



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Theatre Festival returns

The Gippsland Theatre Festival, an initiative of Dan Clancey (2004), is on again.

The festival runs from Friday, May 26 until Sunday, May 28 and is described as a celebration of theatre, packed with workshops and performances.

Evening celebrations of theatre include one act plays, dramatic performs, dance and musical numbers, while the professional development workshops include acting and theatrical directing classes, writing for theatre, and preparing for auditions.

Visit Dan's website at www.breakalegtheatre.com.au for further detail and contact information.

2006 Program News

Diane Robinson (2006) has submitted the following report on Strengthening Communities Day:

Innovation in Strengthening Communities was the group's fifth program day and, by this stage, we are all feeling like we are a community of our own – those who miss days are now feeling they are being left out. In fact, by now many are taking the opportunity of Nicola's excellent organisation skills to arrive at the hosting town the night before and have dinner and a get together so that we can really interact.

Yinnar Football Club was an excellent venue. Peter Quigley (1998) spoke of community strengthening through the club's redevelopment over the last two decades. It was a great example of how a community can work together.

Len Foster, Chair of the CFA, gave us an insight into a different area of leadership, sharing with us the rewards and challenges of working within government organisations as well as large volunteer groups. Glenn Patterson, CEO of Baw Baw Shire, spoke about the role of local government in community strengthening and aspects of leadership.

The highlight was the presentation by past and present GCLP members, Billy Connolly (aka Neil Cartwright), David Lane and Christine Penpraze (all 2006), and Margaret Guthrie (2005).

Today's program day is Health and Ageing and includes Regional Director of the Department of Human Services, Val Callister, Director Co-ordination and Assessment, Latrobe Community Health Service, Antoinette Mitchell, CEO West Gippsland Health Care Group, Ormond Pearson, and

Allied Health Manager for Gippsland Southern Health Service, Vivian Carroll, as speakers.

News from the GCLP office

The Gippsland number plate project is inching closer to reality with Victoria Police now approving the design. i-GAIN Quality Learning Inc and GCLP will continue to work with VicRoads to ensure that the number plates can be seen on cars across Gippsland in the near future.

SkillsBank Gippsland

The Morwell Salvation Army is seeking volunteers for their Red Shield Appeal. Interested graduates can contact the Salvation Army's Bruce Cassidy on 5133 9890 or 0419 594 647 or email Bruce at corpsofficemorwell@salvationarmy.org

Moe Life Skills Community Centre is seeking graduates with a range of skills relating to staff/management issues, finances and also with affiliations to other community groups, to join their board of management. The board meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday and board members are expected to join a sub-committee which meets about three times per year. Graduates can express their interest to GCLP Program Manager, Nicola Epps, by emailing skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au or phoning the office on 5135 4304.

Items of interest

Greg Gebhart (2001) was honoured at the recent National Awards for Quality Schooling Awards held at Parliament House in Canberra. Greg received the award for "Outstanding National Achievement as a Teacher" and was also recognised as joint runner up for the "National Teacher of the Year" award. Greg said it was a great honor to be recognised at a national level for his achievements in:

- **Developing multimedia as a VCE subject for schools in Victoria;**
- **Establishing Lowanna College as a regional training centre for multimedia;**
- **Creating an innovative and engaging teaching environment with many of his students achieving results in the top 10% of the state; and**
- **His commitment to running the Gippsland Education Leadership Program.**



Greg Gebhart, right, accepts his award from Education, Science and Training Minister, Julie Bishop, and local Federal Member, Russell Broadbent.

A number of graduates were involved with fundraising for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre and were no doubt very pleased to see the centre opened during Rural Health Week.

Congratulations to Allan Williams (2003) who is getting married this weekend.

Congratulations also to Lisa McDonald (2004) who celebrated a special birthday with a fun rock and roll party.

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