



# Gippy AGchat August 8, 2011 – Issue 47

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## Our partners (and we thank them):



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## Vale Tim Johnson

Like so many, we extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Wellington Shire CEO Tim Johnson. He brought clarity and purpose to his municipality and set an example for the region. His loss is great, but his legacy will be greater.

## Sign-up and win!

This edition is going to 4785 recipients. The last edition – only three weeks ago – went to 4316 people. Can we make 5000 by the next edition? A bottle of something Gippsland-ish (and no... not milk) for the 5000th sign-up. Send your email address to [ptarmigan1@internode.on.net](mailto:ptarmigan1@internode.on.net). Ta

## New Gippsland study into greenhouse gas

Agribusiness Gippsland will be working with researchers from DPI Ellinbank and the University of Melbourne to measure greenhouse gas emissions from intensively grazed pasture. Last week we received news that we, along with the wonderful Dr Deb Turner of University of Melbourne and Associate Professor Richard Eckard, had snared a bit of money from the University of Melbourne to piggyback on existing research using the Ellinbank dairy herd. The research collaboration grant will fund will measure the amount of ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) released into the air from fertilised paddocks used for grazing dairy cows. Why is this important? Deb explains: "Current methods for calculating and NH<sub>3</sub> loss from dairy cattle in Australia are based on European data. There is an important need to develop locally-applicable methods based on data collected on Australian dairy farms. Farmers could get paid for reductions in NH<sub>3</sub> losses through the carbon farming initiative," she added. NH<sub>3</sub> emission measurements will be made at DPI Ellinbank in the autumn and spring 2012. We will be organising workshops with farmers after the field trials to deliver the findings.

## Additional flood relief for primary producers

Local primary producers who suffered extreme damage in the February floods can apply for exceptional flood assistance loans and grant package worth up to \$650,000. Applicants must show that the initial concessional loans and grant assistance available under the flood recovery program have been insufficient for their recovery needs. Applications must be lodged by August 31 for the initial \$25,000 grant and \$200,000 concessional loans. The closing date for applications for exceptional flood assistance loans and grant is December 31. [More? Rural Finance Corporation 5448 2600 or visit www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au)

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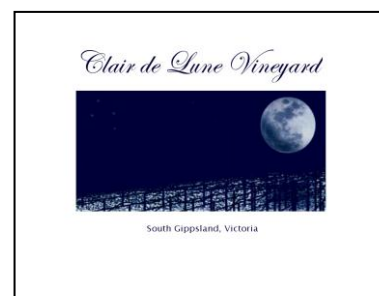
## *Clair de Lune*

Owner, winemaker and viticulturalist Brian Gaffy creates wines of great finesse and elegance to be enjoyed and celebrated by the wine and food fraternity. The cellar door is generally open every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday. Visitors are encouraged to come and taste wines, maybe bring a picnic to enjoy in the garden and vineyard areas. A BBQ is also available. Please phone ahead on 5655 1032. Brian says a number of newer wines have been selling well, including an attractive, spicy but elegant 2009 Shiraz and a lovely creamy 2009 oaked Chardonnay.

Address: 8805 South Gippsland Hwy, Kardella South

Email: [savourtheflavour@clairdelune.com.au](mailto:savourtheflavour@clairdelune.com.au)

Web: [www.clairdelune.com.au](http://www.clairdelune.com.au)



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## 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](http://www.workhire.com.au)

## Beef up your farm knowledge

A series of three half-day workshops hosted by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) will be presented on the Mornington Peninsula to assist smaller farm owners better understand the process of setting up and running a small beef enterprise. All workshops run from 9am-12:30pm at Main Creek Hall, Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge. The workshops are:

- Day 1: Cattle nutrition on Saturday, August 20
- Day 2: Cattle health and Selling Cattle on Saturday, September 3
- Day 3: Growing better pastures on Saturday, September 10

The cost is \$15 per workshop (covers morning tea and printed materials). Please register.

**More? Gillian Stewart 5950 1833 or [gillian.stewart@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:gillian.stewart@mornpen.vic.gov.au)**

## South Gippsland widens opportunities on rural land

South Gippsland Shire Council's Rural Land Use Strategy (RLUS) will be released by on its website on August 10. It is expected to open more opportunities for dwellings on small lots and allow tourism ventures compatible with nearby farming. The RLUS will be considered by council at its Nyora meeting on August 24. The strategy is a culmination of five years of research and consultation.

