



# Gippy AGchat September 19, 2011 – Issue 49

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## WEDIDIT!!!5000+Gippyagchat readers

We're so excited we've forgotten the space bar! Congratulations to Merryle Twite of Bega Cheese who became our 5000<sup>th</sup> name. There's a bottle of something Gippslandish (NOT milk) waiting for you. Thanks everyone and keep onpassing it to friends and colleagues.

## Learn more/Earn more? ... read the report

An Agribusiness Gippsland/University of Melbourne study linking income levels with post-secondary education has found people do earn more if they learn more ... and the correlation is stronger working on a farm than working in agribusiness. Read report at <http://agribusinessgippsland.com.au>. And watch the video on Youtube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRBECsBW-Cs> The university has asked us to consider running another research project next year. We're looking for ideas ... suggestions?

## How can we keep them on the farm?

The State Government is looking into what agriculture can do to attract and retain young farmers and how to respond to an ageing workforce. Agribusiness Gippsland has prepared a submission to the inquiry, headed by Rodney MP Paul Weller. We will be attending the inquiry hearings at Nambrok and Leongatha on September 20-21. Read the report at <http://agribusinessgippsland.com.au>



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## Climate Commissioner to visit the Latrobe Valley

Australia's Chief Climate Commissioner Professor Tim Flannery is visiting the Latrobe Valley on September 21 for a free forum. Ask questions, share ideas and participate at the Auditorium, Building 3E, Monash University, Northways Rd, Churchill from 5:30-7pm. RSVP. [More? 02 6159 7624 or http://climatecommission.gov.au/events/?event\\_id=20](http://climatecommission.gov.au/events/?event_id=20)

## Names in the news

New chair of South Gippsland Landcare Network is Stephen Hoole from Allambee Community Landcare and new secretary/treasurer is Dawn Marotti, from Arawata Landcare. Rosemary Trease was reappointed director and Diana Droog inducted to the board.  
...AND: Des Williams, formerly DPI's community relations manager Gippsland, has been promoted to DPI Regional Director, Gippsland. He will continue to be based at DPI Ellinbank.  
...AND: New Westernport Water directors are the Hon. Geoff Coleman, Roland Lindell and Barbara Wagstaff.  
...MEANWHILE: Russell Napper from Sale is one of three new board appointments for Southern Rural Water while Yarra Valley fruit grower Terry Burgi was named chair.  
[More? Belinda Brennan 5662 5759 or BelindaB@wgcm.vic.gov.au](#)

## Mayoral gala raises \$33,600 for local charity

Baw Baw mayor Diane Blackwood's charity gala on Saturday August 27 at Lardner Park raised \$33,600 for the West Gippsland chapter of Habitat for Humanity, who helps low-income families build and own a home. Agribusiness Gippsland donated silent auction prize.  
[More? Baw Baw Shire Communications unit 5624 2441](#)

## Initiative aimed at rural job creation

Victoria's 50 largest private employers have been invited to join a state government initiative to engage regional business leaders to create jobs in regional and rural Victoria. Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional and Rural Development Peter Ryan noted agriculture and food processing sectors were under strain due to national and international market pressures.

## Board meeting at Longwarry Food Park

The board of Agribusiness Gippsland held its September board meeting at Longwarry Food Park and was addressed on the company's growth with its Gippy Milk brand. Thank you to Shane, Matt and Don for the informative visit. The previous month's board meeting was held at Covino's vegetable farm near Sale, and thanks to Peter for hosting us... (and the cake!).

## Get yapping at the Ready for Tomorrow conference

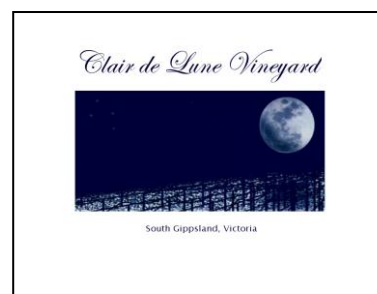
The Young Agribusiness Professionals will hold a conference in the Dandenong Ranges from October 21-23. Speakers include Rick Roush (University of Melbourne) on agricultural education, Andrew Smith from Rural Finance on finding farm finance, MLA's Tim McRae on market outlooks, David Griffin from DPI on climate and carbon, Tim Gentle from Design Experts on marketing and Josh Jones from RBS Morgans on investing for your future. There will be a Friday night BBQ and a black tie dinner on Saturday night with comic Dave O'Neil.  
[More? Ailsa Gibson 9207 5563 or yaps@vff.org.au or visit http://www.vff.org.au/members/yaps\\_events.php](#)

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## *Clair de Lune*

Owner, winemaker and viticulturist 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.  
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## Amendment C65 to rezone land in Trafalgar

Baw Baw Shire Council has amended the Baw Baw Planning Scheme, rezoning about 75ha of land west of Trafalgar from farming to residential 1 zone. The move is in accordance with the Trafalgar Land Use Strategy Plan and will supply a further 11 years of residential land.

