



# GippsLeader

## *GCLP news, notes & events*

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### ***Get ready for graduation!***

The 2005 GCLP group will graduate in style with a cocktail party event in the elegant surrounds of the Latrobe Regional Gallery on Friday, November 18.

Galleries one, two and three will be opened up to form a large space for the event. As well as being a celebration of GCLP 2005, the event will also be a celebration of a decade of the program. Displays and entertainment are being planned to make this a very special occasion.

Adding to the elegance of the evening will be the exhibitions taking place in the Latrobe Regional Gallery at the time. "Luminous: contemporary art from the Australian desert" is an exhibition of indigenous paintings from the Northern and Central regions of Australia. A second exhibition will be "Variations in a serious black dress", exquisite wall and floor works by Dani Marti that reference Baroque fabrics depicted in the paintings of Goya and Velazquez.

Invitations to the 2005 graduation will be sent out shortly, but make sure that you put the date, Friday, November 18, in your diary now!

### **Program News**

**Water Day was a highly focussed program day held at Rawson and sponsored by Gippsland Water and Rawson Village Convention Centre.**

**Speakers included Ross Young, the Executive Director of the Water Service Association of Australia, Neville Penrose (1999), Acting Regional Director, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Geoff Hocking, CEO of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, and John Mitchell, CEO of Gippsland Water. Neville also moderated a debate on the problems with Gippsland's water.**

**Ironically, Water Day was so wet that the proposed site visit to Horseshoe Bend had to be cancelled!**



*Dressed appropriately for the day was the QB Duty Syndicate of Rob Vesty, Deb Brown, David Wilbraham, Christine Waring, and Michelle Weatherall.*

## SkillsBank Gippsland

GCLP is in need of help from one or two graduates to sort and present program photos from the last 10 years into albums. The albums would then be displayed at this year's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary graduation celebration so that everyone attending the event could view the growth and development of GCLP over the years.

**Congratulations to Allan Williams (2003) and Jenny Hammett (2000) who have volunteered to facilitate a day-long leadership workshop for student leaders from Commercial Rd Primary School in Morwell. The day promises to be very interactive (i.e. noisy) with the proposed outcome to be a code of good leadership which the children can take away and use.**

Thanks also to Carole MacMillan, Christine Waring and Michelle Weatherall, all 2005, who have volunteered to work on the 2005 yearbook. This year's edition will highlight the activities and achievements of the current year's program but will also be a celebration of a decade of GCLP. A graduate from each year group is also needed to contribute to the historical perspective of the yearbook.

**Lifeline Gippsland is still seeking board members. Lifeline provides a valuable service for people in times of personal crisis and the board has already attracted a number of graduates who have found their service to be extremely gratifying.**

Kilmany UnitingCare are also seeking board members. Kilmany is an agency of the Uniting Church and supports and strengthens personal, family and community life throughout Gippsland. It has a vision of a healthy Gippsland where disadvantage and inequity are challenged. Board meetings are held monthly and alternate between Sale and Bairnsdale. Additional information is available for interested people.

**To find out more about any of these projects, or 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

Nicola Epps and Tracey Matthies are both taking some leave over the next two weeks, so there may be a longer than usual time lag in answering phone messages and emails. We hope that this doesn't cause too much inconvenience but both Nicola and Tracey need to recharge their batteries for the busy time ahead leading up to graduation and publication of the 2005 yearbook.

For urgent matters in this period, please phone Ian Gibson on 0427 376 776.

**Time is running out! There has been a very good response to the yearbook listing update, but there is still time to get your details in to the office for inclusion in this year's book. If you do not send your reply back to the office, we will assume (and perhaps incorrectly) that your details haven't changed.**

GCLP welcomes ASIC as a new sponsor.

### Items of interest

Next year is the 40th anniversary of the beginnings of the township of Churchill. Margaret Guthrie (2004), representing Churchill & District Community Association, is working with Dr Meredith Fletcher, Director of the Centre for Gippsland Studies at Monash, on a community project & event.

Meredith has been commissioned by Latrobe City & CDCA to produce a series of six portable display panels on the history of Churchill. The panels will be 'launched' to the public, before 'touring' the local district, on Saturday 12th November at a community event to be held at the new Gippsland Education Precinct & in the lounge of the Monash Student Union. As part of the event, Margaret is putting together a display of old photos & memorabilia relating to living & working in Churchill. Anyone who has relevant material they would be prepared to loan for this event is invited to contact Margaret on 5122 2997 or email [margaretguthrie787@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretguthrie787@hotmail.com)

Lisa McDonald (2003) has invited all participants and graduates to register for the Celebrating Community Engagement conference to be held at Lakes Entrance on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12. Conference program and registration are available from the GCLP website. (NB It is no longer possible to send additional attachments via email with the GippsLeader as the email often becomes too large to be accepted by many mailboxes.)

Lynette Raven (1997) invites all participants and graduates to join Orchestra Victoria for two free concerts to be held in Latrobe City on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13. As for the above conference, the additional information is on the GCLP website under the Newsletters section.

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