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

## Premier roadshow in Gippsland

Premier Ted Baillieu swung through Gippsland last week, looking at the highway repairs at Morwell, ("re-opening before the school holidays") attending the Telstra-Bendigo Bank Business Awards breakfast in Traralgon, meeting with East Gippsland Shire, and sharing lunch at Bairnsdale with about 150 local movers and groovers. *(It had to be one of the best lunches of recent times – seafood/lamb and a sensational cheese platter, washed down by the Triggs' excellent Bullant Pale Ale from Buchan, Ken Eckersley's intriguing chardonnay and the stylish Lightfoot shiraz. It was a credit to local food and wine and to the organisers.)* Mr Baillieu drew applause with his announced \$7.6m upgrade between Stratford to Bairnsdale and from Orbost to Cann River as part of a \$36m program to reduce crashes from Longwarry to the NSW border. Works on the Stratford to Bairnsdale section are expected to start in December. The Orbost to Cann River section works will start mid-2012

He also reaffirmed that Bairnsdale would be home to one of five satellite offices in regional Victoria for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Elsewhere, he discussed the process of repairing the Prom road. ("I would hope as much as possible of the park is open before the season.")

He also discussed future deployment of the Wonthaggi desal workforce. "I think it's important the business community take the lead as to how they see opportunities ahead, and whether other businesses can be attracted to the region to soak up the workforce....so that we can identify, plan and then actually implement additional construction works. Obviously, any impediment to businesses taking up the challenge ...are things that we would be happy to address, and they could come in a variety of forms – red tape and planning and other issues."

## Make it Meeniyan ...

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## Gippy dairying: most profitable, lowest debt: survey

Gippsland dairy farmers had the highest equity (74%) and lowest per cow debt (\$3200) compared to the state average debt of \$3743. The annual DPI/Dairy Australia dairy farm monitoring project found profitability in Gippsland was the state's highest at \$1.96/kg MS, up 145% or \$1.16/kg MS from 2009/10. The average cost of production was \$4.38/kgMS and production increased to 811kgMS/ha from 792kgMS/ha the previous season.

**More?** <http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/dairyfarmmonitor>

## Far East BetterBeef program starts soon

The Far East Sustainable Agriculture Group has grown in numbers and joined the BetterBeef Network. The group is made up of representatives from Cann River, Marlo Plains, Orbost District and Wairewa. The BetterBeef facilitator for the Far East group is John Gallienne. The first meeting this financial year will be held on August 16.

**More?** Penny Gray 5161 1365

## On air over Hazelwood job opportunities

Gippsland Trades and Labour Council's John Parker and Agribusiness Gippsland's Sue Webster went national late last month to share some thoughts on ABC's Bush Telegraph <http://www.abc.net.au/rural/telegraph/content/2011/s3273675.htm?site=gippsland>

## All welcome at GCCN AGM

The Gippsland Climate Change Network Inc will hold its AGM on Monday, August 15 from 10am-1pm, at DSE, 71 Hotham St, Traralgon, featuring a guest. All welcome.

**More?** Scott Ferraro 03 5173 9800 or [scott.ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:scott.ferraro@epa.vic.gov.au)

## Government offers help with seasonal workers

Horticultural farmers needing seasonal workers are invited to contact the Government's new Pacific Seasonal Workers Pilot Scheme. The initiative, organised through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations helps growers by arranging short-term labour from islands such as Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga for four to six months. Workers are paid to Australian standards. Plan ahead as arranging Pacific labour can take a number of months.

**More?** 02 6240 5234 or [seasonalworker@deewr.gov.au](mailto:seasonalworker@deewr.gov.au) or visit

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Programs/PSWPS/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Are you proud of your agribusiness?

The Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Excellence in Business Awards recognise the role business plays in the quality of life in the municipalities. Entries close 5pm, Friday August 26.

**More?** Visit [www.mpbonline.com.au/business-awards](http://www.mpbonline.com.au/business-awards)



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Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Book on 5664 0010 or email [eat@moosatmeeniyan.com.au](mailto:eat@moosatmeeniyan.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)**

## Planning amendment aims to increase tourism opportunities

Baw Baw Shire Council has adopted key changes to Amendment C44 Part 2 to change rural land zoning, encouraging tourism opportunities throughout the shire. The amendment encourages further tourism opportunities within the shire. Key changes include changing the zoning of some rural land from farming zone to a rural activity zone and introducing a rural zones policy as a guide for use and development in both zones.

**More? Baw Baw Shire Council's Strategic Planning department 5624 2411**

## CEO has something to say

Cardinia Council's CEO Garry McQuillan will discuss business initiatives and development plans and changes in Cardinia Shire and the opportunities these present for local business. The free event will be held at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham on August 11 from 6.30-8.30pm.

**More? Frances Grigoriou 5945 0402 or [f.grigoriou@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:f.grigoriou@cardinia.vic.gov.au) or visit <http://www.trybooking.com/11615>**

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## East Gippsland Shire Council grants program now open

Applications for the East Gippsland Shire Council Grants Program close on September 7. Community grants of up to \$5000 are available.

