



GippsLeader

GCLP news, notes & events

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The call is about to go out for applications for next year's program and yet again we're working to attract a quality field of applicants from all over Gippsland. Read on to find out how you can contribute to these efforts.

Networking Opportunities

Café Evviva is the venue for a networking event in **Traralgon** on **Thursday, September 2**. Open to all graduates and participants who can make it along at 7pm on the night; this will be a social event with the added bonus of strengthening your GCLP network. RSVPs to Tracey Matthies (2003) at skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au

*Good food, great company and an opportunity to build on your GCLP networks! Graduates and participants in the South Gippsland area are getting together for dinner at **Café Tsunami**, 8 Williams St, **Inverloch**, on **Wednesday, September 22** from 7pm. RSVPs to Martin Fuller (2003) at MartinF@wgcm.vic.gov.au*

Have you used your GCLP network lately? GCLP provides participants and graduates with a common experience and a common starting point. Strong relationships are built within year groups, but there is much to be gained by networking across the year groups. Whether you are looking for advice, assistance or just some information, remember to use your GCLP network – and whenever possible, return the favour when called upon.

How about a fun networking event? Let GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, know (skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au) if you would like something other than a dinner for a networking event. Ten pin bowling (Warragul or Morwell), golf driving range (Bairnsdale, Morwell, Phillip Island), cinema night (Lakes Entrance, Bairnsdale, Morwell, Leongatha, Wonthaggi etc) – or some other activity that you would like to have as a GCLP event – just let Tracey know and she will help you to put it together.

SkillsBank Gippsland

Do you have a story to share about caring for the community? Lifeline Gippsland is urgently seeking a guest speaker for its AGM to be held in Moe on Thursday, September 23. Contact GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au, or phone 5135 4304 if you are interested in taking up this opportunity. Lifeline Gippsland provides a valuable service to our community which can be seen in the number of graduates who have joined the organisation's board.

Jenny Crameri (1997) has answered the call for the Warragul Theatre Organ Society. Although not able to join the Society's board, Jenny has agreed to share her extensive fundraising and public relations experience in a one off meeting with the Society.

Think outside the square when considering SkillsBank Gippsland requests for assistance. If a project appeals but you cannot make the full time commitment sought, think about alternative ways of providing support for these community organisations. These organisations are usually made up of volunteers who understand how precious time is, but they also welcome any level of assistance, even if it is just sharing your thoughts and ideas over a cuppa.

News from the GCLP office

We need your help! Applications are now being actively sought for next year's program and, as usual, we are trying to ensure that we attract quality candidates from a diversity of industries and from right across Gippsland. As graduates you can assist by inviting potential candidates to apply. Being invited to apply for GCLP by a graduate is the best recommendation that any of us can give for the program.

You can refer people to the website, www.gclp.asn.au, give them the office phone number, **5135 4304**, or email gclp@igain.vic.edu.au, give us their contact details to follow up, or hand them one of the new GCLP brochures published this year. Contact Nicola or Tracey in the office and we will happily send out copies of the brochure and/or applications forms.

Graduates are also needed to assist with some open day events planned for West, South and East Gippsland. The idea is have a central point in targeted towns where people can come in and talk to graduates, participants and/or a team member about GCLP. Each open day would last for just two hours.

Graduate assistance is needed to identify and arrange venues, dates and times, and to help with marketing to attract people. Many hands make light work, so each open day should be the result of the efforts of several people. For example, one person may organise the venue, another couple may post fliers around town, someone else may make contact with the local media, one or two graduates may volunteer to attend all or part of the open day, and all graduates should invite local people to attend the open days.

The GCLP team will assist with marketing material and ideas as well as general support.

Towns which are being targeted are Leongatha and/or Wonthaggi, Warragul, and Bairnsdale and/or Lakes Entrance.

GCLP Project Officer, Tracey Matthies, will be coordinating the open days so please contact Tracey ASAP (skillsbank@igain.vic.edu.au) and let her know what you can do to help out. If you don't volunteer, you will be asked, so get in first!

Think about what you gained from participating in GCLP and make a conscious decision to give someone else that same opportunity.

Items of interest

Important dates for your diaries! To all those who expressed an interest in the **Not for Profit Board Orientation Series**, the dates for this year have been set as **Wednesdays, October 13, 20 and 27**. Details of venue and cost are still being finalised and GCLP is working with Leadership Victoria to deliver a valuable series. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries and keep those evenings free! Further information will be coming your way soon.

Chatham House Rules are a familiar guideline for GCLP discussions, but have you ever wondered where the Rules came from? The Winter 2004 edition of "living ethics", the newsletter of the St James Ethics Centre notes:

Chatham House Rules decree that people can use information gleaned at a meeting but not reveal a speaker's identity nor their position in life. Originating at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, in 1927, the Chatham House Rule aimed to guarantee anonymity to those speaking within its walls in order that better international relations could be achieved. It is now used throughout the world as an aid to free discussion.

Last chance to catch the live entertainment at the Latrobe Regional Gallery tomorrow, **Friday, August 13**. Kathleen Roberts (2000) is encouraging GCLPers to enjoy a glass of wine and complimentary cheese before listening to local guitarist, Danny Eddy. Danny joined Get Whet, a popular local originals band in the late 1980s, playing and recording original material for a few years. He has also had the opportunity of supporting performers such as Kate Ceberano, Daryl Braithwaite, Iva Davies/Icehouse, Nick Barker and Jenny Morris. Contact the LRG Box Office on 5176 3559 to secure your ticket for just \$10.

The Foundation for Australian Agriculture Women (FAAW) invites rural women to an evening of networking and mentoring in Melbourne on Wednesday, September 1. The event will be held in Queens Hall, Parliament House from 6pm until 9pm. The cost to attend is \$88 and some scholarships are available for wool growing women. Go to www.faaw.org.au and click on the link, "Register for Women on Boards Melbourne event" (under the what's new section) for further details.

Check out the thoughts of current participants, Debbie Knight and David Cann, by reading the news item on the website, www.gclp.asn.au , about the sponsors' lunch.

Share your news, personal, professional and GCLP via the GippsLeader. Looking for a career move or a candidate for a position in your organisation? Celebrating an achievement, pursuing a life goal or experiencing a memorable moment? Let your network know via GippsLeader by using the contact details below.

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