



# Gippy AGchat June 6, 2011 – Issue 44

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## **Gippy scores agribusiness double: June 30/July 1... Be there!**

A unique partnership between ABARES and Agribusiness Gippsland will bring together the ABARES Victorian Regional Outlook Conference for 2011 with the Victorian Agribusiness Summit at Lardner Park, Warragul on June 30 to July 1.

These two days will bring together some of the leading minds on agribusiness and food production. The latest information will be presented on issues such as the cost of a carbon tax to agribusiness, and future agribusiness policy influences.

The Victorian Agribusiness Summit to be held on July 1 will be opened by The Hon Peter Walsh, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security. Mick Keogh, Executive Director, the Australian Farm Institute will present information on the cost of a carbon tax to agri-food producers. Another noted speaker is Mike Taylor AO, who will speak about the future policy direction for the agri food sector. SEE FLYER ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL

**Download the program and registration form at [www.abares.gov.au/regional](http://www.abares.gov.au/regional)**

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**More? Bronwyn Debenham [mktstrat@sympac.com.au](mailto:mktstrat@sympac.com.au) or 0439 337 597**

## Combet headlines Morwell meet on low-carbon future

An invited audience of about 150 people at Kernot Hall, Morwell heard the Minister for Climate Change explain Government policy, the day after Canberra flagged its first serious consideration of a carbon tax.

The important day-long forum, staged with assistance from Latrobe City Council, was organised by Agribusiness Gippsland with RMIT University and the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council.

Peter Fairbrother of RMIT University facilitated the day-long event. John Parker of the CFMEU proposed that the Latrobe Valley could find itself stranded by the shift away from fossil fuels. "If you don't forward plan you're going to miss the boat," he warned. "Gippsland has certainties and resources; we just have to make sure we're in front of things.

"We expect all tiers of government to be standing alongside us while we make the transition," he told Mr Combet and other MPs as well as municipal leaders.

He recalled the devastation wrought on local workforce by the shift to privatisation "The chains went on the gates and the people were out of work. This time we want to do it differently."

Latrobe mayor Cr Darryl White noted that the Latrobe Valley "is due to be more affected by the low-carbon economy than any other part of Australia" and added: "It's fantastic to see regional leadership on this issue."

Fellow speaker MP Russell Northe added: "We cannot afford to lose any jobs as a result of the transition to a low-carbon economy." and detailed the government initiatives to help achieve this. "We need to identify the new jobs and we need to identify existing businesses that can expand," he said.

Mr Combet detailed the fact that Australia was lagging other developed nations in tackling carbon emissions and that a carbon tax had proven the best way to drive innovations.

"The carbon farming initiative might be the mechanism that allows farmers and other land use managers to earn income streams through their farming activities, if these credits comply with the Kyoto arrangement, those credits could be purchased by the power stations," he said. "It's an important economic opportunity generally, but especially for this region."

Agribusiness Gippsland chair Alex Arbuthnot raised concerns that farming, though initially exempt for a proposed carbon tax, would face onflow costs in fuel. He also noted that dairy processing, a heavily export-centric industry in Gippsland, did not have trade-exposed status protection pending. Mr Combet replied: "I know the circumstances of dairy farming and when we put forward the CPRS there was a package for the food processors, I am very mindful of the issue."

Other questioners included Andrew McEwan, formerly of South Gippsland Shire who suggested there would be greater take-up of carbon farming without the 100-year encumbrance on plantations. Mr Combet said it was an issue to be considered. Leongatha South dairy farmer Max Jelbart argued that a proportion of the carbon tax income must be used for R and D.

The afternoon sessions saw a wide-ranging speaker line-up covering successes in alternative technologies and improved operating systems. As one attendee commented: "Every time I went to leave, I thought I'd just hang around for the next speaker ... and then the next ... and then before I knew it, the day was finished!"

## Are you proud of your agribusiness?

It's Business of the Year time across some Gippsland municipalities – offering farms, agritourism enterprises, farm service companies and other agribusiness firms a chance to strut their stuff. If you are proud of your farm, your business, your community involvement, your commitment to environmental sustainability why not boast about it? Some awards even have prize money. Agribusiness Gippsland can help you prepare your nomination for free. We've done it for folk in the past and yes...one of them was a winner! If you need a hand, contact Sue on 0402 267 802 or [susanw@ptarmigan.com.au](mailto:susanw@ptarmigan.com.au)

- Casey: <http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/caseybusinessawards/article.asp?Item=20921>
- Mornington Peninsula: nominations open July
- Baw Baw: [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)
- East Gippsland Business Award: [www.eastgippslandbusinessawards.com.au](http://www.eastgippslandbusinessawards.com.au)
- Bendigo Bank Gippsland Business Awards, supported by the South Gippsland, Wellington, Latrobe and East Gippsland Shire Councils: [www.gba.org.au/](http://www.gba.org.au/)

## **Agritourism insights at Lakes Entrance**

About 30 people – many of them aspiring agritourism operators – gained insights into the sector at a forum run at Lakes Entrance. East Gippsland Shire and Agribusiness Gippsland organised the day which opened with a fascinating address by mayor Cr Dick Ellis detailing the development of his apple orchard and preserving company ... it was an eye-opener into the business of big-time retailing, especially amid current supermarket discounting.

Keynote speaker was the iconic Graham Payne of Paynes Hut. The premium B and B owner (and former chef at Omeo's legendary Blue Duck Inn) explained his background – moving from Warrandyte to the remote reaches of the Great Divide one hour north of Omeo.

([www.payneshut.com.au](http://www.payneshut.com.au)) He noted anomalies in insurance requirements that allow him to suggest, but not assist bushwalks for guests. He suggested promotion of a round-trip drive north from Melbourne, to Bright and Falls Creek and then back down the Omeo road and along the Gippsland coast.