**More? 5153 9500 or visit [www.egipps.vic.gov.au](http://www.egipps.vic.gov.au)**

## What makes it rain in Victoria?

The popular March AgFutures event looking at the spring/summer climate models with more certainty on their predictions will be repeated due to popular demand. Dale Grey (DPI) will discuss understanding climate variability and risk, including historical rainfall data for the Giffard area and making sense of what drives Victoria's rainfall. The discussion will be followed by a farm walk at Trent Anderson's property and discussion of managing varying weather patterns on-farm.

The event will be held on Thursday, August 18 from 8:30am-1:30pm at Giffard West Hall. South Gippsland Hwy, Giffard West. Catering is included. Please RSVP by August 11.

**More? Alistair Christie 5161 1352 or [alistair.christie@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:alistair.christie@dpi.vic.gov.au)**

## Making the headlines

Pin-up boy Gerhard Grasser of Darnum-based Agrisolutions is on the front cover of July's edition of the Australian Farm Journal. Not content with scaring readers on the cover, he's also on page 10 talking about the benefits of actively aerated compost tea.

## Community grants now open

Applications are open for Mornington Peninsula non-profit community organisations for grants up to \$5000 to assist with projects that benefit the community.

**More? Visit [http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.asp?Page\\_Id=146](http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.asp?Page_Id=146)**

## Workshops to cover a range of relevant topics

The South Gippsland local food network is holding a series of workshops on small farms. The workshops cover:

- Soils on August 21 from 1:30– 5pm at Outtrim Hall
- Water on September 18 from 1:30– 5pm at Allambee South Hall
- Farm planning on October 16 from 1:30– 5pm at Mardan Hall
- Markets, distribution and support networks on November 20 from 1:30– 5pm at Arawata Hall

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

## Tarwin Valley Wines

Sara and Folkert Janssen create wines at Meeniyah. Folkert has worked as a winemaker since the mid-nineties, working across Australia, and as a travelling winemaker in South Africa, Moldova and Mexico. His wines have received numerous gold medals and trophies, and have been well reviewed around the world. Join the Tarwin Valley mailing list at [winemaker@tarwinvalleywines.com](mailto:winemaker@tarwinvalleywines.com) or ph 5664 7462



## Widen your circle of business contacts

Learn the art of effective networking in this fun, friendly and interactive session for business owners wanting to widen their circle of contacts. The event will be held on August 25 from 6-8.30 pm at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham.

**More? Phil Jackson 5945 0401 or [p.jackson@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:p.jackson@cardinia.vic.gov.au)**

## Which solar hot water system is for you?

Andrew McCarthy from Gippsland Solar will give a presentation on solar hot water systems on Wednesday, August 10 from 7-8.30pm at Old Gippstown Café. Entry by gold coin donation. This event is hosted by Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group and Old Gippstown.

**More? Denise 0439 387 663 or Old Gippstown 5127 8709**

## Weathering climate change

The potential effects of climate change on Gippsland's agricultural landscape were examined in a day-long session held at DPI Ellinbank on August 9.

More than 70 regional leaders met to discuss future opportunities at a session organised by the DPI with the Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research.

The meeting was part of a future-scoping project undertaken by the Gippsland Local Government Network.

Farmers, planning officials, leaders from dairying, horticulture, municipal government and other groups were invited to consider the barriers and potential opportunities.

Keynote speaker was Prof. Andrew Campbell, of Charles Darwin University, who began his address by noting development pressure, and its effects on water, land and power supplies.

"As humans, our stocking rate has gone through the roof but our paddock's not getting any bigger," he said.

## South Gippsland community grants close soon

The South Gippsland 2011/12 Community Grants program closes on August 31. Community projects, services and opportunities that increase our community viability are funded through this program.

**More? South Gippsland Shire Council 5662 9378 or visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.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 September 4. An annual registration fee of \$5 covers advertising and workshop costs.

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

## **Gala event supports low income families**

Baw Baw Shire's Mayoral Charity Gala is supporting is Habitat for Humanity helping low-income families build their own home. The gala will be held on August 27 from 6.30pm at the Lardner Park. Tickets are \$65/head or \$650 for a table of 10 for a two-course meal, a drink on arrival and entertainment. Dress code is formal with a touch of purple. RSVP August 18.

**More? 5624 2497 or [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)**

## **100,000 Australians asked to join campaign**

A range of union and community partners are continuing to push ahead to establish Eureka's Future in the Latrobe Valley now that the initial work commissioning the Business Plan is complete. The 100,000 Australians Campaign aims to establish Eureka's Future by recruiting 100,000 Australians join the Earthworker Cooperative at \$20 per member to raise the \$2 million needed for Eureka's Future factory machinery, fit-out and finish.

**More? Visit <http://earthworkercooperative.com/100000-australians/>**

## **Nicked off...**

Nick Adamson of Burra Foods has resigned to follow his gypsy spirit. After "a very satisfying 12 years" at Burra he's taking his wife and daughter to the EU and the US "to see where life takes us". No news yet on who will replace the mop-haired, velvet-flared guitar-pluckin' PhD in the dairy technology-fuelled 1970s cover band Lionel Loves Vinyl. So it's safe to remove your earplugs, folks!