**More? Baw Baw Shire Council 5624 2411**

## Make plans for your farm

The Farm Plan 21 course takes participants through a logical process of thinking and planning for farm properties. Seven sessions cover topics such as land use classes, farm water supply, pasture management, soil management, soil degradation – salinity, erosion, acidity, invasive plants and animals control, biodiversity and native vegetation and iFarm computer mapping software training. The course is run in conjunction with DPI and will be held from October 11 to November 22 at Fish Creek.

**More? Kate Williams 5662 5759 or [katew@wgcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:katew@wgcma.vic.gov.au)**

## Save energy in the dairy

Saving energy and money in the dairy is the focus of a YDDP field day at Peter and Kerry Collins' property, 1080 Promontory Rd, Fish Creek, on October 20 from 11am-1pm.

The day will look at one shed in detail and consider options for reducing costs. Speakers will include Gabriel Hakim from AgVet Projects at Warragul and Darold Klindworth from Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Ellinbank. This event is sponsored by the DPI together with the Future Ready Dairy Systems Program funded by the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Dairy Australia. RSVP for catering by October 18.

**More? Kylie Barry 0428 889 337 or [yddpgipps@gippsdairy](mailto:yddpgipps@gippsdairy)**

## Share your ideas about land use and likely changes

The Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and the CSIRO are interested in what farmers are currently growing and grazing between the coast and traditional wheat-sheep zone, and whether this is likely to change in the next five years. Farmers are invited to assist by taking 30 minutes to answer an online questionnaire at: <http://tiny.cc/Farming>

**More? Simone Carr-Cornish 07 3327 4077 or [simone.carr-cornish@csiro.au](mailto:simone.carr-cornish@csiro.au)**

## Strong community interest at first low carbon forum

Latrobe City Council's first Low Carbon Transition community forum was held at Moe Town Hall recently before an audience of around 40. Mayor Councillor Darrell White said that the forum was the first in a series of three designed to give the community an opportunity to put their questions, concerns and issues to industry, academic and government representatives.

**More? Latrobe City 1300 367 700.**

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## **Funding available to voluntary environmental groups**

Landcare Australia and Be Natural have launched a \$125,000 grants program to enable Landcare groups to continue work in tackling local environmental issues by providing funding to help with the continuation of on-going projects. The Be Natural Landcare grants program provides grants of up to \$5000 to 25 local groups to help with projects which have not received funding in the last 12 months. The program also encourages groups to find innovative ways of attracting more volunteers. Applications close October 10.

**More?** Visit <http://www.landcareonline.com.au/news/archive/be-natural-landcare-grants-now-open/>

## **Bumper market planned for first birthday**

The first birthday of the Coal Creek farmers' market, held on the second Saturday each month, will be celebrated on October 8. The market is Victorian Farmers' Market Association accredited so patrons can be sure they are buying direct from the growers and makers.

**More?** 0459 629 000 or [farmersmarket@coalcreekvillage.com.au](mailto:farmersmarket@coalcreekvillage.com.au)

## **Feedback sought on Wellington environmental strategy**

The Wellington Shire is looking for feedback on its Environmental Sustainability Strategy for 2011 to 2015. The strategy is available for comment until October 10 but a feedback workshop will be held in the Wellington Shire Council, Denison Room, 70 Foster St. Sale, on Wednesday September 21 from 10am-12:30pm.

**More?** Jo Caminiti 1300 366 244 or [jo.caminiti@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:jo.caminiti@wellington.vic.gov.au)

## **Field day focuses on future forecast**

The latest seasonal update and climate outlooks for dairy regions will be discussed at a Gippsland field day on October 19. Department of Primary Industries (DPI) dairy extension officer specialising in climate risk management Zita Ritchie looks at managing the dairy business in a variable climate. The event will be held from 11am-1pm at Trevor Thomas' property, 44 McHugh Rd, Longwarry. Trevor will also discuss a range of strategies in pasture and crop management to help manage climate variability. RSVP for catering by October 17.

