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Latrobe session puts the \$\$ into smallholdings

Finding a niche and making it pay was the secret shared with more than 50 people who attended the Latrobe City Council's annual small holder forum at Traralgon last week. Participants from Melbourne to Bairnsdale attended the morning session at Traralgon library organised for the council by Agribusiness Gippsland.

They heard from small holder operators covering their costs – and sometimes making a profit. Ian McFee, a sheep farmer for more than 20 years, runs a flock of about 50 ewes on about 23 acres on Phillip Island. Clare Hoffman and her young daughter, Ava, explained how she came to lease an organic apple orchard at Ellinbank. Maria Grey inspired the group with her story of a direct-sell meat business off her 100-acre farm at Allambee Reserve. And free-range egg producer Anne Westwood from Grantville offered some insights into her profitable operation. After the event we got a knockout email from one of the participants saying: "Just a quick note to thank everyone for running the workshop today. The speakers were people in different situations but all with the same visions for what they wanted to achieve in agribusiness. They were very interesting and inspiring to listen to. Also the catering was the best food I have ever eaten at a conference or training day!"

Agribusiness Gippsland chair Alex Arbuthnot said: "Latrobe City Council is a long-time supporter of ours and its initiative in staging these annual sessions is to be congratulated."

AGM in Bairnsdale

Bairnsdale was the venue for the Agribusiness Gippsland AGM, celebrating the first year that East Gippsland Shire has joined the other Gippsland municipalities in sponsoring the not-for-profit group. East Gippsland mayor Michael Freshwater paid a visit to the meeting, which included a presentation from Toongabbie cropper and Nuffield scholar Ben Morris. Reports from the meeting will be posted on the AGI website (<http://agribusinessgippsland.com.au>) or blogsite www.aginc.wordpress.com

Focus on field days

A series of focus farm field days is being held in December.

- A farm walk with Mick and Paula Hughes and facilitator Jeff Urie will be held at Willowgrove Focus Farm, Hill End Rd, Willowgrove on December 1 from 11am-2pm. The walk includes inspection of pastures and crops, discussion of summer feeding plans and farm financial and production budgets and an update on the mastitis control program.
- Farm walk with Mick and Ancret Shipton and facilitator Peter Notman will be held at Nar Nar Goon Focus Farm, Browning Rd, Nar Nar Goon on December 9 11am-2pm from . Farm production and financials, inspect pasture renovation, plans for repairing farm tracks, pasture species evaluation trial under grazing.

Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided.

More? John Gallienne 0407 863 493

Watch out for stem rust

Stem rust has been found in Gippsland in susceptible varieties of wheat. This season the likelihood of an epidemic is increased by several factors, including: widespread volunteer wheat growing during summer and autumn following good summer rain; widespread planting of both susceptible and moderately susceptible varieties, (e.g. cultivars Yitpi, Wyalkatchem, Frelon, Beaufort, Kellalac and Preston); and favourable conditions, which include good spring rains and warm humid conditions.

Stem rust can cause up to 50% in yield losses when it develops at flowering time. Check your paddocks, especially susceptible varieties and talk to your agronomist.

Young dairyfarmers sought for Tassie tour

It's time for the annual Don Campbell Memorial Tour. Once again the annual tour will be heading to the dairy belt of northern Tasmania, looking at their farming systems with a focus on managing livestock systems. The costs to participants is \$354 (fully reimbursed by the Farm Ready Grant to those eligible) which will include airfares, bus travel and accommodation, other additional costs include dinners and some lunches. The trip has been heavily subsidised by GippsDairy. The UDV District Council 5 will sponsor participants from their district. Applications close on Friday, December 3.

More? Kylie Barry 56 243 904, 04 28 889 337, yddpgipps@gippsdairy.com.au or www.yddp.org.au

Gippsland leadership program open for applications

The Gippsland Community Leadership Program 2011 is seeking participants. The year-long program includes 10 full-day seminars, held across Gippsland each two or three weeks. The ultimate goal of the program is to build regional leadership resources.