## **Fisheries staff set to expand**

Mallacoota and Traralgon will get new fisheries' officers under a staff expansion announced by the DPI. Agriculture Minister Peter Walsh said the new staff will play an important role in policing Victoria's marine parks. "There's no point in setting up a marine park and excluding fishing, even though it was controversial at the time, if you actually don't have the officers in place to make sure those rules are adhered to," he said.

## **Discover the science around you**

The Gippsland community will discover the science in their everyday lives, finding it in the most unsuspecting aspects of activities. With something for all ages, Sci-Spy will use hands on activities to stimulate; science shows to excite and entertain. Expect to be challenged during National Science Week 2011 at Monash Gippsland.

This free community event will be held in the Auditorium at Monash University Gippsland Campus, located in Churchill. Free car parking and wheelchair access are available.

**More? [www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/campus](http://www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/campus)**

## **Save Dusty!**

An email from Lynda: "A friend has an intact 9 to 10-month-old grey kelpie male free to a good home. The dog has had no formal training and needs a firm hand, but has a keen eye and I believe would be a great paddock or yard dog. His mother comes from up near Tamworth and I believe to be from the 'Barb' bloodline. I would take him but already have two bitches working. The dog is currently at Shady Creek. If no one takes Dusty then he will be put down and I feel that he is too good of a dog for this to happen."

**More? 5635 4232 or [lyndadarryl@bigpond.com](mailto:lyndadarryl@bigpond.com)**

## The Agricultural Census is now underway...

Has your agricultural business received an Agricultural Census form? Complete your form online or mail it back to the ABS.

**More?** Visit [www.abs.gov.au/agcensus2011](http://www.abs.gov.au/agcensus2011)

## Dogs mush up the snow

The Advance Sled Dog Challenge showcases the top dogs of sled dog racing in Australia. More than 75 mushers (dog team drivers) and more than 350 sled dogs are expected to compete at this year's event at Dinner Plain Village on August 13-14.

**More?** Robert Stevens 0412 327 997 or visit <http://www.sleddogchallenge.com>

## Healthy soils forum

A Healthy Soils Forum focusing on carbon and how it relates to productivity will be held on October 12. The forum includes guest speaker Jeff Baldock, CSIRO researcher in soil carbon; findings of trial data across Gippsland; and future gazing and the big picture.

**More?** Tony Gardner 1300 094 262 or [tonyg@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:tonyg@wgcm.vic.gov.au)

## Check dams after earthquake

Southern Rural Water is urging landowners in Gippsland to check their farm dams after last month's earthquake. Dam owners should check that the structure of the dam is undamaged – even if they have checked dams recently. Dam owners should also look for leaks, wet spots, slumping or any signs that the dam may be at risk.

**More?** Southern Rural Water 1300 139 510

## Business week boasts range of events

The City of Casey is hosting a range of events as part of the Casey Business Week from September 19-23, including a [Business Breakfast](#) announcing finalists of the 2011 Casey Business Awards on September 21.

**More?** Raylene Wilson 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)

## 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 are on August 17 and September 7.

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

## Landcare Week 2011 is approaching fast

Landcare Week is from September 5-11. A Landcare Week event kit will be available on the Landcare Australia website.

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

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**More?** 9532 4282/0408 788 606 or [ehrlchd@netspace.net.au](mailto:ehrlchd@netspace.net.au)



## What workshop do you want in Wellington?

Wellington Shire Council is a host organisation for Business Victoria and can facilitate workshops. Topics include: 'Starting Your Business', marketing, business planning, 'Green Your Business', getting and keeping the right staff, finance and how to exit a business.

**More?** Will Oakley 5142 3615

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## Forthcoming markets

Market	When	Where	More?
Yarragon community craft and produce market	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Yarragon Public Hal	5634 2209
Gippsland Heritage Park Market	last Saturday	Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe	5127 3082
Drouin Craft and Produce Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Drouin Civic Park	5625 3360
Emerald Community Craft and Produce Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Emerald Community House	0419 345 750
Heyfield community market	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Dr John Graves Memorial	5148 2780
Sale Farmer's Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Skate Park lawns, Foster St, Sale	0408 057 772
Lardner Park Market	September 18	Lardner Park, Warragul	5976 3266
Lucknow Market	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Howitt Park, Bairnsdale	5152 4662
South Gippsland Farmers Market	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Koonwarra Memorial Park	0408 619 182
Coal Creek Farmers Market	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra	0459 629 000
East Gippsland Farmers Market	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Bairnsdale Secondary College Oval, Bairnsdale	
Metung Farmers Market	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Village Green, Metung	
Bruthen Village Market	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Mechanics Hall, Bruthen	
Bairnsdale Boot Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Great Alpine Road, Bairnsdale	
Paynesville Market	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Gilsenan Reserve, Paynesville	
Surf Club Market	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Foreshore Rotunda, Lakes Entrance	
Kongwak Market	Sundays	Kongwak General Store	0417 142 478
Jumbunna Bush Market	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	The Main Hall, Jumbunna	5657 3253
Toora market	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Jetty Road, Toora	5688 1237
Prom Country Farmers Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Main St. Foster	5682 1345
Inverloch Farmers Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	The Glade. Inverloch	5664 0096