Other speakers included Robyn Cooney from the Eastern Gippsland Food and Wine Network who discussed clusters and Paul Flint, shire Senior Strategic Planner who explained the varieties of planning zones and what you can – and can't do – in them.

A highlight was the number of people who came long distance to attend – hello to the Cann River mob of GippyAgchat readers!

The forum studied findings from a national study into agritourism 'hot-spots' and looked at the various winning tips. These included making use of farming change – for example, dairy farmers leaving the industry comprised a number of the new agritourism ventures. Successful individual businesses relied on similar ventures, either allied businesses or as clusters.

Festivals were cited as trip magnets – the Orange region of NSW – a very successful agritourism hot spot – stages four a year plus one in Sydney.

Successful regions all had strong people in charge and very strong council linkages.

Localised training was another plus-point as were single-factor food trails, such as the Tamar Valley wine route. Local foods endorsed by locals and sold locally were a strength, according to the report. One insight offered was to use visitor contacts to develop spin-off businesses.

An Orange B and B developed a premium meat supply business that delivered to former guests as far away as Sydney and Melbourne.

Challenges detailed in the report included the problem of distance – especially for organising groups. Securing labour was a common problem, invariably sourced through family or itinerant backpackers. Finding training to fit in with the farming/business calendar was another challenge, as was regulation especially concerning on-farm sales and public liability.

Signage rules had gaps and there was a feeling that the agritourism market might be immature. There was also a perceived lack of farmer confidence and difficulty accessing capital to develop ventures. Finally, the report noted the unpredictability of bushfires, cyclones and drought. PS: Special thanks to Phil Rickards of East Gippsland Shire for all his help.

## **Business responding to climate change**

The Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN) is holding a series of regional events. Rob Gell, noted climate specialist, will deliver a vision on climate change, the carbon tax and its impacts within south-east Australia. The workshops will be held:

- Tuesday, June 7 from 6pm at the East Gippsland Forestech, Lakes Entrance
- Tuesday, June 14 from 6pm at the Waratah Restaurant, GippsTAFE, Morwell.

**More? Scott Ferraro 0427 528 013 or [scott.ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:scott.ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au)**

## **Agripolitics for future farm leaders**

Agribusiness Gippsland is looking for young future farming leaders for a day seeing the business of government first-hand. The Speaker of the Victorian Parliament Ken Smith has offered to host a visit and, if timing allows, will seek to include a session with the Victorian Agriculture Minister Peter Walsh. We are organising a free bus and lunch for attendees and are now accepting names of young people (aged up to 40) involved in agriculture and agribusiness who would like get into the corridors of power.

**More? Email your contact details to [susanw@ptarmigan.com.au](mailto:susanw@ptarmigan.com.au)**

## **Our Courtney gets a twinkle in her toes**

Agribusiness Gippsland director Courtney Ferguson's will hit the dance floor for the Dancing with Our Stars fundraiser at Sale on August 20. All proceeds will go towards the 5 Star Project, providing independent living for young people with disabilities. Tickets are \$60, available from WorkHire Australia and Leo O'Brien Property. Finger food and BYO drinks.  
**More? WorkHire Australia 5144 7488**

## **Quantifying the benefits – or not – of higher education in ag**

Learn more=earn more? Correlating higher education with income levels and job satisfaction ... that's the research project that the University of Melbourne is undertaking with assistance from Agribusiness Gippsland in late June and mid July.

Four post-grads are investigating if ag, like other sectors, sees more income and job satisfaction among young agribusiness professionals (YAPs) taking post-secondary training.

The four researchers, from the University's School of Business and Management are international students undertaking the work as vacation placements. They are Shanshan Chen (Nicole), Gao Chen (Chen), Jing Lin (Janet) and Hujing Zhuang (Ruth).

Wonderful YAP Anna Langley from Inverloch came up with the research topic and has offered her family farmhouse to house the students for part of their visit. They have also been offered accommodation by the ECG at Warragul and on Ian McFee's farm at Rhyll, and we thank them for their generosity too.

Bass Coast Shire Council has offered hot-desk space for the women and we're looking for hot desk space in the Baw Baw/South Gippsland area for their work north of the hills.

They aim to conduct anonymous interviews on income correlated to levels of higher learning and also do face-to-face interviews with about 50 YAPs. The NCDEA and YDDP have been contacted and we'd like to bring in some YAPs from other sectors as well as allied businesses – agricultural finance, seed/fertiliser companies, consultants, ag engineering, vets etc...

Would you – or someone you know – like to be part of the study? Please email our deputy chair Dr Ras Lawson at [raslawson@dcsi.net.au](mailto:raslawson@dcsi.net.au). Thankyou.

## **Wellington announces agribusiness award winners**

Wellington recently announced its tourism awards and congratulations go to these agribusiness winners: Best B&B/self-contained/farm stay/backpackers – Shanti Relaxation Retreat and Best Winery – Blue Gables Winery.

## **Chance offered to have your say on rural land use**

Bass Coast residents are invited to have their say on how rural land is used within the Shire. Residents are encouraged to register their interest in providing views on the role of agricultural tourism, intensive agriculture, rural living and other land uses.

Those interested should register at <http://consult.basscoast.vic.gov.au> by June 10.

**More? Jeff Nottle 1300 226 278 or visit <http://consult.basscoast.vic.gov.au>**

## **Agricultural studies offered support through scholarships**

Scholarships are available for prospective students planning to study the farm business management or agribusiness programs at Marcus Oldham College in 2012. The scholarships range from \$5000 to \$35,000 in a variety of different fields. The college – a long-time supporter of Agribusiness Gippsland – will hold its open day on Sunday, August 14 from 10am to 3pm at Pigdons Road, Waurin Ponds, Geelong.

**More? Student Services Officer 1800 623 500 or [courses@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au](mailto:courses@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au) or visit [www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au](http://www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au)**

## **Tourism product audit reveals potential for tourism**

Latrobe City Council has adopted the tourism product audit and review which found that the sector had huge potential outside traditional areas of attractions, specifically to attract business tourism and by hosting large regional events.

