News from the GCLP office

2005 Applications - Encourage a potential candidate to apply for next year's GCLP program now!

Enquiries and applications can be made at any time throughout the year to the GCLP office. Visit the website at www.gclp.asn.au or contact Nicola Epps, Program Coordinator on 5135 4304, email nicolae@igain.vic.edu.au

COMING UP! The annual GCLP Sponsors' Lunch will be held during Leadership Week, on Wednesday, 28 July in Morwell. GippsTafe is very generously sponsoring and hosting this event at the Waratah Restaurant and it will include a launch of SkillsBank Gippsland to our sponsors.

Graduate News

Congratulations to Sally McKay of Metung (1999) who is one of 83 Australians to be awarded a 2004 Churchill Fellowship. Sally will travel to the UK, Ireland and the USA to evaluate disaster recovery models and ascertain how community disaster recovery can be further integrated with other activities to build community resilience to disaster. Sally has been a popular guest speaker at our successful 'Healthy Communities' program days over the last two years. GCLP participants have benefited greatly as Sally has shared her unique knowledge and experience of disaster relief and community building in East Gippsland following both drought and fire.

Jennifer North (1998) received an OAM in the General Division in the Queen's Birthday 2004 Honours list. The citation for the Award states: "For service to the community of East Gippsland, particularly through the establishment of the Gondwanaland Project, and to environmental conservation".

Wayne Gilmour (2004) and Martin Fuller (2003) have each been appointed in new management positions following recent restructuring of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. Two GCLPers! Martin works as the Partnership Development Manager, sharing his time between the Leongatha and Traralgon offices. Wayne, based in Traralgon, has become the Integrated Catchment Manager. Congratulations to them both in their new roles.

Items of interest

The WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM provides financial support for individuals or groups to undertake activities to assist the in their leadership roles, or that allow them to advance leadership projects at a local level. Under the program individual women can apply for up to \$2000 and groups up to \$5000.

The Office of Women's Policy (OWP) believes that creating opportunities for women to develop their skills and leadership abilities builds stronger communities. OWP Leadership initiatives include:

1. Women On Boards and Committees:

- VicWomen's Register;
- Our Community Information Sessions; and the
- Women on Board resource kit (made up from a series of help sheets).

2. The Guidelines for the 2004 Women's Community Leadership Grants are expected to be open in early August 2004. Guidelines and Application forms will be available on www.women.vic.gov.au or www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

Remember the recent story about Craig Moon (2003) and his involvement with the eradication of the Northern Pacific Seastar at Inverloch? Check out Channel Nine's children's program, Totally Wild, on Thursday, July 15, 4pm, and again on Friday, July 16 at 6am, where the Seastar team will feature in a segment on the ways in which everyone can help to prevent pests from spreading.

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