## Develop skills on and off the field

Kelly O'Donnell, development coach of Melbourne Football Club, will explain the importance of skill development in the world of sport, at a free breakfast, at Casey Fields Sporting Complex, 160 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd on Friday, August 19 from 8-9am. Registration for this City of Casey event is essential and places are limited. RSVP by Monday, August 15.

**More? Raylene Wilson 9705 5841 or [inBusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inBusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## More good ideas come off the farm

Kim Brister of Yinnar South was seeking some ideas on AusdairyL on ways to scoop silage out of the pit and was looking for an old, dilapidated excavator bucket to modify to make a silage grab. Lyndon Hobbs suggested turning the bucket around. You push it toward the stack then turn the front upward, similar to the bucket action of a crowd-action front-end loader.

## Small farms closer to certification for herbicide use

For many small industries – including olives, herbs, wildflowers and essential oils – the most suitable chemical for weed control is sometimes not registered for use on those crops. However, New Rural Industries Australia (NRIA) is investigating the priority issues around the minor use of herbicides. There are likely to be field trials conducted to verify data on specific crops and the logistics of each of those trials will be determined in the near future.

**More? Visit [www.rirdc.gov.au/weeds](http://www.rirdc.gov.au/weeds)**

## Bursting its banks

Blue Rock Dam is spilling for the first in 15 years, according to Southern Rural Water. Southern Rural Water expects the dam to continue spilling for the next couple of months. The dam provides water for the power industry, drinking water to Moondarra Reservoir and to Willow Grove, and a small amount of water for irrigation.

**More? Southern Rural Water 1300 139 510**

## 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:

- 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? 5622 8500**



Established in 1999, Golden Creek is an olive grove and olive oil-producing facility at Fish Creek. Their extra virgin oil has a clean palate, with full flavour characteristics. Ph Andrew and Lyn Jamieson 0428 304 477/0413 016 624 or email [contact@goldencreekolives.com.au](mailto:contact@goldencreekolives.com.au)

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## FarmReady Grants are available again

FarmReady offers grants of up to \$1500 per financial year for taking part in approved training courses. Funding of up to \$500 each financial year is also available to assist with excess travel, accommodation and child care expenses. To encourage investment in training, participants must contribute 35% of the cost of the approved course to be eligible for a FarmReady Reimbursement Grant.

**More? [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au)**

## Insight into smallholder success

A Gippsland farm-direct meat producer told a recent forum how she has increased the value of each animal five-fold. Addressing an AgFutures session organised by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Maria Armistead explained how she value-adds to the beef, lamb and pork sold off her Allambee Reserve smallholding via farmers' markets and online sales. Ms Armistead was one of the speakers at the session held at Inverloch, and supported by the shires of South Gippsland and Bass Coast and Agribusiness Gippsland.

**More? DPI Customer Service Centre 136 186**

## Here's something to wine about

The Frankston Amateur Winemakers Guild Wine Show winemaking competition is an open amateur winemaking competition showcasing home-made wines from red/white grape wines and fruit/vegetable/flowers/herbs. In addition to tasting the many wines available, you can meet the winemakers and learn the techniques required to make your own wine.

A \$10 entry fee covers all tastings and a monogrammed glass. The show will be held on August 28 from 9am-3pm at the barn in the Briars Park, Nepean Highway, Mt Martha.

**More? Noel Legg 5996-6620 or [wineshow@fawg.org.au](mailto:wineshow@fawg.org.au) or visit [www.fawg.org.au](http://www.fawg.org.au)**

## Trout and salmon closed season has begun

The annual closed season for trout and salmon fishing runs 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 136 186 or visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing)**

## DPI calls for vigilance to combat the risk of spray drift

The Department of Primary Industries is urging grain farmers to ensure that neighbouring crops are protected from spray drift in order to have a safe and successful cropping season.

**More? Dave Rumbold 5430 4444 or visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/chemicaluse](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/chemicaluse)**

## Save on your energy bills!

The Energy Innovation Co-op' is holding free energy information sessions to explain how solar panels and solar hot water work and the rebates and assistance available. Participants can join the Energy Innovation Co-op's bulk purchase of solar panels and proposed bulk purchase of solar hot water. The sessions, from 7-9pm will be held:

- Wednesday, August 31 at Leongatha Memorial Hall
- Thursday, September 8 at Mirboo North Community Shed, Mirboo North.