**More? Latrobe City Council 1300 367 700 or visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)**

## Community to converse about a low-carbon future

The Latrobe Valley community has the opportunity to discuss the transition to a low carbon future with special guest speaker, Professor Ross Garnaut and a panel including:

- Richard Elkington (Regional Development Australia)
- Charlie Speirs (Clean Coal Victoria)
- John Parker (Gippsland Trades and Labour Council)
- Professor Mark Sandeman (Monash University Gippsland).

ABC Gippsland's Gerard Callinan will host the event, on June 15 from 6-7.30pm in Building 5N104 Monash University Gippsland Northways Road, Churchill. RSVP by Friday June 10 as places are limited to 200.

**More? Merilyn Heritage 5122 6163 or [merilyn.heritage@monash.edu](mailto:merilyn.heritage@monash.edu)**

## Study offers help investigating lamb and kid deaths

The DPI lamb and kid mortality surveillance project seeks to determine causes of death in animals. Until June 2012 it provides for a free post-mortem examination and a written report.

**More? DPI 136 186**

## It's the pits!

Southern Farming Systems and the Department of Primary industries present a soil health and nutrition for cropping field day on Tuesday, June 14 from 11am at Kane Stewart's field, Princess Hwy, Bairnsdale. The field day features free lunch and will cover:

- a soil pit discussion with DPI soil health expert Tim Johnston
- a soil and crop nutrition presentation by Lee Menhenett from Pivot, Australia.

We will also have a crop walk on the Stewart's farm discussing current issues.

**More? Shayne Mathews 0467 730 909 or Nikki Hellyer 0421 813 647**

## Business Awards open

The GSI East Gippsland Business Awards 2011, brought to you by the East Gippsland Regional Business and Tourism Association, were launched this week in Bairnsdale.

The business awards are open to all businesses in East Gippsland and recognise business and business people in East Gippsland and their contribution to the region.

There is a category dedicated to agribusiness that recognises progression, determination, teamwork, resilience and sustainability in the industry.

Winners will be announced on the October 7 at a gala presentation and dinner.

Businesses are encouraged to nominate now as entries close August 1.

**More? Visit [www.eastgippslandbusinessawards.com.au](http://www.eastgippslandbusinessawards.com.au)**

## Make it Meeniyen ...

Meeniyen Motel provides comfortable and affordable accommodation close to the Prom. It's a great place to stay for old-fashioned country hospitality. Recently refurbished, the motel has earned a reputation for friendliness and modern amenities. Meeniyen Motel is suitable for business and leisure travellers, with free wireless internet in all rooms. Choose from standard, twin, family and spa suites. All rooms feature ensuite and air-conditioning. The motel features saltwater swimming pool, BBQ and ample parking and is located at 119 Whitelaw St, Meeniyen. Phone 5664 0030 or visit [www.meeniyenmotel.com.au](http://www.meeniyenmotel.com.au). Online booking is available. **Meeniyen Motel is a sponsor of Agribusiness Gippsland**



## Young professionals meet again

The South Gippsland Agribusiness Professionals will hold its next meeting on July 13 at Manna Gum Restaurant, Inverloch. All welcome.

**More? James Clark 0427 344 356 or [sgap@live.com.au](mailto:sgap@live.com.au)**

## Special deal for vineyard promotion

The RACV website is extending its coverage of cellar door vineyards and is looking to Gippsland. Sara Schwarz is the person organising the project, part of the RACV's 'Show your card' scheme enticing visitors to visit and buy. A listing on the site, which attracts 35,000 visitors a month, costs \$480/year but, as a special deal for GippyAgchat readers that deal will be for 15 months. Mention GippyAgchat when you speak to Sara.

**More? Sara 0424 379 996 or [sara@visitvineyards.com](mailto:sara@visitvineyards.com)**

## Awards dinner for Bass Coast

The Bass Coast Business Awards night will be held on Friday, July 8 at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club where the 2011 SuperPages Bass Coast Business and People's Choice Awards will be presented. Tickets are \$40 per person and include canapés followed by a two course dinner and entertainment from 'Big Al'.

**More? Margaret Murray 1300 226 278 or email [m.murray@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:m.murray@basscoast.vic.gov.au)**

## Mouse bait warning for householders

The Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is warning householders to take care when using mouse bait to help prevent the poisoning of pets. Under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992 it is illegal to ignore prohibitive label statements such as 'DO NOT' statements.

## Find funding

Wellington Shire Council is running workshops to assist people in finding funding at:

- Wednesday, June 22 at Maffra Hall, 1-2:30pm
- Wednesday, June 29 at Sale, Wellington Room, 7-8.30pm
- Tuesday, July 5 at Yarram, Pelican Room, -2.30pm
- Tuesday, July 5 at Yarram, Pelican Room, 7-8.30pm
- Wednesday, September 28 at Maffra Hall, 7-8.30pm

**More? Darren Randle 1300 366 244 or [cwadmin@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:cwadmin@wellington.vic.gov.au)**

## East Gippsland farmers should claim locust rebate

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is urging eligible landholders in East Gippsland to claim the locust insecticide rebate before next month's deadline. DPI response manager Rob Walker said landholders who had sprayed hoppers on their properties over recent months should submit a claim to DPI before the deadline of June 30. Rebate claim forms are available at [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts).

**More? Locust Hotline 1300 135 559**

## Get on course for good breeding

The National Centre for Dairy Education Australia is offering courses on 'Breeding dairy cows', using the latest industry research and information and applying it on-farm.

The course covers a range of topics including: genetic improvement, heat detection, breeding objectives, submission rates, selecting bulls, conception rates, genomics, bull power, herd performance, heifer management, sexed semen, transition programs, breeding plans and reproductive health. The next course commences on June 8 in Terang.