More? Jenny O'Sullivan 5663 2386 or visit <http://www.gclp.asn.au/>

Research participants wanted

Participants are sought for a Monash University research project examining the roles and responsibilities of women on farms; how these might have changed and how change was instigated. Participation is anonymous and confidential. Interviews will take two hours.

More? Dr Vaughan Higgins 5122 6327 or Vaughan.Higgins@arts.monash.edu.au

Food for thought at pilot dairy nutrition course

A pilot course teaching service providers about dairy cow nutrition made its debut this month at the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Ellinbank facility. About 40 people from across Gippsland including field service staff from milk companies, stock feed firms, vet clinics and the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia attended the full-day course, which covered all elements of ruminant digestion. The course will be introduced throughout Victoria.

More? DPI Ellinbank 5624 2222

Gippsland's best on show

The 122nd Annual Traralgon and District Agricultural Show will be held from November 26-27 at the Traralgon Showgrounds. Experience the very best Gippsland has to offer in agricultural competitions and displays, rural lifestyle, leisure activities, entertainment, food, horticulture, show bags and rides. There is a fireworks display after 9pm on Friday night.

More? Wayne van Dorssen 0428 594 299 or dawizard@vic.chariot.net.au

2050 Baw Baw draft community vision launched

The community is being asked to review and comment on the Baw Baw 2050 community vision document, the result of the work of more than 670 community members who participated in one of many community events and workshops. Copies of the draft community vision are available from **www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au**, council customer services centres and Baw Baw libraries. Send comments to stf@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au by December 23.

More? Baw Baw Shire Council 5624 2411 or www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

Protect your remnant vegetation

Funding is available through the 'Protection of Remnant Vegetation in the Upper Reaches of the Tarwin – Grants Program' for landholders to protect their remnant vegetation and enhance with complimentary revegetation.

More? Jill Vella 0417 380 273

Raingardens program improves stormwater quality

Junior Landcare has the opportunity to participate in a special raingardens project as part of Melbourne Water's "Healthy Waterways Raingardens Program" in 2010. Schools and youth groups in the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment area can apply for up to \$5000 to build a raingarden, which will contribute to cleaner, healthier rivers and creeks. Applications must be received before Friday, February 11, 2011.

More? Visit www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2/melbourne-water-raingarden-grant

What Gippsland women want

Would you like to see more leadership, business and networking events for women in Gippsland? Complete a quick survey by clicking on the link below before December 1 and go in the running for a hamper of Gippsland delights. The survey has been developed by a number of agencies including Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Education Centre Gippsland, Linda Rowley and the Rural Women Leading Change program. Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WhatGippslandWomenWant>

More? Linda Rowley 0427 760 637 or visit <http://www.lindarowley.com.au>

Get creative about attracting volunteers

The Volunteer Action Project is offering grants of \$1000 to \$5000 for Landcare and community-based natural resource management groups in projects that can demonstrate an innovative and effective way of encouraging volunteering, while contributing to the protection and restoration of our natural environment. Previously funded projects include innovative approaches such as geocaching, showbags and 'Landcare for singles' planting days to more traditional methods such as expos and information sessions. Deadline December 3.

More? Visit <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/vri/volunteer-action/2011-volunteer-action-project-grants>

Movie, popcorn and a green lesson on offer

A 'green' film night will held (organic popcorn provided!) at 7pm on Thursday November 25 in Meeting Room 7, City of Casey Civic Centre, Magid Drive, Narre Warren.

More? Ella Boyen (Cardinia) 1300 787 624 or e.boyen@cardinia.vic.gov.au, or Abbie Lane (City of Casey) 9705 5200 or alane@casey.vic.gov.au

Feeling seedy?

The West Gippsland Seedbank Association is holding a free half-day training session on collection methods and protocols for anyone interested in learning more about seed collection on November 23 from 10am-12pm at the Old Crossover School.

