



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Number plate launch

The long awaited launch of Gippsland's own number plate will take place at Walhalla next Friday, April 7.

The number plate project was an initiative of the GCLP alumni and was carried through to its successful completion by graduates, including Chris Buckingham (1999).



A long time supporter of the project, Brendan Jenkins MLA, will officially launch the number plate.

A brass band will play in the historic

Walhalla band rotunda to welcome guests to the event before the launch takes place in the Star Hotel.

Order forms for number plates will be available afterwards.

Remember to contact the i-GAIN office on 5135 4300 to respond to your invitation for this special event.

2006 Program News

The first program day of the year was Gippsland Identity Day which complemented many of the issues raised at the opening residential. Highlights of the day, held at Stratford, included Gerry Laughton's cultural awareness workshop and being caught out in a massive downpour. Other speakers on Gippsland Identity Day were the Manager of Demographic Research for the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Jeremy Reynold, and GCLP chairman, Barry Rogers. Sponsor for the day was the Department for Victorian Communities.

Second program day for the year was spent on the Enterprise cruise boat which sailed from Paynesville. The topic was Environment Day and speakers included Professor Rodger Grayson who spoke about the past, present and future of the Gippsland Lakes environment; Kate Nelson of East Gippsland Shire who discussed the Raymond Island ferry issue; and Duncan Malcolm of the Gippsland Coastal Board. Jennifer North (1998) also spoke about Gondwanaland and Changing the Environment.

Environment Day was sponsored by Gippsland Ports, Parks Victoria and Patties Foods.

GCLP Executive Officer, Ian Gibson, said the focus of the day was on the Lakes.

"It was innovative and interesting," Ian said, "The speakers presented well balanced presentations and laid out the issues and leadership challenges relating to the case study of the Gippsland Lakes."

News from the GCLP office

Remember that graduate support for a range of projects is always welcomed in the GCLP office. Register your interest in supporting activities such as SkillsBank, the yearbook, number plates and sub regional activities by emailing gclp@igain.vic.edu.au

Items of Interest

Adam Tyson (2005) and Tracey Matthies (2003) were amongst the 15,000 volunteers making their mark at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Adam worked in the athletes'/VIP/media transport zone at the State Netball and Hockey Centre where he met quite a few dignitaries, include John Howard and Prince Edward. Another member of Adam's team was Victoria's Finance Minister (and past GCLP speaker), John Lenders.

"He was just one of us, doing his job with no fanfare," Adam said.

Adam was truly committed to the Games, commuting from his home at Drouin to the workforce shuttle carpark at Princes Park for five of his six shifts.



Tracey, second from left, was based at the Athletes' Village, working mainly in the media unit but also on dining check in and in the mixed zone at the mountain bikes.

"It was incredibly uplifting to be a part of something so big and to know that my small contributions helped to make it successful. Everywhere I went, people were smiling and happy, chatting to each other and just having a wonderful time. I met and spoke with Prince Edward twice, saw the Queen, met many of Australia's medallists, chatted with Sandy Holloway (Sydney 200 CEO), Justin Madden, Steve Monaghetti and many, many ordinary folk like myself who were thrilled to have the opportunity of being a volunteer part of the Games experience," Tracey said.

She added that it was hard to pick highlights but swapping pins with a member of the Queen's Royal Touring Party, and being thanked by Australia's Chef de Mission, and the Chief Executive of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association were amongst her special memories.

"The thank you parade was also very special. I couldn't believe that 20,000 people would turn out in Melbourne to thank the volunteers! Marching up St Kilda Rd and Collins St to old Treasury Place and waving to people lining the footpath, leaning out of office windows and over balconies and sharing the experience with so many other Smurfs was magical!" she said.

The Whitelion charity ball and auction has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 3. The event is being run in partnership with Quantum Support Services with the goal of changing the lives of young people in Gippsland.

For further information and tickets contact Liz Jones on 5120 2165 or email liz.jones@quantum.org.au

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