



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Yearbook news

This year's edition of the GCLP yearbook will be a bumper edition to mark our 10th anniversary celebrations and you can have a say in how it looks.

A yearbook committee of participants, graduates, team members and committee members is being established to guide the development of this year's edition. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact the Program office ASAP by emailing gclp@igain.vic.edu.au or phoning 5135 4304. The yearbook needs to be published in time for the graduation (see next section), so a lot of work must be done in a short period of time.

All graduates have been sent a letter with a form to update your yearbook listings. As the letter explains, this is your only opportunity to update your listing and/or photograph, so take advantage of the reply-paid envelope and respond now.

2005 Graduation

Put this date into your diary now! The 2005 graduation celebration will be held on Friday, November 18. Further details will follow, but put this date in your diary now to be a part of this special event for the 2005 group and to join in GCLP's 10th anniversary celebrations.

2006 Recruitment

It's that time of year again – recruiting applicants for next year's program. Experience shows that many people are aware of and consider applying for GCLP for a couple of years before actually doing so – and the factor which makes the difference is a word of encouragement from a participant or graduate. Be sure to speak about GCLP to people whom you believe would benefit from the program, and encourage them to apply.

There's plenty of information about applying plus an application form on www.gclp.asn.au and forms can be mailed from the office by phoning 5135 4304 or emailing gclp@igain.vic.edu.au. Why not get onto the discussion forum and share your thoughts and ideas on recruitment of applicants?

SkillsBank Gippsland

Lifeline Gippsland is seeking two graduates, preferably female and with experience in legal or financial matters, to join its board of management. However, graduates who may not have this experience, but who have an interest in the work of Lifeline are also invited to nominate for these positions. Contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, on t.matthies@igain.vic.edu.au or by phoning the GCLP office 5135 4304.

News from the discussion forum

South Gippslanders will learn about the GCLP discussion forum at a launch in Leongatha this Wednesday, August 31. The event will take place in the South Gippsland Shire Council training room, in the Leongatha Memorial Hall complex from 7 – 8.30pm. Enter via the corner of McCartin St and Michael Place, and turn left immediately to find the training room. All graduates, participants, committee members and team members are welcome to come along. Remember to RSVP to gclp@igain.vic.edu.au for catering purposes.

The East Gippsland launch was well supported by the 2005 group again, with many participants staying on after a very busy tourism day in Bairnsdale and surrounds, to provide a helping hand to get some East Gippslanders onto the discussion forum. Many new posts have been added to the forum, so if you haven't been there for a few days, log on to catch up on all the latest news and views.

There are currently 879 posts in 192 topics in 54 forums – is someone out there talking to you!

Graduates who have not yet joined the forum can contact the GCLP office on gclp@igain.vic.edu.au at any time to obtain their log in details. Ian, Nicola and Tracey are all regular users of the forum and can help with most user enquiries, and those that they cannot resolve, can be quickly sorted by Jason Potts (2005) who created the forum as his community project.

2005 Update

Due to a change in her work and personal circumstances, Leisha Barnes has made the difficult decision to withdraw from the 2005 GCLP group. Participants have wished Leisha all the best for her future endeavours

Items of interest

Be sure to read the attached report, *Learning to Lead*, by Susan Lloyd (1998) about her recent trip to the UK to shadow Sir David Henshaw, CEO of the Liverpool City Council and 2004 European CEO of the Year. Susan's report tells the fascinating story of how she gained this valuable leadership opportunity and how she was able to make it come true.

The next meeting of Community Leadership Australia will be held in Melbourne on Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16. Unfortunately these dates coincide again with a GCLP program day, meaning that Executive

Officer, Ian Gibson, and Program Manager, Nicola Epps, are unable to attend. Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, will represent GCLP.

GCLP has raised two agenda items for the meeting: scheduling of CLA meetings to avoid clashes with program days; and demonstration of the GCLP discussion forum. CLA brings together program staff from community leadership programs across Australia, Fiji and New Zealand, to share ideas, discuss issues and build networking opportunities, so it is important that all GCLP team members are able to attend regularly.

Steve Shiners (2001) is a member of a steering committee of a project to better understand potential impacts of climate change on the Gippsland region.

“We've got a workshop coming up next month, and would like as broad a range of attendees as possible. Whilst the environmental issues are obvious, we'd like to consider economic and social issues as well (tourism, coastal development, agriculture, etc),” Steve said. An invitation to the climate change workshop is attached with this newsletter.



How did you cope with the recent cold snap? Carolyn Theodore, left, and Cheryl Cook (2005), found their artistic side and made a family of snow people in a break at Monash University.

Chris Buckingham (1999) has put his hand up for even more community service. Chris has nominated for the board of the mecu credit union. Clearly passionate about mecu, he said, “It is essential that **mecu** continues to deliver affordable and accessible financial services to its membership, regardless of their geographic location, vocation or professional association. It is also crucial that despite the considerable growth **mecu** has gone through over the last four years, that the credit union recognises that it must continue to meet the needs of its members as individuals.” Chris hopes that GCLP graduates and participants will support his election campaign.

Please find following information about the Regional Achievement & Community Awards 2005. The GACC encourages you to forward this information to relevant communities and individuals, and to nominate!

The 2005 Regional Achievement and Community Awards have recently been launched. The Awards highlight and reward the valuable contribution of businesses, events and tourism operators, towns, environment and sustainability initiatives, individuals and communities who are involved in the development of regional and rural Victoria.

Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Australia Post Business Achievement Award
- Australia Post Events and Tourism Award
- Parks Victoria Regional Achiever Award
- Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award
- Kleenheat Gas Community of the Year Award - Population under 10,000
- Kleenheat Gas Community of the Year Award - Population over 10,000

Great prizes are on offer including television exposure on Prime Television or \$2,000 AwardSaver Accounts from the Commonwealth Bank (conditions apply).

If you know any regional achievers and community contributors, submit one or more nominations on their behalf or encourage their friends or colleagues to nominate them. To access a nomination form go to: http://www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA_nomform.html Nominations close on Wednesday 31st August 2005. The winners will be announced at the Gala Awards Presentation Dinner on Saturday 12th November 2005 at the Best Western Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat.

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