**More?** Kylie Barry 0428 889 337 or [yddpgipps@gippsdairy.com.au](mailto:yddpgipps@gippsdairy.com.au)

## **Get the best of biological farming**

Learn about biological farming from two of the world's most renowned biological consultants, Gary Zimmer and Graeme Sait, at a BFA biological roadshow on October 8 from 8:30am-4pm. The event provides the opportunity for in agricultural industries to learn more about biological production methods. The event will be held at the Labertouche Public Hall.

**More?** [gm@bfa.com.au](mailto:gm@bfa.com.au) or visit

<http://www.bfa.com.au/Events/ModuleID/374/ItemID/174/mctl/EventDetails.aspx?selectdate=10/8/2011>

## **Where does chicory fit on farms?**

Neil Lane of Intelact and farmers Andrew Balfour, Daryl Hammond and John Versteden will discuss the use of chicory on Gippsland farms, its value, establishment and where it fits in the dairy farm system at a field day at Trafalgar Football Club Rooms, Waterloo Rd on September 22 from 11am-2pm before an option visit to a chicory paddock. Lunch provided. RSVP.

**More?** Gillian Hayman 0428 345 493 or [gghayman@dcsi.net.au](mailto:gghayman@dcsi.net.au)

## **Rural Women Awards now open**

Rural women wanting to take their leadership and contribution to primary industries, to the next level are encouraged to apply for the 2012 RIRDC Rural Women's Award.

Applications are now open and rural women are encouraged to enter themselves or to nominate someone they think is ready to take the next step in their leadership journey. Entries close on October 15.

**More?** RIRDC 9658 4493 or visit <http://www.rirdc.gov.au/>

## Finalists meet over breakfast

A breakfast is being held on Wednesday, September 21 from 7-8.45am for finalists of the 2011 SP AusNet Baw Baw Business Excellence Awards. The breakfast, at the Fountain Room, West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul, will be an opportunity for sponsors, judges and entrants to network and features guest speaker Paul McCarthy.

**More? Baw Baw Communications Unit 5624 2441 or [communications@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:communications@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)**



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## Winter wets weather round-up

The DPI have released its winter weather round-up for Gippsland as follows:

**Macalister Irrigation District:** With two floods occurring during winter, many farms have ample subsurface soil moisture. Water is not an issue coming into spring. Consistent showers ensured reasonable moisture levels for winter growth however frosts slowed growth. Soil temperatures are on the rise, so grass is due to take off soon. Farmers are looking forward to making the most of a strong start to the irrigation season.

**South West Gippsland:** Winter rainfall has resulted in waterlogged paddocks and slower than average growth rates. Wet soil management has been front of mind for many farms. This is transitioning to renovation of the most badly damaged pastures. However, a full soil moisture profile will provide an excellent start to spring.

**Coastal East:** July and August have been wet, with some areas flooded and wet soils from Yarram to Cann River. At the start of September, farmers are hoping for spring rain and, where available, irrigation pumps are returned to the river. Pasture growth conditions continue to be above average. However, grazing conditions have been less than ideal.

**More? Bree Walshe 5147 0834 or [bree.walshe@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:bree.walshe@dpi.vic.gov.au)**

## Grants to realise big ideas from young rural innovators

Grant applications are now open for the 2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The award is open to people 18-35 and offers \$22,000 to fund innovative or emerging scientific projects to benefit Australia's primary industries. There are 11 categories: cotton, dairy, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry, grains, viticulture and oenology, animal welfare, red meat processing, pork, new and emerging rural industries and horticulture. The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Award provides an additional \$33,000 to one recipient. Applications close November 18.

**More? Visit [www.abares.gov.au/conferences-events/scienceawards](http://www.abares.gov.au/conferences-events/scienceawards)**

## Pets go on parade

The Cardinia Shire Council's 2011 Pet Expo will be held on Saturday, October 15 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham from 10am-2pm. The day includes a pet parade, stalls and giveaways, and pets can be registered on the spot. Trovan microchips are also available at a reduced price of \$25. No bookings are required. Dogs must be on a lead and cats caged.