Please RSVP to indicate your attendance.

**More? 0417 954 731 or [helenp@eico-op.com.au](mailto:helenp@eico-op.com.au)**

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

A seminar offering an alternative mode of viewing business, saving money and the environment 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)**

## Rural funding programs launched

Regional Development Victoria and the Department of Planning and Community Development have recently launched funding programs for the next four years. They are accepting applications for the \$1b Regional Growth Fund, along with other programs such as 'Putting Locals First', 'Local Government Infrastructure' and the 'Developing Stronger Regions' Programs.

**More? Will Oakley 5142 3615**

## Learn to manage you human resources

The NCDEA is running a short course in all aspects of managing human resources, providing valuable skills in staff hiring, training and retention. The course will be held on August 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 8 in Leongatha and is one unit of the Advanced Diploma of Agriculture. Please enrol by Tuesday August 9. The course costs \$419 per person and is registered with FarmReady so participants can claim back up to 65% of the course costs. Go to the Farm Ready website for more information <http://www.farmready.gov.au/>

**More? Zoe McNair 5624 1410 or [zmcnair@ncdea.edu.au](mailto:zmcnair@ncdea.edu.au)**

## What happened at GCCN?

A copy of the Gippsland Climate Change Network Inc (GCCN) July meeting minutes with presentations is available from:

<http://gippslandeducationforsustainability.wikispaces.com/file/view/GCCN+Minutes+July+2011.pdf>

## DPI offers nutrition course for dairy service providers

DPI is running an introduction to dairy cow nutrition a course for dairy service providers on August 16-17 at DPI Ellinbank from 8:45am-4:30 pm

**More? Ashleigh Michael 5662 9901**

## Safety reminder issued for livestock movements

Recent weather conditions serve as a reminder to farmers about livestock movement and grazing on roads being undertaken in a correct and legal manner, in order to ensure the safety of all road users and the welfare and safety of stock.

A current Livestock Movement Permit or Grazing Permit from Council is required to legally move or graze livestock on any public road throughout the Wellington Shire. Permit renewals are now due, with each type of permit having specific conditions.

Wellington Shire Council recently adopted the 2011 Local Laws on July 19 which are now operational. The requirements for adequate stock management and control have been carried across from previous Local Laws.

**More? Wellington Shire Council Local Laws Unit 1300 366 233 or visit [www.wellington.vic.gov.au](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au)**

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

Meetings this month are:

- August 11: Sale
- August 25: Sale
- August 30: Moe

Meetings next month are:

- September 10: Sale
- September 20: Sale
- September 25: Bairnsdale

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

## GRDC update for croppers

A GRDC Grower Update will be held on Friday, August 26 from 9am-1pm (Registration from 8.15am) in Sale.

**More? 5441 6176 or visit [www.orm.com.au](http://www.orm.com.au)**

## 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 August 13.

**More? Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304**

## 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- 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)**

## Speaking speakers to get deadly in Gippsland

The Deadly in Gippsland 2011 Conference on November 17-18 celebrates the success of current work through showcasing:

- the practice, passion and participation of inspiring and engaging speakers
- positive outcomes of communities and organisations working together
- the potential for enduring Indigenous enterprise and highlighting the success of Indigenous programs.

The word 'deadly' reflects the local use of the term meaning 'good' or 'great'.

The theme and overall language for the conference will be grounded in a strength-based model with a strong focus on the successes of 'right now'.

A speaker Expression of Interest is now available. The completed Speaker EOI must be received by August 15.

**More? Visit [www.rav.net.au/about-us/news-media/story/765/](http://www.rav.net.au/about-us/news-media/story/765/)**

## Names in the news

Former Wonthaggi-based inspector Ken Lay has been appointed Victoria Police's acting Chief Commissioner.

East Gippsland Marketing Inc has appointed Cr Peter Neal as business development co-ordinator.

## Cardinia course covers business issues

Cardinia Shire Council is offering business courses including "Become a 'sales cat'" on August 10 from 8.45am-5pm at \$250 per person. The workshops will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Bvd, Pakenham.

**More? Cardinia Council's Business Development Officer 1300 787 624**

## Find funding

Wellington Shire Council is running a workshop to assist people in finding funding on 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)**

## Produce swap comes to Bairnsdale

Come and swap your home grown (preferably organic) produce every Friday from 10am-12pm outside the Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House in Dalmahoy Street.

**More? Rebecca Lambie 5153 9500 or [RebeccaL@egipps.vic.gov.au](mailto:RebeccaL@egipps.vic.gov.au)**

## Finance your business

The Financing Your Business seminar presents the facts about how finance and refinancing is on Wednesday, August 17 from 6-8pm at the City of Casey Civic Centre, 1 Magid Drive, Narre Warren. The cost of the event is \$20 per person. The event ID is 5353.