More? Merrin 0425 775 786 or info@wgseedbank.org.au

Fun and finance flow at the Fishy pub

South Gippsland YDDP presents a night at the Fishy Pub, Fish Creek on Wednesday December 1 from 7pm. Speakers include Graeme Nicoll, winner of the Nuffield Scholarship 2010 presenting his global travels and experiences and Warrick Wilson from Rural Finance talking about the steps to follow when applying for finance. This event was developed by YDDP but all are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person including a subsidised two-course dinner. RSVP by November 29.

More? Kylie Barry 5624 3900 or yddpgipps@gippsdairy.com.au

Dairy Australia targets cream of graduate crop

Dairy Australia is giving six young graduates the opportunity to fast-track their careers through the 2011 Australian Grand Dairy Awards Manufacturing and Cheese Scholarships.

The scholarships aim to attract young university graduates and diploma holders into the dairy industry to train them in relevant aspects of dairy and cheese manufacture and retail.

Three young people will be selected to complete industry placement at companies such as Murray Goulburn, Fonterra, Parmalat, and Warrnambool Cheese and Butter. The scholarship also involves a comprehensive training program at the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia (NCDEA) in Werribee.

In addition, for the fourth year running Dairy Australia will choose three people to complete a cheese scholarship, giving budding cheesemakers the opportunity to spend two to three months learning the technical skills while being exposed to the latest commercial aspects of cheese production. Training for this scholarship will also take place at the NCDEA.

Both scholarships are open to 18-30 year olds who have a university degree or TAFE diploma in science, engineering, nutrition, agriculture or related disciplines. Applications for both scholarships close November 30.

More? Visit www.dairyaustralia.com.au/scholarships

No-till brings carbon benefits

Moving to no-till cropping sequesters an average 75% more carbon over minimum tillage practices, according to newly published Australian research.

A study into grain cropping in Australia's southern region found the net C sequestration rate over 20 years (including discounting for associated greenhouse gases) was estimated at 3.6 Mg C/ha after converting to either minimum-till, or 6.3 post-no-till.

The highest net gains in C/ha came when converting from conventional to no-till in high-activity clay soils of high-rainfall zones, according to the joint Australian, US and Italian study.

More? [Australian Journal of Soil Research](http://www.australianjournalofsoilresearch.com.au) 48(8) 720-729

Learn the basics of business tax

Tax issues relevant to owning and operating a small business and practical tips will be discussed at an ATO tax basics seminar on Wednesday, December 1 from 9am-12pm at the Civic Centre, 1 Magid Drive, Narre Warren. The seminar is free but bookings are essential.

More? 1300 661 104 or vic.taxbasics@ato.gov.au or visit www.ato.gov.au/seminars

Share your excess produce

If you produce more food than you can use, it's time to share! The Poowong Produce Swap occurs on the first Sunday of each month at Poowong Public Hall, Nyora Rd. The next swap is December 5. An annual registration fee of \$5 covers advertising and workshop costs.

More? [Tammy Logan 5659 2308 or tammylogan@bigpond.com](mailto:tammylogan@bigpond.com)

Gippsland's award-winning cheeses do Christmas

Cheese and wines from Gippsland are featured at the Australian Specialist Cheesemakers' Association (ASCA) Specialty Cheese Forum of 2010 Christmas Selection cheeses.

Wild Dog wines and cheeses from Berry Creek and Jindi Cheese are among the offerings. Frank Beurain from Jindi Cheese is the new ASCA president who will welcome guests to the forum at Ormond Hall, 557 St Kilda Road, Melbourne on Wednesday, November 24 from 6-9pm. The cost of the event is \$25 for DIAA/ASCA members and \$45 for non-members. RSVP by November 22.

More? [Janos Kaldy 9329 3532 or janos.kaldy@diaa.asn.au](mailto:janos.kaldy@diaa.asn.au)

LaTrobe to establish committee for low-carbon emissions

Latrobe City will seek to establish a low-carbon emissions future transition committee to oversee the delivery of 30 key actions highlighted in council policy. This is the first policy of its kind to be developed by any council in Australia. Expressions of interest close December 15.

More? Visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

Blending technology and social interaction

The next Casey business forum breakfast discusses social media and creating an online presence. The breakfast will be held on Wednesday, December 1 from 6.45am at Doveton Chifley, 1 Doveton Avenue, Eumemmerring. Bookings essential by November 24. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members

More? [Jo Prezioso 9904 7224](tel:99047224)

Greenhouse guru for global thinktank meet

Methane myths, carbon critics and greenhouse gas-bags ... Gippsland's Dr Richard Eckard helped sort out the truth on livestock emissions in Vienna earlier this month.

Dr Eckard, Associate Professor with the University of Melbourne and Principal Scientist of Climate Change for the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), was one of 10 world experts invited by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation to a thinktank session.

The three-day session was jointly organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency – Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture.

Hook a grant for fishing projects

Organisations wanting to improve their local fishing are encouraged to submit project proposals for the 2010/11 Recreational Fishing Grants Program.

Money from recreational fishing licence fees paid by Victorian fishers is available to fund projects of up to \$5000 available year-round. Large grants are available for projects up to \$100,000. The deadline for these applications is March 31, 2011 in one or more of the following project areas:

- Fisheries' sustainability and habitat improvement
- Fishing access and facilities
- Fisheries-related education, information and training
- Recreational fisheries-related research.

The 2010-11 Recreational Fishing Grants Program is open to fishing clubs, community groups, incorporated bodies, registered companies and government and statutory bodies.

More? www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing/fishinggrants or [9658 4779](tel:96584779)

Expo introduces affordable housing

The Affordable Building Expo is part of a series of expos being held for bushfire-affected communities, providing information about affordable homes, specialised products and financial services. The expo will be held on November 26 from 4-7pm at Callignee hall.

More? Victorian Bushfire and Reconstruction Committee 1800 240 667

Cut your costs the easy way

The City of Casey, the Shire of Cardinia and VECCI (Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry) have joined forces to deliver a business sustainability program. Guest speaker Silvio Marinelli of Highview Accounting has been through the process of reducing his company's resource usage and minimising waste. The event will be held on Thursday, November 25 from 6-8pm in Lecture Theatre 133, Building 901, Berwick Campus, Monash University, 100 Clyde Rd, Berwick.

More? City of Casey Customer Service 9705 5200 or inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au

Enjoy an early Christmas cricket match

Enjoy a game of twilight beach cricket at the East Gippsland YDDP Xmas Party on Sunday, November 28 from 6.30pm at Sandy Point, Sandy Point Road (off Weir Road), Glenmaggie. BBQ dinner and soft drinks provided. BYO beverages and chair. Lolly bags will be given to the kids. All welcome but RSVP for catering purposes by Friday November 26.

More? Bree Walshe 0408 519 013

Grants available to flood victims

Primary producers and small businesses affected by the September 2010 Victorian floods can apply for a clean-up and restoration grant of up to \$15,000. The grant provides for clean-up, removal of debris, animal welfare and business restoration. Applications close 31 March.

More? Visit <http://www.ruralfinance.com.au/pages/Default.aspx?PageID=141&id=1>

Council planning starts earlier than ever!

South Gippsland Shire Council started its community consultation sessions this month in preparation for the 2011 council plan, long-term financial plan, budget and capital works program. The two remaining community consultation dates this month are:

- Tuesday, November 23 from 7pm in Leongatha (Council Chamber)
- Tuesday, November 30 from 7pm in Foster (War Memorial Arts Centre)

All residents are invited to attend.

More? Sophie Dixon 5662 9202

There's something fishy about this management plan

The Draft East Gippsland Fishery Management Plan has been released for public comment. The draft management plan includes proposals to improve recreational fishing activities in inland waters of East Gippsland including the Mitchell, Wonnangatta, Dargo, Nicholson, Tambo, Snowy, Brodribb, Delegate, Bemm, Cann and Genoa rivers as well as Sydenham, Tamboon and Wingan inlets and the Snowy River estuary.

The estuarine fisheries of Lake Tyers and Mallacoota Inlet are addressed in separate plans and the estuarine fisheries of the Gippsland Lakes will be addressed in a future plan.