**More? Cardinia Shire Council's Compliance Services Unit 1300 787 624**

## Community representatives sought for old cheese factory

The City of Casey is seeking nominations for up to two community representatives for the Old Cheese Factory User Group Advisory committee which meets quarterly. The two-year position starts in October 2011. Nominations close at 5pm, September 30.

**More? Old Cheese Factory Coordinator 9702 1919 or visit [www.casey.vic.gov/theoldcheesefactory](http://www.casey.vic.gov/theoldcheesefactory)**

## Manage your weeds

A crop disease identification day and management workshop, co-hosted by DPI and Southern Farming Systems, encourages growers to bring in diseased plants to be identified. Frank Henry from DPI Horsham will discuss disease identification, sampling and monitoring techniques, damage thresholds, fungicides and control measures, product regulations, and other management techniques. The workshop will be held at DPI Maffra, 1 Stratford Rd, Maffra, on October 4 from 9:30am. Morning tea and lunch included. RSVP by October 2.

**More? Nikki Hellyer 0421 813 647**

## 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. 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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## Community grants now open

Applications for Mornington Peninsula non-profit community organisations for grants up to \$5000 to assist with projects that benefit the community close September 19.

**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)**

## 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)**

## Reach for the sky over breakfast

Join business representatives from around the Cardinia region for breakfast, networking and conversation with world champion aerial skier Jacqui Cooper. The event, costing \$35, will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham on October 20 from 7-9am.

**More? Frances Grigoriou 1300 787 624 or [f.grigoriou@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:f.grigoriou@cardinia.vic.gov.au)**

## Australian Dairy Conference comes to Gippsland

The biggest event on the dairy industry calendar, the Australian Dairy Conference will be held in Gippsland next February. The conference, which attracts more than 450 delegates, will be book-ended by tours:

- Monday, February 20 – tour departing Melbourne for East Gippsland
- Tuesday, February 21 – tour continues, returning to Warragul for the official opening function at Tom Reid Oration at the Warragul Arts Centre
- Wednesday, February 22 – conference and Elanco BBQ dinner at Lardner Park
- Thursday, February 23 – conference at Lardner Park and Rabobank gala dinner at Kernot Hall
- Friday, February 24 – visit to Ellinbank Research Centre

The event sponsorship and exhibition prospectus is available on the conference website.

**More? Esther Price Promotions 1800 177 636 or visit [www.australiandairyconference.com.au](http://www.australiandairyconference.com.au)**

## Planning to start a business?

Find out what you need to know to make sure your new business gets off to a sound start at a workshop covering: how to assess the viability of your idea, identifying the best business structure for your needs, financial considerations, pointers and tips on preparing a business plan, resources available to assist and support new business operators and more. A voucher for one free mentoring session is provided for participants. The workshop will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham on September 20 from 6-9.30pm.

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

## Learn to write grants

Casey City's Grant Writing Basics Workshop to help participants find grants, understand grant jargon, complete an application forms and more will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 10am-12pm at the Old Shire Offices, Cranbourne.

**More? City of Casey 9705 5200**

## Learn more from coast to corner

A Bunurong Coast to Corner Inlet information session will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 10.15am-11.45am at 'Moonbooi' 175 Soldiers Road, Foster.

**More? Kate Williams 5662 5759 or [katew@wgcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:katew@wgcma.vic.gov.au)**

## Blooming flowers are everywhere in Buchan

The Buchan Flower and Arts n' Crafts Show will be held on the weekend on October 29-30 at the Buchan Mechanics Hall Main Street, Buchan. This annual event features flowers displays, handcrafts, cooking, preserving and beer brewing. Entries welcome.

**More? Evelyn Schmidt 5155 9216 or [buchanbnh@bigpond.com](mailto:buchanbnh@bigpond.com) or visit <http://www.buchan.vic.au>**

## Market for growth

Business owners wanting to know more about marketing are invited to attend the City of Cardinia's Marketing for Growth seminar. The seminar covers launching new products, market research, customer knowledge, and more. The seminar will be held on September 20 from 6-9.30pm at the 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)**

## South Gippsland small farm workshops

The South Gippsland local food network is holding workshops on small farms covering:

- Farm planning on October 16, 1:30-5pm, Mardan Hall
- Markets, distribution and support networks on November 20, 1:30-5pm, Arawata Hall.