**More? Raylene Wilson 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops)**

## 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)

## Coffee club supports businesses

The Casey Coffee Club supports micro-businesses within the City of Casey. Business owners can listen to a guest speaker while having something to eat. The next coffee club is Tuesday, August 16 from 7.30-9am at the Civic Centre, Magid Drive, Narre Warren. This is a free event and breakfast is provided. RSVP for catering purposes.

**More? City of Casey Customer Service 9705 5200**

## Optimise your business online

A workshop on optimising business potential online is ideal for business owners wanting to increase their online presence and understand the importance of search engine optimisation. The workshop covers strategies for increasing traffic, use of key words to improve page rank, the art of blogging, how to measure traffic and much more. This workshop suits those with an existing website. It will be held in Leongatha in September 13 from 9.30am to 1pm.

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



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## Where do your vegies go?

AUSVEG is calling on all exporters to participate in a survey to find out where growers export produce to and what commodities they export. Email [info@ausveg.com.au](mailto:info@ausveg.com.au).

## Latrobe City tourism is looking to the future

Two reports commissioned by Latrobe City Council have provided a comprehensive analysis of tourism within the municipality and a review of the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre.

**More? Linda Brock 1300 367 700 or [Linda.Brock@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:Linda.Brock@latrobe.vic.gov.au)**

## 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:

#### Seeking casual chef

Up to 24 hours/week with possibly more over holiday period a casual chef in a new, progressive microbrewery/restaurant in East Gippsland.

**More? 5157 5586**

### Work to advance country towns

Strategic project manager is sought for the Advancing Country Towns Project – Lower Tarwin Valley. The position is full-time for 12 months. The total salary package (including super and vehicle) starts \$105K. The position will assist all levels of government and local communities of Dumbalk, Meeniyan, Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay, Buffalo, Stony Creek, Koonwarra) to: initiate economic development projects for local communities; identify opportunities for young people to remain involved in the district, and encourage return post-work/study elsewhere; improve effectiveness of cross-government investment; increase community decision-making/priority-setting.

**More? Jan Martin 5662 9200 or visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)**

### **Lecturer**

Due to the growth and expansion of the Marcus Oldham College and its academic programs, a vacancy exists in the lecturing team to teach in at least one of the following disciplines.

- Financial Management
- Business Analysis
- Marketing
- Human Resource Management
- Systems Agriculture

An attractive salary package commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications and experience will be negotiated. A position description can be obtained from the College website [www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au](http://www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au). Applications close August 22

**More? Dr Simon Livingstone 5247 2907.**

### **Milking position (X 2)**

Edge of Fish Creek for am and pm and some weekends. Days and hours flexible. Minimum three months position. Experience not essential.

**More? Paul 0356832563 or 0438357679**

### **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 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**

Annual subscriptions to Agribusiness Gippsland Inc are only \$50 plus \$5 GST individual/or a farm business and \$200 plus \$20 GST corporate. And we are always keen to talk sponsorship deals. Our postal address is PO Box 1312 Warragul 3280.

**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: farm gate sales south Gippsland

## AgFutures gets bigger (... but with less sleep)

Karen Thomas of the DPI AgFutures project has dumped the bump... she is the proud mum of Flynn, her second-born. Congrats Karen.

## Anyone we've forgotten?

Gippy Agchat is sworn at and sweated over by Sue Webster (0402 267 802 or 9456 9791) and Madeline Toner for Agribusiness Gippsland Inc and circulated in Word format to subscribers and supporters. Please circulate this newsletter by email or printout/fax to your colleagues. GOT NEWS? Ph/email news to [ptarmigan2@internode.on.net](mailto:ptarmigan2@internode.on.net).