The draft management plan outlines strategies for sustainably managing the East Gippsland fishery including assessing the sustainability of the recreational harvest popular species in the region including black bream, dusky flathead, estuary perch, Australian bass and trout.

Another important focus is for Fisheries Victoria to work with East Gippsland traditional owners on local fisheries management.

Fisheries Victoria encourages public contribution regarding this draft management plan.

To view The Draft East Gippsland Fishery Management Plan visit

<http://www.new.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/Managing-Fisheries/east-gippsland-fishery-management-plan/draft-east-gippsland-fishery-management-plan>

All comments should be sent to Fisheries Victoria by January 11, 2011.

More? DPI Customer Service Centre 136 186

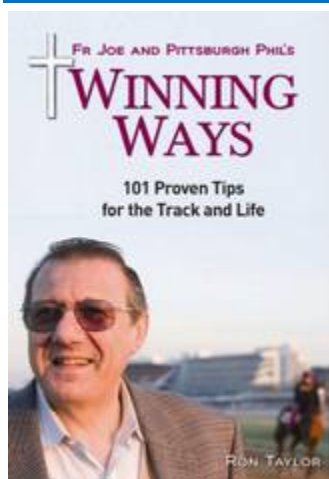
Enjoying soil over tea

Two Soil Foodweb International (SFI) courses are being held at ECG McMillan and St Pauls AGS, Warragul in November.

An introduction to SFI is a one-day course on Wednesday, November 24 and a three-day program examining compost, actively aerated compost tea and analysing the tea created will run from November 25-27. The first course is a prerequisite for the second.

More? Carol Olsen 5627 8663 or agrisolutions@dcsi.net.au

Just released



101 Proven tips for the track and life

Fr Joe Giacobbe and Pittsburgh Phil know it's not only luck that causes you to win at the race track or in life. Times and technology might change but there are ways to increase your chances of a win and to keep on winning. Fr Joe and Pittsburgh Phil explain these in clear and concise and inspiring terms in this little book. Fr Joe's thoughts and experiences are provocative as well as entertaining. This is a book you can read for pleasure and benefit as well. Proceeds from *Winning Ways* go to Fr Joe's Doxa Foundation, to assist underprivileged families. You can order online at

www.wilkinsonpublishing.com.au – Click [here](#) Each order backed with a 100 per cent money-back guarantee.

Looking for a new job?

Country racing is off and ... well ... racing

Meetings this month are:

- Nov 23: Moe
- Nov 27: Woolamai

And next month:

- Dec 4: Stony Creek
- Dec 8: Sale
- Dec 12: LaTrobe Valley
- Dec 17: Moe
- Dec 20: Bairnsdale
- Dec 26: Drouin
- Dec 28: Stony Creek

More? Call 1300 139 402 or visit www.countryracing.com.au

New NAB Agribanker welcomed in Warragul

The NAB has appointed a new Agribanker for Warragul. Tom Phillips will be joining the Warragul team in mid December. Tom comes from Mildura where he has been heavily involved in the horticultural industry in the area as well as broadacre agriculture.

More? Trevor Walder 5667 4114 or Trevor.J.Walder@nab.com.au

Saleyard rezoning comments sought

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking public comment on a planning scheme amendment rezoning of the former Korumburra Saleyards land to Industrial 3 zone.

More? Paul Stampton

Keeping the catchment up to date

The latest edition of the West Gippsland CMA Stakeholder E-newsletter is available at: <http://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au/the-news/newsletters.html>

Opera Viventi performing in Bass Coast

High-profile vocal quartet Opera Viventi will be performing at a new event to be held in Bass Coast Shire on February 12, 2011. Serenade at Sunset, is being organised by a group of volunteers from in and around Grantville. Tickets are available from Bass Coast Shire Council Customer Service Centres and Information Centres, Corinella and District Community Centre and Stockdale and Leggo, Grantville.

More? Bass Coast Shire Council 1300 226 278

Gardeners get good advice

More than 50 keen gardeners got good advice about sustainable gardens when they attended the launch of a free book on sustainable gardening recently. Created by East Gippsland and Wellington Shire Councils the publication was written to create awareness of sustainable gardening in Gippsland. The book is available from shire business centres.