**More? NCDEA 1300 0 62332 or [rdickson@ncdea.edu.au](mailto:rdickson@ncdea.edu.au)**

## Environment Voice committed to making a difference

Baw Baw Shire Council's environment advisory group, Environment Voice has adopted its terms of reference. The 12 member group represents a cross-section of the local community.

**More? Visit [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)**

## Local food gets on the discussion menu

The South Gippsland Local Food Network is holding an afternoon forum to share and discuss local food opportunities. A special presentation will introduce a discussion of small acreages and maximising production followed by Network news and discussion.

The forum will be held on June 26 from 2-4pm at Coal Creek, Korumburra.

**More? Chris Hamilton 5662 9314 or [christineh@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:christineh@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)**

## Improved sustainability practices supported with new award

The Australia Fodder Industry Association has announced a new annual sustainability award for rural businesses that demonstrate leadership and innovation. The Plasback Sustainability Award offers \$5000 in prizes and rewards business showing improved management practices in areas such as farm production, harvesting and distribution of agricultural products (including retail). Entries close June 30.

**More? Visit [www.afia.org.au](http://www.afia.org.au) or [www.plasback.com.au](http://www.plasback.com.au)**

## Ag on the rise: big issues discussed at 2011 VFF Conference

The 2011 Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Conference, will be held from June 23-24 at the Mecure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre.

With the theme Ag on the Rise: Negotiating your way back to big rewards, this year's Conference helps farmers tackle some of agriculture's biggest issues.

Leading politicians including the Premier Ted Baillieu, Agriculture Minister Peter Walsh, Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture Dr Mike Kelly and Federal Shadow Minister for Climate Action Greg Hunt will provide the latest from Spring Street and Canberra.

Pre-eminent speakers such as Robert Hadler from Coles, Michael Harvey from Rabobank and Dr Harvey Stern from the Bureau of Meteorology discuss the big issues, while innovators from booming farm businesses will show farmers how to add value to their operations.

**More? VFF 1300 882 833 or visit <http://vff.org.au/>**

## Calf care guide coming soon

Dairy Australia is releasing a new guide for farmers that provides clear, practical advice on all aspects of caring for calves from pre-calving through to weaning. 'Healthy Calves –how to rear calves that thrive' will be distributed to all dairy farmers and industry advisors, and will also be available online through the Dairy Australia website from late June.

**More? Kathryn Davis 9694 3723**

## Project to help soils get healthier

Macalister Demonstration Farm, Bass Coast Landcare Network and Southern Farming Systems have successfully obtained funding from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) to undertake three-year soil trials as part of the Healthy Soils, Sustainable Farms - Building soil carbon and managing pH in West Gippsland project. The trials will look at the effects of various management regimes on carbon, pH and productivity and the effect of pH on microbial populations and fertiliser requirements.

**More? Tony Gardner 1300 094 262 or visit [www.wgcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au)**

## Council urges flood affected to apply for disaster relief

Baw Baw Shire Council is reminding residents of the Damage to House and Contents Gift available to households affected in the January and February floods. The Victorian Floods Disaster Relief Fund is offering assistance to residents in two stages. Stage one is an initial payment of \$1000 to assist with immediate costs facing households with significant damage. Stage two is a further payment as a contribution to assist with the replacement of household contents and the repair and restoration of homes that have been more severely damaged. Applications close July 1.

**More? Disaster Relief Fund 1800 180 213 or visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/floodsappeal](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/floodsappeal)**

## Vary soil testing with new crops

Farmers switching to lucerne and other deep-rooted crops should also vary their soil testing habits, according to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

DPI soils project officer Shari McConachy said samples will need to be taken at different depths to check suitability for deep-rooted crops. She also recommended that a standard 10cm soil test should be made up of at least 25 soil cores taken from an individual paddock to make up a suitable sample for a soil test.

Another DPI soils expert Tim Johnston stressed the need to avoid acidifying soils by maintaining applications of lime. Mr Johnston said nitrate leaching was the main cause of acidification but this could be reduced by matching fertiliser to plant demand.

[More? DPI 136 186](#)

## Nuffield scholarship a life-changing opportunity

Primary producers with a passion for the future of their industry can apply for a Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship. Scholarships are for primary producers aged 28 to 40 years, although applications outside this range may be considered.

Each scholarship is valued at \$29,000, sponsored by major agribusiness and industry groups across Australia. All scholars take part in a six-week global focus program, with up to 10 weeks of individual travel to investigate a topic of their choice.

The aim is to improve Australian primary producers' skills, provide a global perspective of agriculture and bring back new ideas and strategies to benefit scholars and their industries. Applications for 2012 scholarships close on June 30.

[More? Jim Geltch 5480 0755 or enquiries@nuffield.com.au or visit \[www.nuffield.com.au\]\(http://www.nuffield.com.au\)](#)

## Inverloch residents use rubbish for research

Bass Coast Shire Council and the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group last week launched a trial to divert household organics from landfill using five different household composting systems. As many as 75 Inverloch households will participate in the trial, with 15 households trialling each system. The trial will gather information about the ease of use of each system and also conduct waste audits.

[More? Bass Coast Shire Council 1300 226 278 or \[basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au\]\(mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au\)](#)

## Understand your soil

A Gippsland Plains drought tolerant pastures and Healthy Soils field day will be held on Thursday June 9 to look at soil health – understanding your soil.

The field day will be held at two sites: site 1 – Morning tea at Wight's Woolshed, 645 Beach Rd, Woodside, and site 2 – Maurie Hughes, "Tremayne", Beach Rd, Woodside.

The day features guest presenters:

- Lisa Warn – Agronomist, Mackinnon Project
- Nick Dudley – WGCMA Regional Landcare Facilitator
- Heather Adams – DPI Soils Extension Officer

Please RSVP by Monday June 6 for catering purposes.

