



# GippsLeader

## GCLP news, notes & events

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It's a busy, busy week for GCLP with the annual sponsors' lunch held today and the 2004 program holding a mid-year reflection tomorrow. Both are important events on the program calendar. Read more about the sponsors' lunch below, and watch for photos of both events to come up on the website.

### Networking Opportunities

Need a helping hand to get a networking function off the ground? Contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, with your ideas and she will work with you to make your event a GCLP networking function to remember.

### SkillsBank Gippsland

Margaret Guthrie (**2004**) has accepted the position of co-opted board member to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

*Although SkillsBank Gippsland is essentially a program for graduates, current year participants can volunteer for projects, such as board placements, so long as the project will not interfere or detract from their involvement in the program.*

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](mailto: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](mailto:skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au)**

### News from the GCLP office

*The rush is on to answer the phone in the GCLP office following a recent coup by 2004 participant, David Cann. David, and fellow West Gippslanders, Pam Dyson and Rob Brown) were invited to a morning tea with Prime Minister, John Howard, earlier this month. David took the opportunity to promote GCLP to the nation's leader and presented him with the program brochure. Mr Howard may not qualify as a candidate (he doesn't live in Gippsland), but there's always the possibility of sponsorship...*

It was GCLP's turn to say thank-you to those who make our program possible with the annual sponsors' lunch held at the Waratah Restaurant at GippsTAFE in Morwell today.

Attended by about 40 people, the lunch was MC'd by GCLP Executive Officer, Ian Gibson. Debbie Knight and David Cann shared their thoughts about participating in this year's program, while Mick Murphy (2002), Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, spoke from the perspective of a sponsor. Reports of David and Debbie's speeches will be included in future editions of GippsLeader.

A fun highlight of the lunch was the presentation of door prizes. We were grateful for the generosity of the following business who donated door prizes:

- the Yarragon and District Tourism Association,
- Wyanga Park Winery,
- Old Charm Roses Nursery and B & B, Glengarry,
- the State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi, and
- Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Many thanks to the participants and graduates who helped to source logos for the PowerPoint presentation which ran throughout the lunch.

*Thank you to all who replied to Tracey's email about their possible interest in a not for profit board orientation series. More than 100 graduates and participants replied and a decision will be made shortly on whether or not the series will be run this year.*

### Items of interest

The thoughts of all GCLP people are with Wayne Casey (immediate past chair) and Diane Wilkinson (1998) who have experienced bereavements recently.

*It seems that GCLP people are making things happen everywhere in Gippsland! Michelle Toppin (2003) co-ordinated the recent Phillip Island Gippsland Discovery Tourism Awards held at the Premiere Function Centre in Traralgon. Tracey Matthies (2003) was a judge in the awards, while Ross McDermott (ALSO 2003) was an entrant in his role with the Yarragon and District Tourism Association.*

Andrew Redston (2003) and Alan Wilson (2002), both of Quantum Support Services, and Donna Faulkner (2001), of Work Solutions Gippsland have played vital roles in providing sporting opportunities and recognition for Gippslanders with disabilities.

*Rod Hammond (2003) has relocated to Queensland but enjoys keeping in touch with GCLP news via the GippsLeader. Rod sends his best wishes to all in the 2003 group.*

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