



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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Governance Working Party formed

A joint working party has been recently formed to address governance and strategy matters about GCLP.

It is made up of representatives of i-GAIN's committee of management and the GCLP subcommittee. Representing i-GAIN are Ron Boskma (chair), Graeme Sennett and Jenny Hammett, while GCLP is represented by Barry Rogers, Lindsay Fawcett and Ian Gibson.

The objectives of the working party are to:

- Clarify and review the current role, composition and structure of the GCLP committee
- Clarify and review the current governance reporting arrangements of the GCLP committee to the i-GAIN committee
- Establish a strategic planning model for GCLP, and
- Identify models of sustainability for GCLP.

Members of the GCLP community are invited to share their thoughts with the working party and can email the office at gclp@igain.vic.edu.au

Numberplates News

Keep an eye out for the postie if you have ordered and paid for your Gippsland numberplates!

The first batch of 100 is now in production and will be delivered directly to the proud owners. It is anticipated that they will start arriving within the next fortnight.

Orders are now being taken for the second hundred sets and plans are underway to auction the premier numbers of 000 and 001.

Be sure to let GCLP know when your plates arrive and when you have them on your cars on the road! The numberplate project was a GCLP Alumni initiative which is finally reaching fruition.

2006 Community Initiative

The 2006 group has taken the initiative and set up a fundraising event in support of the Blackwood Centre for Adolescent Development at Hallora. The group spent much of their *Young People in Gippsland Day* at the centre, appreciating the valuable work accomplished with young people attending. Saddened to learn Blackwood had lost equipment due to a recent break-in,

Steve Martin, David McMahon and Kirsty Ellem have initiated a raffle fundraiser.

The prizes include two nights' accommodation at the Moorings at Metung; a Sony 512Mb walkman; two double passes to the Esso/BHP Billiton Entertainment Centre, a Phillips DVD/DVP player, and a Sunbeam food processor.

Contact Nicola or Ian to buy a raffle ticket - or volunteer to sell a book of tickets! Tickets are \$2 each and the raffle will be drawn at the Mid Year Reflection in Sale on 14 July. Email the office at gclp@igain.vic.edu.au or phone 5135 4304

2006 Program News

The 2006 group has continued its journey, both metaphorically and geographically, across the Gippsland landscape since the last edition of the GippsLeader.

Wonthaggi was the location for *Health and Ageing Day* where the focus was on ageing. The session included presentations from the following:

- Val Callister, Regional Director, Department of Human Services
 - Antoinette Mitchell (1996), Director, Co-ordination and Assessment, Latrobe Community Health Service
 - Ormond Pearson, CEO, West Gippsland Health Care Group
- GCLP presentations were provided by Loo Ryan and Claire Kent.

Participants particularly enjoyed the opportunity to reflect and assess their lives with each other during a work/life balance workshop.

Next it was West Gippsland for *Young People in Gippsland Day*, which began by meeting with young leaders at Drouin South Primary School. The group then journeyed on to the Blackwood Centre for Adolescent Development at Hallora, where interacting with the students was as stimulating for the participants as it was for the students.

Speaker, Callum Forbes, who is the current South Gippsland Shire Young Citizen of the Year, impressed with his achievements to date and Laurie Marks, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer with the Victoria Police in Morwell shared a perspective of issues affecting indigenous young people.



Mary-ellen King, General Manager of the Melbourne International Arts Festival is pictured, second right, enjoying the Arts & Culture Day at Newborough last week with current year participants, from left, Kirsty Ellem, Christina Lovison and Zonda Lynn.

Siebil Café, in the heart of the arts precinct in Newborough, was the venue for *Arts and Culture Day* last Friday where participants explored the development and significance of the arts in Gippsland. Leadership Victoria graduate and General Manager of the Melbourne International Arts Festival, Mary-Ellen King, and Carolyn Crossley of the Cowwarr Art Space, particularly impressed with their vision for the arts industry. They also shared insights into the relationship between artists and arts administrators.

Darren McCubbin (2002) also invigorated the group with an engaging and energetic perspective of the relevance of community arts in Gippsland.

The GCLP journey continues to Sale next month!

Special thanks to our sponsors for these program days including West Gippsland Healthcare Group, Blackwood Centre for Adolescent Development, Drouin South Primary School and Bass Coast Shire Council

News from the GCLP office

The annual GCLP Leadership Lunch will be held at the Waratah Restaurant in Morwell on Thursday 3 August and is generously sponsored by GippsTAFE. The lunch is an opportunity for GCLP to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support.

As usual, a highlight of the year will be the opportunity for several current year participants to address the lunch and share their experiences of the program thus far.

Program Manager, Nicola Epps, is practising some work/life balance herself with a trip to her Kiwi homeland from June 28 until July 11, to spend time with family in the South Island. ...We only hope that Nicola has a better grasp of time zone differences than her partner, Don, who was challenged in Philadelphia last week!

SkillsBank Gippsland – Can YOU assist?

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 – Developing and Maintaining the Links

The GCLP Program days are regularly extended with social get togethers for group members either the night before or at the conclusion of the day together. Dave Cann (2004) caught up with the 2006 group when they enjoyed dining at his Courthouse Café in Warragul recently after *Young People in Gippsland Day*.

The 1998 group is continuing to get together regularly with 12 members gathering recently in Sale. Susan Lloyd reports:

“We had a great night with 12 of us gathering at the Wedge We caught up with all the news and activities of everyone. We literally did a desk top, or rather a table top roll call exercise of those who couldn't be there on the night. It went something like this; Graeme Sennett - at Loy Yang A, Eric Duffy is currently at Bairnsdale Police Station, Peter Foster is at DHS Traralgon, Norm Dean has flown off to Saudi Arabia for 2 years, Greg Forte is fighting an illness, Jennifer North is living at Lake Tyers and has gained funding to support young people, Rob Cherry is an accountant extraordinaire based at home, Jenny Ramage is at Warragul Secondary College, Jenny O'Sullivan is the guru in the beef industry and has just flown off to Europe for a well earned rest, Bill Fuller is missing and can't track him down - seems like he has left Incite/Pivot & not even his cousin knows his whereabouts - Craig McDonald is at Bega Valley Christian School, Sharon Knight is working out of Melbourne for Australia Post, Roger Rejmer is with International Power Mitsui Loy Yang,



Andrew Dunn is a fantastic vet in Moe, Murray "lets have a moment" Rankin is with DSE in Bendigo.

So, at the dinner? Peter Quigley is a General Manager at Latrobe City - he is a real Mr Fixit!, Colleen Boag is the CEO of the Yarram & District Health Service, Tim Ross is an

accountant at LSH Accounting in Morwell, Di Blackwood has moved to Warragul and is a radiologist, Helen Lanigan is the Principal at Bairnsdale, Peter Kingwill is a Director at Sage and has been picking up fantastic contracts Australia-wide and a few international projects too, Iain Stewart still loves his cows, Di Wilkinson is the CEO of the Gippsland Women's Health Service, Irene Baxter is at the Orbost Community Health Service and is blissfully living at Marlo, Wayne Casey is in semi retirement (if you can believe it) but undertakes consultancy projects - and finally I am working full time at EPA in Community Relations & elected to Latrobe City Council.

We have already determined our next dinner date is 16 November, probably at Neilson's in Seymour Street, Traralgon. We also have discussed celebrating our 10 year anniversary with a Saturday night out in Melbourne staying at the same motel - probably Feb 2008 - watch this space!"

The 2003 group has a get together planned at the Morwell RSL Club on Wednesday, July 26. RSVPs to Tracey Matthies via email traceyg@dcsi.net.au

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