More? Mike Quist 5153 9500

Women make it work for Christmas

Women Making it Work will hold a Christmas break up on Wednesday, December 8 from 8-9.30am at the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, Cnr Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Bookings close December 1.

More? 0407 009 656 or visit www.wmiw.com.au

Coal Creek Farmers' Market gains accreditation

The Victorian Farmers' Markets Association has announced that Coal Creek Farmers' Market has achieved accreditation status. The next market date is Saturday, December 11.

More? Sarah Robins 0410 668 667 or visit

http://www.coalcreekvillage.com.au/events/CCFM_poster2_A4_portrait.pdf

Student Landcare grants on offer

The Westpac Student Sustainability Leadership grants of \$1500 will be awarded at the beginning of 2011 to help Year 5 and 6 students improve their school or local community environment and encourage life-long learning for sustainability. Students will receive mentoring from a local secondary-level student and Landcare Group. Projects might address a range of areas including reducing energy and water consumption, reducing waste and greenhouse gas production, and improving water harvesting and quality or increased biodiversity and restoration. Applications must be received before Friday, December 10.

More? Visit www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2/westpac-grant

Choose your fertiliser wisely

Using poultry litter for vegetable growing can contribute markedly to nutrient runoff, according to new Australian research.

However, compost fertiliser can restrict phosphorus (P) runoff, according to the research by the NSW DPI, Industry and Investment NSW and the Centre for Recycled Organics in Agriculture.

Researchers reported: "The significant increases in soluble P concentrations found in the soil and runoff water from the current farming practice can be attributed to the use of poultry litter. In contrast, using compost in place of poultry litter resulted in significantly reduced soil P accumulation and P concentration in runoff and leachate.

"No difference in vegetable yield was observed between 100 and 400 mg/kg of soil Colwell P (0-0.10 m); therefore, our results indicate that the excessive soil P levels in the vegetable farms are not important for optimal vegetable production."

More? Australian Journal of Soil Research 48(8) 674-681

Share the road with swarms

Be ready for the driving dangers posed by locust swarms. Swarming behaviour is very unpredictable and swarms can fly hundreds of kilometres at a time, depending on wind speed and other factors. Locusts can impair vision when they splatter and smear on the windscreen. They can also potentially block air intake to radiators which can cause vehicles to overheat.

Slow down or pull over during a swarm, carrying spare water and rags to clean the windscreen and monitor the engine's temperature gauge.

Motorists might use an insect screen to stop locusts blocking up the radiator air intake.

Commercial products are available which can be added to windscreen wiper reservoirs to help remove locust residues from windscreens.

More? DPI Locust Hotline 1300 135 559 or visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts

A cow gets out among the horses

Dairy Australia's 2010 AGM will be on November 26 at Flemington Racecourse.

More? Dairy Australia 9694 3777 or visit www.dairyaustralia.com.au

Start your day with a "bonjour"

Odyssée Agri is a French organisation that places young French farmers abroad and is seeking Gippsland farmers interested in welcoming a young, experienced farmer to their properties. A range of candidates exist.

More? Nadia Rabiller 0423 151 912 or nadiar@westnet.com.au or visit <http://www.odyssee-agri.com/>

Agritourism dossier available

What are the common factors that determine a successful agritourism venture? What do the failures always do wrong? Agribusiness Gippsland has completed a literature review as part of last year's study of Gippsland's agritourism sector. We have compiled the findings into a fascinating, easy-to-read dossier. Drawing on local, Australian and overseas studies, it presents the financials of agritourism, the trends in Gippsland, the challenges, and some early data on regional agritourism operations, along with ideas from existing successful operators. The cost is \$30 plus GST. Email orders at susanw@ptarmigan.com.au or via www.aginc.wordpress.com

Looking for a venue for 20 people? Or 20,000? Look at Lardner Park, near Warragul. We have a reputation for large-scale events, such as Farm World, Trucks In Action and the Civil Works Expo. We also have flexibility for smaller meetings, conferences and workshops. The Lardner Park board room and pavilions are ideal for equipment and product launches. Our location is convenient for Melbourne/Gippsland attendees.