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

## Training workshops offer project support

Project management, grant writing and team management are the focus of a series of training workshops by Our Community. The training is designed to work closely with individuals and community groups and is particularly useful to those currently working on a project or looking for direction on how to successfully manage and implement a community project.

The training is offered in a three-phase format:

- Introductory session Meeniyon (TBC) on Wednesday, October 12 or Tarwin Lower on Sunday, October 16.
- Initial coaching session Meeniyon on Wednesday, October 26 or Tarwin Lower on Sunday, October 30.
- Follow-up workshops Meeniyon on Wednesday, November 11 or Tarwin Lower on Sunday, November 27.

**More? Marzia Maurilli 5662 9805 or [marziam@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:marziam@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)**

## Remove the wool from your eyes

Gippsland farmers are invited hear how they can protect their sheep business in relation to:

- Industrial relations (unfair dismissal, performance management and pastoral award)
- OH&S (shearing, quad bikes, helmets)
- Biosecurity in sheep flocks (lice and foot soreness management)
- NVDs and sheep health statements

The forum will be held on Thursday, October 6 from 9.30am–2pm at the Hacienda Motor Inn, Sale. The cost is \$10 for VFF members and \$15 for non-VFF members. RSVP by October 3

**More? VFF Livestock Group 9207 5547 or [cfox@vff.org.au](mailto:cfox@vff.org.au)**

## Network over breakfast

A Women Making it Work Networking Breakfast is being held from 7-8:30am on Tuesday, October 11. Guests, first time attendees men and women are welcome. The breakfast will be held at the Boonerwurrung Café, Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, corner Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

**More? WMIW Administration 0407 009 656 or [admin@wmiw.com.au](mailto:admin@wmiw.com.au)**

## Want to talk about cropping pasture?

Rose and Ian Trevaskis are hosting a Southern Farming Systems (SFS) pasture cropping discussion day on October 27 from 9am-1pm. Greg Forster will explain the concept of pasture cropping and how it can improve degraded pasture paddocks. The event will be held at Trevaskis Farm, Wairera Road Tostaree. Morning tea and lunch included.

**More? Nikki Hellyer 0421 813 647**

## Deal with change by choice

The next Baw Baw Community Network Breakfast, with guest speaker Sandi Givens, on 'Dealing with change by choice: how to navigate turbulent times' will be held on September 20 from 7-9am at GippsTAFE, WattleSeed Restaurant, 9-11 Mason Street, Warragul. Cost \$30.

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

## Top 20 tricks and tips in social media revealed

The City of Casey presents an interactive workshop covering the best social media ideas and concepts, where participants will work at a computer practicing what is learnt about TweetDeck, HootSuite, Klout and Twitter Karma, etc. The workshop is on Tuesday, September 20 from 9.15am–4pm at Monash University Berwick Campus. The cost is \$60 per person. Book at [www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops) and searching for Event ID: 7653.

**More? City of Casey Economic Development Unit 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## Do you have an idea that would make a difference?

The Australian Innovation Challenge is open for submissions to reward for the best idea or innovation. The awards are presented by The Australian and Shell, and supported by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. Winners receive a share in \$70,000 to help bring ideas to life. Entries close September 28.

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

## Healthy soils forum

A Healthy Soils Forum focusing on carbon and how it relates to productivity will be held at the Latrobe Convention Centre on October 12 from 10am-3pm. The forum includes guest speaker Jeff Baldock, CSIRO researcher in soil carbon.

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

## Help available to start your business right

The City of Casey "Starting Your Business" seminar is for people wanting support in commencing their business or sole traders who work in isolation and need an experienced 'sounding board'. The seminar will be held Monday September 19 from 9.30am-1.30 pm at the City of Casey Civic Centre, Magid Drive, Narre Warren. The cost is \$30 (limited places). To book visit: [www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops) and search for Event ID: 5354.

**More? City of Casey Economic Development Unit 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## Strategy to assist Baw Baw to manage weeds

Baw Baw Shire Council is inviting feedback on its draft weed management strategy which can be viewed at the council's Customer Service Centres until September 30. It can also be downloaded from the council's website [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)

## Make social media work for your business

A social media workshop on October 18 from 6-9pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham will open the door to customers available in the social media world.