[More? Samantha Monks 5175 7895 or \[samantham@wgcm.vic.gov.au\]\(mailto:samantham@wgcm.vic.gov.au\)](#)

## Drought assistance still available

Property owners may be entitled to \$5500 worth of free professional advice, through Professional Advice and Planning Grants, as a result of farming in a Drought Exceptional Circumstances-declared area. The EC provision has been extended to April 30 for Central and East Gippsland. Applications for the funding must be made before June 12. Eligibility is not affected by the level of farm income or off-farm income.

[More? Drought Assistance Hotline 13 23 16 or visit \[http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculturefood/drought/ec/victoria/central\\\_east\\\_gippsland\]\(http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculturefood/drought/ec/victoria/central\_east\_gippsland\)](#)

## Learn to lead

Enrolments for the Traralgon Regional Leadership Series, presented by Gippsland TAFE and the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI), are now open.

The series will run as eight sessions from May to early December:

- June 9 – The Totally intelligent leader (emotional intelligence)
- July 7 – Strategic leadership
- August – 11 Creativity and Change
- September 8 – Problem Solving
- October 13 – Aligning Strategy and Culture to Drive Performance
- November 10 – Sustained Success and Succession
- December 8 – Review and Action Learning

The series will be held at the Century Inn, 5 Airfield Road, Traralgon. Each session runs from 7-10am and includes a fully-catered breakfast. Cost: \$1895/participant

[More? Kelvin Slade 5622 8526 kelvins@gippstafe.edu.au](mailto:kelvins@gippstafe.edu.au) or visit [www.regionalleadership.ahri.com.au/](http://www.regionalleadership.ahri.com.au/)

## Taking planning to a whole new level

The East Gippsland Landcare Network is offering whole-farm planning courses. The next course is scheduled for June 27 at the DSE Orbost offices from 9am-3pm. This event is free to Landcare members, \$25 for non members and includes an aerial photograph of your property as well as lunch and refreshments. A \$50 deposit is required when enrolling, and will be returned to participants on the day. RSVP by June 17.

[More? Stu Clarke 0458 202 567](mailto:stuclarke@y7mail.com.au) or [stuclarke@y7mail.com.au](mailto:stuclarke@y7mail.com.au)

## Learn to live sustainably

Phillip Island Landcare presents a festival celebrating sustainability on Saturday June 18 from 10am-3pm at the Cowes Cultural Centre, corner of Thompson Avenue and Church Street.

The day features information on gardening, composting, recycling, reusing products, renewable energy and local food. Entry by gold coin donation.

[More? Lisa Wangman 0409 366 914](mailto:l.wangman@basscoast.vic.gov.au) or [l.wangman@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:l.wangman@basscoast.vic.gov.au)

## Meet, chat, change

The next meeting of the Gippsland Climate Change Network Inc. will be held on June 6 from 10am-1pm, DSE, Hotham St, Traralgon. All welcome.

[More? Scott Ferraro 5173 9800](mailto:Scott.Ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au) or [Scott.Ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:Scott.Ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au)

## Join a wisdom exchange in Dairy Sage

Applications are now open for mentors and mentees in the personal and professional development DairySage Mentoring program running in Traralgon on June 14-15.

The program establishes new mentoring partnerships over a two-day training workshop which includes some group training, speed networking and a dairy industry dinner. The training covers topics on goal setting, working with others, understanding behavioural styles and mentoring. Following the training days, mentor and mentee commit to a mentoring partnership for a minimum six months. Participation is free due to funding provided by the Gardiner Foundation and includes training, meals and overnight accommodation.

[More? Karen Baum 0417 398 978](mailto:karen.baum@dcsi.net.au) or [pembroke@dcsi.net.au](mailto:pembroke@dcsi.net.au) or visit [www.westvicdairy.com.au](http://www.westvicdairy.com.au)

## Dairy Australia website gets new look

Dairy Australia has revamped its website. After consulting with farmers and industry participants, the new-look website has been launched at [www.dairyaustralia.com.au](http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au).

## 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 July 3. An annual registration fee of \$5 covers advertising and workshop costs.

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

## Swap your excess produce in Yarragon

The Yarragon Produce Swap is at 2.30pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Loch Street. The next swaps will be held on June 15 and July 6.

**More? Tom Nevell 5633 3245 or [tomn\\_123@hotmail.com](mailto:tomn_123@hotmail.com)**

## Are you thinking of volunteering?

All are welcome to find out more about volunteering opportunities in the Baw Baw Shire at a volunteer expo on Tuesday, June 7 from 10am-6pm at the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Art Centre, Civic Place, Warragul.

**More? Yvonne Magyar 5625 0231 or [agyar.magyar@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:agyar.magyar@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)**

## Master skills in day-long sessions

GippsTAFE's Professional Development Series is designed to provide Gippsland business, government and not-for-profit organisations with effective single-day master classes for high need skill areas. Classes include:

- Productivity 'Lean Leadership' – June 8
- Excellent Customer Service Culture – June 22
- Project Management Fundamentals – July 6
- Manage Operational Plans – July 20
- Make Conflict Productive – August 3
- Leading Teams – August 17
- Creating High Performance People – August 31
- Recruitment, Selection and Induction – September 14
- IT for non-IT Managers – September 28
- Manage Budgets and Financial Plans – October 12
- Ensure a Safe Workplace – October 26
- Finance for non-Finance Managers – November 9
- Creating High Performance People – November 23
- Strategic Planning and Foresight – December 7

**More? Kelvin Slade 5622 or [kelvins@gippstafe.edu.au](mailto:kelvins@gippstafe.edu.au)**

## Get your new business gets off to a sound start

A workshop on starting a business will cover topics including how to assess the idea viability, identifying optimal business structure, financial considerations, pointers and tips on preparing a business plan, resources are available to assist and support new business operators and more. A voucher for one free mentoring session is provided for participants. The workshop costs \$30 and will be held on July 12 from 9am to 12.30pm at the Leongatha RSL.