## Gippy Diary

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Aug 10	Become a 'sales cat'	Pakenham	Cardinia Council 1300 787 624
Aug 10	Solar Hot Water Systems Information Night	Moe	Denise 0439 387 663
Aug 11	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Aug 11	Cardinia CEO business address	Pakenham	Frances Grigoriou 5945 0402
Aug 13	Trafalgar Produce Swap	Trafalgar	Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304
Aug 13	Coal Creek Farmers Market	Coal Creek	Coal Creek 0459 629 000
Aug 13-14	Advance Sled Dog Challenge	Dinner Plains	Robert Stevens 0412 327 997
Aug 14	Marcus Oldham College Open Day	Geelong	1800 623 500
Aug 16	Environmental business seminar	Leongatha	Alycia Stivic 5662 9271
Aug 16	Casey Coffee Club	Narre Warren	City of Casey Customer Service 9705 5200
Aug 16	Far East Sustainable Agriculture Group /BetterBeef Network meeting		Penny Gray 5161 1365
Aug 16-17	Introduction to Dairy Cow Nutrition - dairy service provider course	Ellinbank	Ashleigh Michael 5662 9901
Aug 17	Yarragon Produce Swap	Yarragon	Tom Nevell 5633 3245
Aug 17	Carbon Farming and Trading course	Lilydale	9214 4440
Aug 17	Financing Your Business seminar	Narre Warren	Raylene Wilson 9705 5841
August 18	Climate variability - What makes it rain in Victoria?	Giffard West	Alistair Christie 5161 1352
Aug 19	Skill Development on and off the Field seminar	Cranbourne	Raylene Wilson 9705 5841
Aug 20	Dancing with Our Stars	Sale	WorkHire Australia 5144 7488
Aug 20	Drouin Community Market	Drouin	Bill Petschack 5625 3360
Aug 20	Sale Variety and Farmer's Market	Sale	Mark Watson 0408 057 772
Aug 20	Cow Nutrition workshop	Main Ridge	Gillian Stewart 5950 1833
Aug 21	South Gippsland local food network – soil workshop	Outtrim	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
Aug 21	Emerald Community Market	Emerald	Non Blair 0419 345 750
Aug 25	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Aug 25	Networking seminar	Pakenham	Phil Jackson 5945 0401
Aug 27	Yarragon Community Craft and Produce Market	Yarragon	Allison Butterworth 5634 2209
Aug 27	Baw Baw Shire Council Mayoral Charity Gala	Lardner	5624 2497
Aug 27	Gippsland Heritage Park Market	Moe	5127 3082
Aug 28	Lucknow Market	Bairnsdale	Belinda Riddler 5152 4662
Aug 28	Frankston Amateur Winemakers Guild Wine Show	Mt Martha	Noel Legg 5996 6620
Aug 30	Country Race Meet	Moe	1300 139 402

Aug 31	Solar Power and Solar Hot Water- Information Sessions	Leongatha	0417 954 731
Sep 3	Heyfield Community Market	Heyfield	Heather Cahill 5148 2780
Sep 3	Cow Health workshop	Main Ridge	Gillian Stewart 5950 1833
Sep 4	Poowong Produce Swap	Poowong	Tammy Logan 5659 2308
Sep 5-11	Landcare Week		www.landcareaustralia.com.au
Sep 7	Yarragon Produce Swap	Yarragon	Tom Nevell 5633 3245
Sep 8	Solar Power and Solar Hot Water- Information Sessions	Mirboo North	0417 954 731
Sep 10	Trafalgar Produce Swap	Trafalgar	Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304
Sep 10	Coal Creek Farmers Market	Coal Creek	Coal Creek 0459 629 000
Sep 10	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Sep 10	Growing better pastures	Main Ridge	Gillian Stewart 5950 1833
Sep 13	Optimise business potential online	Leongatha	Alycia 5662 9271
Sep 14	Recruitment, Selection & Induction	Warragul	5622 8526
Sep 17	Drouin Community Market	Drouin	Bill Petschack 5625 3360
Sep 17	Sale Variety and Farmer's Market	Sale	Mark Watson 0408 057 772
Sep 18	Emerald Community Market	Emerald	Non Blair 0419 345 750
Sep 18	Lardner Park Market	Warragul	
Sep 18	South Gippsland local food network – water workshop	Allambee South	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
Sep 19-23	City of Casey Business Week		Raylene Wilson 9705 5841
Sep 20	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Sep 21	City of Casey Business Breakfast		Raylene Wilson 9705 5841
Sep 24	Yarragon Community Craft and Produce Market	Yarragon	Allison Butterworth 5634 2209
Sep 24	Gippsland Heritage Park Market	Moe	5127 3082
Sep 25	Lucknow Market	Bairnsdale	Belinda Riddler 5152 4662
Sep 25	Country Race Meet	Bairnsdale	1300 139 402
Sep 28	Professional Development Series – IT for non-IT Managers	Warragul	5622 8526
Sep 28	Finding Funding Workshop	Maffra	Darren Randle 1300 366 244
Sep 29-30	South Gippsland Field Days	Poowong	De Kennedy 0419 878 055
Oct 1	Heyfield Community Market	Heyfield	Heather Cahill 5148 2780
Oct 2	Poowong Produce Swap	Poowong	Tammy Logan 5659 2308
Oct 7	GSI East Gippsland Business Awards 2011		
Oct 12	Manage Budgets/Financial Plans	Warragul	5622 8526
Oct 12	Healthy Soils Forum		Tony Gardner 1300 094 262
Oct 16	South Gippsland local food network – water workshop	Mardan	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
Oct 26	Ensure a Safe Workplace	Warragul	5622 8526
Nov 2	Carbon Farming/Trading course	Lilydale	9214 4440
Nov 9	Finance for non-Finance Managers	Warragul	5622 8526
Sep 18	South Gippsland local food network – water workshop	Arawata	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
Nov 23	Creating High Performance People	Warragul	5622 8526
Dec 7	Strategic Planning and Foresight	Warragul	5622 8526

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