**More? Sarah Fry 5945 0400 or [s.fry@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.fry@cardinia.vic.gov.au)**

## Shed, bed and fed

The YDDP presents "Shed, bed and fed" at John and Cobie Giliam's farm, 306 Bloomfield Road, Nilma, including a tour and discussion on freestall farming and feeding systems involving cut and carry and total mixed rations. The event will be held on September 21 from 11am-1pm. Lunch provided. RSVP by September 16 for catering purposes and a map.

**More? Kylie Barry 0428 889 337 or [yddpgipps@gippsdairy.com.au](mailto:yddpgipps@gippsdairy.com.au)**

## Bring new life to your farm

A field day will give participants a first-hand look at how biodiversity can be significantly enhanced through farmscaping. The day will be held at "Nambrok", Princes Highway, Nambrok, on Saturday October 15 from 9am-4pm. The cost is \$40, including morning tea.

Speakers include:

- Matt Kilby of Global Land Repair focussing on sustainable land practices, biodiversity and growing trees
- Graeme Sait of Nutri-Tech Solutions (NTS) focusing on soil biology, fertility, plant nutrition, plant protection
- Nicholas Huggins a permaculture consultant and designer with Global Land Repair
- Gerhard Grasser, Managing Director of AgriSolutions Pty Ltd, discussing n sustainable regenerative agricultural practices

BBQ Lunch and refreshments can be bought onsite. Bookings essential

**More? Marnie Ellis 0438 261 540 or [marnieellis@bigpond.com](mailto:marnieellis@bigpond.com)**

## Forum focuses on carbon on farms

Trees, soils and carbon on farms are the topics of a seminar presented by the WGCMA on Tuesday, October 11 from 7.30–9.30pm at Dakers Centre, Smith St, Leongatha. Speakers include Ginny Forrest, DPI covering trees and carbon within farming operations and Dr Jeff Baldock CSIRO, outlining soil carbon and the soil carbon cycle; an assessment of the benefits of soil C on soil health and productivity; information on how C can be measured and the issues in retaining soil C. A panel discussion will follow. Supper provided. RSVP.

**More? Nick Dudley 1300 094 262, or [nickd@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:nickd@wgcm.vic.gov.au)**

## Prevent mosquitoes around your house

Baw Baw Shire Council is encouraging residents to rid their homes of conditions that may encourage the breeding of mosquitoes, particularly following recent rain. Residents with rainwater tanks should ensure that a removable screen mesh is installed to the outlet end or overflow pipes to all water inlets and that any water collection containers have secure lids.

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

## Building knowledge of Gippsland's catchment health

Three studies into Gippsland's environment were incorporated when Gippsland's Catchment Health was launched in Heyfield recently. The 2011 GINRF Report Card collates knowledge of more than 23 regional natural resource management organisations. The Gippsland Lakes Report Card 2011 is the first for the Gippsland Lakes. Click on these links:

- [GINRF Report Card 2011 www.ginrf.org.au](http://www.ginrf.org.au)
- [West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority Catchment Condition Report](#)
- [Gippsland Lakes Report Card 2011](#)

## Less stress brings production gains

Low Stress Stockhandling (LSS) is running a two-day stock handling school at Gippsland Water's Dutton Downs facility on November 15-16.

**More? Jono Craven 0427 215 536 or [jono.craven@gippswater.com.au](mailto:jono.craven@gippswater.com.au) or visit [www.lss.net.au](http://www.lss.net.au)**

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For further information email [mark@lardnerpark.com.au](mailto:mark@lardnerpark.com.au), visit [www.lardnerpark.com.au](http://www.lardnerpark.com.au) or phone 5626 1373

## 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 September 21 and October 5.

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

## Blooming after the bushfires

A presentation by Michael Duncan on the response of orchids to the 2009 bushfires will be held on Thursday, November 3 at the Foster Golf Club, 7-8pm. All welcome.