**More? Alycia Stivic 5662 9271 or [alycias@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:alycias@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)**

## Listen to a breakfast presentation that really rocks!

Bass Coast South Gippsland Business Alliance is holding a "Business by Breakfast" with guest speaker rock star marketer Paul McCarthy. The breakfast will be held on Wednesday, June 22 from 7-9am at the Wildflower Café, 129 Nerrena Road, Leongatha (GippsTafe). The cost is \$30 and includes breakfast.

**More? 0428 746 207 or [pacoles@bigpond.com](mailto:pacoles@bigpond.com)**

## Understand your financial statements

Learn how to read and use financial statements to make sound business decisions based on fact at a seminar at Suite 7/61 Smith Street, Warragul from 6-8pm on June 21. The cost of attendance is \$20. Refreshments provided.

**More? Visit [www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops) (ID: 5429)**

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## Giving people something to wine about

The Winter Wine Weekend exhibition of Mornington Peninsula wines brings 30 wineries under cover with wine seminars, local food produce and music. The exhibition will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 11am-4pm at the Red Hill Showgrounds.

**More? Cheryl Lee 5989 2377**

## Community markets open to all

The Yarragon community craft and produce market is held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9am-2pm at the Yarragon Public Hall. The next market is on Saturday, June 25.

**More? Allison Butterworth 5634 2209**

The Gippsland Heritage Park Market is held on the last Saturday of the month from 10am-2pm at Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe. The next market is on Saturday, June 25.

**More? 5127 3082**

The Drouin Craft and Produce Market is held on the third Saturday of month from 8am-12.30pm at Drouin Civic Park. The next market is on Saturday, June 18.

**More? Bill Petschack 5625 3360**

The Emerald Community Craft and Produce Market is held on the third Sunday of the month from 9am-3pm. The next market is on Sunday, June 19.

**More? Non Blair 0419 345 750 or [blairnd@bigpond.com](mailto:blairnd@bigpond.com)**

The Heyfield community market is held on the first Saturday of each month from 8am-12.30pm at the Dr John Graves Memorial Park in Temple Street. The next market is July 2.

**More? Heather Cahill 5148 2780 or [hjcahill@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hjcahill@bigpond.net.au)**

Sale Farmer's Market is held on the third Saturday of each month from 8am-12pm at Skate Park lawns, Foster St, Sale. The next market is Saturday, June 18.

**More? Mark Watson 0408 057 772 or [squirtmark@bigpond.com](mailto:squirtmark@bigpond.com)**

The Stratford Community Market is being held 9am-1pm, June 26, Apex Park, Stratford.

**More? Mark Watson 0408 057 772 or [squirtmark@bigpond.com](mailto:squirtmark@bigpond.com)**

## Aquatic ecosystem recognised

The Federal Government has recognised the Lower Snowy and Brodribb river systems as an aquatic ecosystem of high ecological value. On Tuesday, June 21, Far East Victoria Landcare will bring together the key service providers involved in managing and protecting the river systems to provide information to community members. This free event begins with a BBQ lunch at 12pm at Forest Park followed by a site visit to Lake Wat Wat. RSVP by June 17.

**More? Stu Clarke 0458 202 567 or [stuclarke@y7mail.com.au](mailto:stuclarke@y7mail.com.au)**

## Trout and salmon closed season begins June 13

The annual closed season for trout and salmon fishing begins at midnight on Monday June 13 and will run until September 2. During this period anglers are not permitted to take or possess trout or salmon in rivers and streams throughout Victoria, with the exception of waters classed as sea-run trout rivers. Anglers who target fish in these waters risk prosecution and significant fines. If you suspect illegal fishing activity, call the fisheries offence reporting line on 133 474.

**More? DPI Customer Service Centre 136186 or visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing)**

## Get greener, save money and tap into new markets

This seminar offers an alternative mode of viewing business, saving money and the environment and offers better solutions to a growing market of environmentally aware customers. The seminar provides an understanding of energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction and more. The workshop costs \$20 and will be held on August 16 from 9.30-11.30am at the RSL Gold Room, Leongatha.

**More? Alycia Stivic 5662 9271 or [alycias@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:alycias@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)**

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

Meetings this month are:

- June 5: Sale
- June 11: Sale

Meetings next month are:

- July 16: Moe
- July 17: Sale
- July 23: Bairnsdale
- July 31: Sale

**More? Call 1300 139 402 or visit [www.countryracing.com.au](http://www.countryracing.com.au)**

## Dairy Australia subsidy reduces cost of short courses

The National Centre for Dairy Education Australia/GOTAFE has reduced the cost of short courses at both Diploma and Advanced Diploma levels across Victoria.

For programs commencing prior to June 30 an additional subsidy of \$125 per course from Dairy Australia means the cost of each of courses is reduced to around \$300 per person.

The courses, designed with significant industry input, cover a range of topics including: pasture management, breeding and reproduction, managing people, financial management, contingency planning/risk management, making decisions about your farm system, enhancing farm business performance, business structures and succession planning, leadership development, and whole farm planning.

**More? NCDEA Customer Service Centre 08 9525 9222**

## Cardinia moves to develop fishing policy

Cardinia Shire Council is developing a policy on recreational fishing. Council currently permits fishing in Emerald Lake Park and Garfield Recreation Reserve dam. The policy will assess further suitable locations for fishing and provide direction on the suitability of fishing in waterways in residential areas, such as at Lakeside at Pakenham and Cardinia Lakes.

**More? Cardinia Council 1300 787 624**

## Imports no eco-vandal: study

Importing vegetables and fruit is a minor player in greenhouse gas emissions, according to a new US study. Scientists from the University of California studied a food-rich area of Santa Barbara and found that imports of foods from as far away as NZ did not add greatly to the greenhouse gas problems. The study, published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*, looked at fruit and vegetable production and found more than 99% of the produce was exported, and 95% of food in the county was imported. The researchers concluded that even if all produce grown in the county remained local, the lowering of greenhouse gases would be less than 1%.

