



# GippsLeader

*GCLP news, notes & events*

**30 November, 2005**

## ***150 celebrate graduation***

The 2005 graduation was a gala event attracting about 150 people to the Latrobe Regional Gallery on Friday, November 18.

The graduating group was joined by family, friends and work colleagues, as well as past graduates, GCLP and i-GAIN committee members, sponsors and other GCLP supporters.

All enjoyed a complimentary drink on arrival and browsed the gallery where they discovered a collection of photo boards from the 10 years of GCLP, sponsorship recognition, and a signature board, amongst the current exhibitions.

A harpist, young Koorie dancers and ballet students kicked off the smorgasbord of entertainment which also included belly dancers, a skit and a banjo performer. *So Swish* catered for the smorgasbord meal and the informal seating arrangements encouraged people to mix with a greater range of fellow guests than in past years.

Nikki Drummond and David Wilbraham, of the graduating group, MC'd the evening while Maree Davidson and Jason Potts spoke on behalf of the 2005 group. Maree presented her reflections as a poem, read in time to a photographic display.



Chairman of the i-GAIN Committee of Management, Graeme Sennett (1998), spoke about the long and ongoing relationship between GCLP and i-GAIN, while Ian Gibson acknowledged the individuals behind the establishment of GCLP.

Ian then introduced each member of the 2005 group who were presented with their certificates by i-GAIN CEO, Jenny Hammett (2000) and Graeme, and a copy of the yearbook and graduate commitment card by Program Manager, Nicola Epps.

Ian also thanked Nicola and Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, for their work towards the graduation, yearbook and 10 year celebration, while the 2005 group made presentations to both Ian and Nicola for their work and support throughout the year.

As tradition dictates, many of the graduating group continued their celebrations well into the early hours of the next morning.

Scroll to the last page (after the GCLP logo) for a collage of photos from the graduation evening.

### **Service to Gippsland**

**GCLP can claim a link to five of six Gippsland municipalities following the recent local government elections.**

**Graduates from a range of years showed their commitment to serving the community of Gippsland by putting themselves forward at the elections, and many enjoyed success.**

**From 1996, Bob Haldane won a seat in the Waratah Ward of East Gippsland Shire, while Rasa Bennett was defeated in her bid for Firmin Ward in Latrobe City.**

**From 1998, Susan Lloyd won Burnet Ward in Latrobe City while 2002 graduate, Darren McCubbin was re-elected to Wellington Shire (no wards.)**

**Adam Tyson (2005) won a seat in Longwarry Ward for Baw Baw Shire in a three-way contest which included Robert Brown (2004). Robert had been the sitting member.**

**Past GCLP committee member, David Balfour was returned in Baw Baw's Thomson Ward, while current GCLP committee member, Bob Newton, was returned to South Gippsland's Strzelecki Ward.**

### **2006 Program News**

Interviews are in full swing for next year's Program. Nicola Epps is managing the mammoth task of coordinating interview panels, venues, times and the paper warfare that goes with ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Thanks to all graduates, committee members and others who are answering Nicola's calls for assistance.

## Winning the challenge!



**Congratulations to 2004 who won the challenge set down by the 2005ers to see which past year could achieve the greatest attendance at the graduation event. Other years will have the opportunity to redeem themselves at the 2006 program launch (see next section for details), which will also be a part of GCLP's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.**

## 2006 Program Launch

Chairperson of Qantas, Margaret Jackson, will deliver the keynote address at the 2006 GCLP Program Launch.

The evening event will be held in Warragul on Friday, February 10.

As well as being chairperson of Qantas, Ms Jackson has an impressive list of current appointments:

- Chairman of Qantas Airways Limited since 2000 (Director since 1992)
- Director, ANZ Banking Group Limited since 1994
- Director, Billabong International Limited since 2000
- Deputy Chairman, People Telecom Limited
- Director, Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine
- Deputy Chairman, Baker Capital Campaign Task Force, Baker Medical Research Institute
- Director, Brain Imaging Research Institute
- Chairman, Methodist Ladies College
- Member, The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
- Patron, Salvation Army Capital Appeal for Homeless Youth in Victoria
- Member, Melbourne University Business School Association
- Board Member, Australia Foundation for Culture and the Humanities Ltd
- Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors

Ms Jackson also has strong Gippsland links having attended school in Warragul, and is sure to be a high calibre speaker on the night.

***Put the date, Friday, February 10 in your diary now to ensure that you don't miss out on this very special event!***

### **Memorabilia for sale**

Celebrate our birthday and show your pride in GCLP with some of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorabilia. Check out the order form sent out with this newsletter (and available under Newsletters on [www.gclp.asn.au](http://www.gclp.asn.au)) to order GCLP coffee mugs, embroidered polo shirts or specially labelled bottles of wine.

Completed order forms with payment need to be returned to the office ASAP so that we can arrange delivery early next year.

### **News from the GCLP office**

Nicola, Tracey and Ian would like to thank all graduates who contributed to the success of the graduation event. Your assistance with planning, entertainment, yearbook, photo displays and a variety of other activities was most valuable.

**Thanks also to Matthew Epps and Alice Gibson who manned the memorabilia table at the graduation. They also gave an impromptu display of the goods for sale during the evening. Matthew has a special flair for modelling bottle green polo shirts!**

The signature board still has plenty of room for more graduates to record their GCLP memories. If you're passing through Morwell, drop into the GCLP office at i-GAIN, 58-60 Commercial Rd, or be sure to attend the 2006 program launch for your chance to sign the board.

### **Items of interest**

Congratulations to Monique De Zwart (2004) who has been appointed to the role of Corporate Strategic Manager with Latrobe City Council.

**The Gippsland Innovation Festival (GIF) will run from May 1 – 19 next year with about 35 events across Gippsland showcasing innovation in all aspects of regional life. Register your expression of interest, or find out more by contacting Chris Buckingham (1999) on 5635 2476 or 0417 159 733.**

REFS Training and Consultancy Services are running a one day workshop on "Working with Indigenous Families and Communities" at ACES in Sale on Tuesday, December 6. Phone 9879 7411 for further information and registration.

**Applications are now open for the Australian Government's 2006 Young Rural Leaders. The week-long residential course for 18-35 year olds working in agriculture, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management, food or related industries will be held in Canberra in March, 2006. Applications close December 16. Go to the <http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=E158AB0B-D4D8-4E68-B64188464C91C197> for further information.**

Rotary District 9820 (which encompasses all of Gippsland and has many GCLP graduates amongst its membership) is seeking candidates for

the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a weekend leadership training program to be held in early March next year. Go to <http://www.district9820.org/youthservice.html> to download application and information forms.

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