For further information email mark@lardnerpark.com.au, visit www.lardnerpark.com.au or phone 5626 1373

Enjoy the fun of the fair

The 2011 Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show will be held on January 8-9 at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. Horse events are run and judged on Saturday and Sunday. Livestock events are judged on Saturday only. Pavilion exhibits such as cookery and crafts are judged from Wednesday to Friday, and are on display to the public on Saturday.

More? www.basscoastagshow.org.au/

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Times being what they are, we are running free job ads. If you're seeking work, or workers, please flick an email to susanw@ptarmigan.com.au and we'll give you a free plug. No large files, no photos, no sales pitches and full contact details, please.

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Seeking admin/clerical work

For any type of administrative/clerical type work (consulting, part time or job share – even if it is only a few hours per week). I have a current ABN and tertiary qualifications in business studies, taxation and financial planning, and am looking for work in these areas.

More? Greg Lewis on 0439 523 871 or gregorynlewis@southernphone.com.au

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Gippy Diary

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Nov 23	Seed collection methods and protocols	Crossover	Merrin 0425 775 786
Nov 23	Country Race Meet	Moe	1300 139 402
Nov 23	South Gippsland Shire Council community consultation session	Leongatha	Sophie Dixon 5662 9202
Nov 24	An Introduction to SFI, their methodology and biological approach to soil health	Warragul	Carol Olsen 5627 8663
Nov 24	Australian Specialist Cheesemakers' Association (ASCA) Specialty Cheese Forum	Melbourne	Janos Kaldy 9329 3532
Nov 25	Cut your costs the easy way	Berwick	City of Casey 9705 5200
Nov 25	Green Film Night	Narre Warren	Ella Boyen 1300 787 624
Nov 25-27	Applying SFI methodology to create compost, actively aerated compost tea and analysing the tea	Warragul	Carol Olsen 5627 8663
Nov 26	Dairy Australia AGM	Flemington	Dairy Australia 9694 3777
Nov 26	Affordable Building Expo	Calignee	1800 240 667
Nov 26-27	Traralgon and District Agricultural Show	Traralgon	Wayne van Dorssen 0428 594 299
Nov 27	Country Race Meet	Woolamai	1300 139 402
Nov 28	East Gippsland YDDP Christmas party	Glenmaggie	Bree Walshe 0408 519 013
Nov 30	South Gippsland Shire Council community consultation session	Foster	Sophie Dixon 5662 9202
Dec 1	ATO tax basics seminar	Narre Warren	1300 661 104
Dec 1	YDDP Night at the Fishy Pub	Fish Creek	Kylie Barry 5624 3900
Dec 1	Casey Business Forum Breakfast	Eumemmerring	Jo Prezioso 9904 7224
Dec 1	Focus Farm Field Day	Willowgrove	John Gallienne 0407 863 493
Dec 2	Agfutures: New market opportunities and diversification	Rokeby	Karen Thomas 9785 0103
Dec 4	Country Race Meet	Stony Creek	1300 139 402
Dec 5	Poowong Produce Swap	Poowong	Tammy Logan 5659 2308
Dec 8	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Dec 8	Women Making It Work Christmas Break-up	Cranbourne	0407 009 656
Dec 9	Focus Farm Field Day	Nar Nar Goon	John Gallienne 0407 863 493
Dec 11	Coal Creek Farmers' Market	Coal Creek	0459 629 000
Dec 12	Country Race Meet	LaTrobe Valley	1300 139 402
Dec 17	Country Race Meet	Moe	1300 139 402
Dec 20	Country Race Meet	Bairnsdale	1300 139 402
Dec 26	Country Race Meet	Drouin	1300 139 402
Dec 28	Country Race Meet	Stony Creek	1300 139 402
Jan 8-9	Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show	Wonthaggi	
Feb 12	Serenade at Sunset	Grantville	5671 2222

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