## Swap your excess produce in Trafalgar

The Trafalgar Produce Swap meets second Saturday of each month from 9-11am at St Mary's Anglican Church, corner Contingent St and Church St, Trafalgar. Bring along anything you have on hand to share and or swap – flowers, seedlings, cuttings, vegies, fruit, preserves, jams, chutney or anything made from your garden. The next produce swap is June 11.

[More? Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304](#)

## How's that?

Join the City of Casey, Melbourne Football Club and Monash University presenting Max Walker as keynote speaker at the Casey Business Breakfast on Wednesday, June 15 from 6.45-8.30am at the Lynbrook Hotel, 550 South Gippsland Highway, Lynbrook.

The cost is \$35 per person. To register, please visit <http://www.trybooking.com/PJF>

[More? City of Casey 9705 5200](#)

## 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](mailto:susanw@ptarmigan.com.au) or via

[www.aginc.wordpress.com](http://www.aginc.wordpress.com)

## Do you grow, raise, catch, forage or make food?

The Victorian Farmers Market Association (VFMA) is holding a free workshop for producers interested in becoming stallholders at farmers' markets on Friday, July 8 from 10am – 2.30pm in Leongatha Memorial Hall, Meeting Room 1, Leongatha.

[More? VFMA 9416 2090](#)

## Free flood planning workshops offered in Casey

The Victorian State Emergency Service (SES) in partnership with the City of Casey, Country Fire Authority (CFA), Red Cross and a number of other service organisations is conducting free flood emergency planning and information workshops. The three-hour events include: recovery information, flood behaviour, personal safety and survival, house preparation, issues to consider when planning and developing a home emergency plan. Bookings are essential. The next workshops will be held June 9 from 6-9pm, Balla Balla Centre, Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East.

[More? City of Casey 9705 5200](#)

## Agricultural census coming soon

June sees the Bureau of Statistics again collecting data for the agricultural census. A total of 170,000 agricultural businesses throughout Australia will have 14 days to fill in the form and get it back to ABS in a reply-paid envelope. Preliminary data are expected to be published before the end of 2011. All information is kept strictly confidential.

## We LOVE this advertisement ...

Seen in last week's Warragul Gazette.... DAIRY FARM POSITION

"Do you love getting out of a nice warm bed before dawn? Do you love to trudge around in the pouring rain, hail and snow in gumboots? Do you love that 'I'm so tired' feeling at the end of the day that it brings a smile to your face? Are you honest, reliable, trustworthy, punctual, have a great sense of humour and don't expect to be paid \$2000 per week or only work 7.5 hr a day 5 days a week? Then you may be the person we have been searching for. For more details email [wandanahills@hotmail.com](mailto:wandanahills@hotmail.com)."



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## **JOBS: A free feature in GippyAGchat**

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](mailto: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.

### **WORK OFFERED:**

#### **Work available for agronomist**

Browns Fertilisers are seeking an agronomist- trainee or experienced, for their Leongatha office, to provide agronomic services to existing and new clients of the branch, and achieve allocated sales and earnings objectives.

Major duties include:

- Development of professional relationships with a group of existing customers
- Targeting new clients through the provision of sales and agronomic input for the promotion of Browns products and services
- Provision of agronomic information to all customers
- Product sales in line with sales and earnings objectives
- Assistance in the successful running of field days and farmer meetings and conduct trial work for product development in partnership with key suppliers.

Key requirements to be successful in this role include:

- proficient in software applications
- an ability to work autonomously including problem solving and decision making skills
- a strong customer focus in all aspects of your work
- highly developed communication skills
- Degree/diploma in agricultural science or related field
- An understanding of the products, seasonal timing and general requirements of rural producers within the area.

Salary package to be commensurate with experience, but all applications encouraged- either as a new entrant to the industry position or as an experienced person.

**More? Human Resource Department 5662 4146 or [hr@impactfert.com.au](mailto:hr@impactfert.com.au)**

### **WORK SOUGHT:**

#### **Need the skills of an IT or accounting graduate?**

Organisations are being sought to host international students for a 12-week internship as part of Swinburne College's Professional Year Programs in Accounting and Computer Science.

The program is aimed at former international students who have a bachelor or master degree in accounting or information technology from a recognised Australian institution.

The Skilled Migration Internship Program: Accounting has been developed in conjunction with CPA Australia, the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the National Institute of Accountants. Internships are unpaid and there is no financial cost to the host organisation.

**More? Leo Slattery 9214 8080 or [Itslattery@swin.edu.au](mailto:Itslattery@swin.edu.au) or visit**

**<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/college/professional-year-programs/host-companies.html>**

#### **Fire management planning**

Consultant available to prepare sustainable fire management plans for your property or small reserve.

**More? Helen Bull 0400 310 188 or [h.bull@bigpond.com](mailto:h.bull@bigpond.com)**

### Need staff?

Try 12 or six months of cost-effective undergraduate recruits from accounting, sciences, marketing, HR and PR/comms/media. Candidates available for paid full-time or half-time placements.

**More? Annette: [Issibl@swin.edu.au](mailto:Issibl@swin.edu.au) or ph: 9214 8753 or Karen: [kpomeranz@swin.edu.au](mailto:kpomeranz@swin.edu.au) or ph: 9215 7136**

### 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](mailto:gregorynlewis@southernphone.com.au)**

## The most important item in this entire e-newsletter

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**More? 9456 9791, <http://agribusinessgippsland.com.au> or [www.aginc.wordpress.com](http://www.aginc.wordpress.com)**

## Hunting in AGInc hyperspace

Recent top searches on our blogsite ([www.aginc.wordpress.com](http://www.aginc.wordpress.com)) are: willow greenhouse, megan asling, Victorian agribusiness summit 2011, gippy pic, abares victorian conference 2011, aginc.

## Anyone we've forgotten?

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## Gippy Diary

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Jun 7	Volunteer expo	Warragul	Yvonne Magyar 5625 0231
Jun 14	Business Responding to Climate Change	Lakes Entrance	Scott Ferraro 5173 9800
Jun 8	Professional Development Series – Productivity 'Lean Leadership'	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Jun 9	Agfutures- climate variability	Inverloch	Roslyn Jenzen 5951 3317
Jun 9	Flood Recovery and Emergency Planning Workshop	Cranbourne East	City of Casey on 9705 5200
Jun 9	Gippsland Plains drought tolerant pastures and healthy soil field day	Woodside	Samantha Monks 5175 7895
Jun 10-13	Loch Food and Wine Festival	Loch Village	5659 4215
Jun 11	Rokeby Community Market	Rokeby	Rhianna 5626 8523
Jun 11	Trafalgar Produce Swap	Trafalgar	Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304
Jun 11	Winter Wine Weekend exhibition	Red Hill	Cheryl Lee 5989 2377
Jun 11	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Jun 14	Soil Pit Field Day	Bairnsdale	Shayne Mathews 0467 730 909
Jun 14	Business Responding to Climate Change	Morwell	Scott Ferraro 5173 9800
Jun 15	Yarragon Produce Swap	Yarragon	Tom Nevell 5633 3245
Jun 15	City of Casey Business Breakfast	Lynbrook	City of Casey 03 9705 5200
Jun 15	Community Conversation about a Low Carbon Future	Churchill	Merilyn Heritage 5122 6163

Jun 18	Drouin Community Market	Drouin	Bill Petschack 5625 3360
Jun 18	Sale Variety and Farmer's Market	Sale	Mark Watson 0408 057 772
Jun 18	Sustainable Living Festival	Cowes	Lisa Wangman 0409 366 914
Jun 19	Emerald Community Market	Emerald	Non Blair 0419 345 750
Jun 21	Understanding financial statements seminar	Warragul	www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops
Jun 21	Lower Snowy and Brodribb river systems	Lake Wat Wat	Stu Clarke 0458 202 567
Jun 22	Business by breakfast	Leongatha	0428 746 207
Jun 22	Agfutures- land capability and diversification	Inverloch	Roslyn Jenzen 5951 3317
Jun 22	Professional Development Series – Excellent Customer Service Culture	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Jun 22	Finding Funding Workshop	Maffra	Darren Randle 1300 366 244
Jun 23-24	VFF Annual General Meeting and Conference	Ballarat	VFF 1300 882 833
Jun 24	Powerline Bushfire Safety Taskforce – Community Consultation Meeting	Bairnsdale	Gabriela Listro 03 9203 9788
Jun 25	Yarragon Community Craft and Produce Market	Yarragon	Allison Butterworth 5634 2209
Jun 25	Gippsland Heritage Park Market	Moe	5127 3082
Jun 26	South Gippsland Local Food Network forum	Korumburra	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
June 26	Stratford Variety and Farmers Market	Stratford	Mark Watson 0408 057 772
Jun 27	Whole-farm planning course	Orbost	Stu Clarke 0458 202 567
Jun 29	Finding Funding Workshop	Wellington	Darren Randle 1300 366 244
Jun 30	Lean to Green Program- Session Three	Dandenong	Angela Petty 02 6163 7208
Jul 2	Heyfield Community Market	Heyfield	Heather Cahill 5148 2780
Jul 3	Poowong Produce Swap	Poowong	Tammy Logan 5659 2308
Jul 5	Finding Funding Workshop	Yarram	Darren Randle 1300 366 244
Jul 6	Professional Development Series – Project Management Fundamentals	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Jul 6	Yarragon Produce Swap	Yarragon	Tom Nevell 5633 3245
Jul 7	Agfutures- value adding and marketing	Inverloch	Roslyn Jenzen 5951 3317
Jul 8	Bass Coast Business Awards night	Wonthaggi	Margaret Murray 1300 226 278
Jul 8	Victorian Farmers Market Association	Leongatha	VFMA 9416 2090
Jul 12	New Business Seminar	Leongatha	Alycia Stivic 5662 9271
Jul 13	South Gippsland Agribusiness Professionals meeting	Inverloch	James Clark 0427 344 356
Jul 16	Drouin Community Market	Drouin	Bill Petschack 5625 3360
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Produce Market			
Jul 31	Planet Ark's National Tree Day		Tree Day Hotline 1300 88 5000
Jul 31	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Aug 1-2	Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference	Wellington, NZ	Elizabeth Edmonds 0413 439 573
Aug 3	Professional Development Series – Make Conflict Productive	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Aug 3	Yarragon Produce Swap	Yarragon	Tom Nevell 5633 3245
Aug 6	Heyfield Community Market	Heyfield	Heather Cahill 5148 2780
Aug 7	Poowong Produce Swap	Poowong	Tammy Logan 5659 2308
Aug 14	Marcus Oldham College Open Day	Geelong	1800 623 500
Aug 16	Environmental business seminar	Leongatha	Alycia Stivic 5662 9271
Aug 20	Dancing with Our Stars	Sale	WorkHire Australia 5144 7488
Sep 14	Professional Development Series – Recruitment, Selection and Induction	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Sep 28	Professional Development Series – IT for non-IT Managers	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Sept 28	Finding Funding Workshop	Maffra	Darren Randle 1300 366 244
Oct 7	GSI East Gippsland Business Awards 2011		
Oct 12	Manage Budgets and Financial Plans	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Oct 26	Ensure a Safe Workplace	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
Nov 9	Finance for non-Finance Managers	Warragul	Kelvin Slade 5622 8526
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