**More? Kate Williams 5662 5759 or [katew@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:katew@wgcm.vic.gov.au)**

## Bite into a business breakfast

Join the City of Casey, Melbourne Football Club and Monash University presenting futurist Paul Higgins at a business breakfast on September 21 from 6.45am at Cranbourne Golf Club, South Gippsland Highway. Finalists for the 2011 Casey Business Awards will be announced. Cost is \$35 includes full breakfast. Book at <http://www.trybooking.com/SPR>  
**More? City of Casey Economic Development Unit 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## 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	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	November 20	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	0407 543 371
Inverloch Farmers Market	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	The Glade. Inverloch	5664 0096
Longwarry Fire Brigade Market	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Bennett Street, Longwarry	0419 158 946

## Gain national recognition for excellence in agribusiness

NAB Agribusiness and Monash University are accepting nominations from individuals and organisations for the 2011 NAB Agribusiness Awards. Applications close October 14. Award winners will be announced on Thursday, December 1 at Crown Palladium. Download the application form at <http://nab.com.au/agribusinessawards>

## Start summer with a glass of wine

Southern Gippsland Wine Inc. presents Summer Starters across Gippsland on Melbourne Cup weekend from Saturday, October 29–Tuesday, November 1. The event features fine wines, local food and produce platters, regional arts and music.

**More? Visit <http://southerngippslandwine.com.au>**

## Moving from weeds to wonder

A field day providing practical information on restoring your stream will be held on October 9 from 10am-2pm at Mark Walter's property, Bass Valley Road, Loch. Lunch provided. RSVP.

**More? Kate Williams 5662 5759 or [katew@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:katew@wgcm.vic.gov.au)**

## Turn your hard work into hard profits

Information on using modern technology will be given at a hands-on workshop presented by the City of Casey on September 20 from 6pm-8.30pm at the Monash University Faculty of Business and Economics, Berwick Campus. Cost \$35 Book at [www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops) search for Event ID: 7654  
**More? City of Casey Economic Development 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## Take your best bite

Mornington Peninsula Shire has launched its new food awards program – Best Bites. It assesses local food businesses on safe and healthy food; environmentally sustainable business practices; and safe and accessible food premises. Businesses that meet requirements will be featured in the *Best Bites Food Guide*, to be launched and available to the public from December. All local food businesses can apply for assessment in:

- nutrition and allergen awareness
- waste and recycling
- energy and water efficiency
- tobacco and alcohol compliance
- access for all.

All local food businesses will be sent a kit and have until November 1 to apply.

**More? Peter O'Brien 5950 1050 or [obripm@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:obripm@mornpen.vic.gov.au) or [www.mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au)**

## Project funds made available to community groups

The Gardiner Foundation has made \$150,000 project funding available to the eight communities involved in the Lower Tarwin Valley Project – Fish Creek, Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower, Dumbalk, Meeniyah, Stony Creek, Buffalo and Koonwarra. Funds will be allocated through a grants application process over three funding rounds. First round applications from community groups should be submitted by the end of October 2011 for funds in November.

**More? Marzia Maurilli 5662 9805 or [marziam@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:marziam@southgippsland.vic.gov.au) or [www.gardinerfoundation.com.au](http://www.gardinerfoundation.com.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**

## Master skills in day-long sessions

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

- 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**

## 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 grant.

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

## Grow your business while growing capital value

The free Growing your Business seminar, hosted by the Narre Warren Regional Business Group, will equip participants to achieve business growth and build capital value. It will be held on September 21 from 6-8pm at the Narre Community Learning Centre, 1 Malcolm Court. To book visit: [www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops) and search for Event ID: 7657  
**More? City of Casey Economic Development 9705 5841 or [inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## Learn to save seeds

Learn how to save seed for summer sowing on Saturday, September 24 from 1:30-4pm at the Eco Living Display Centre, The Briars, Mt Martha. Cost \$10.

**More? Peninsula Visitor Information Booking Service 5987 3078 or [nicci.tsernjavski@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:nicci.tsernjavski@mornpen.vic.gov.au) or visit <http://www.bookings.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org>**

## 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)**

## It's never too early to start thinking about the New Year

Baw Baw Shire Council is seeking nominations to citizens who have made a noteworthy contribution during the year for the 2012 Australia Day Awards. The awards consist of five categories; Citizen of the Year award; Young Citizen of the Year award; Australia Day Medallion; Community Event of the Year and Community Contribution. Nominations are open until November 4. Nomination forms are available at the Baw Baw Shire Customer Service Centres, libraries and on the Council's website at [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)

**More? Chloe Prince 5624 2411 or [chloe.prince@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:chloe.prince@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)**

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

Meetings this month are:

- September 20: Sale
- September 25: Bairnsdale

Meetings next month are:

- October 7: Sale
- October 8: Pakenham
- October 9: Cranbourne
- October 13: Moe
- October 15: Traralgon-Latrobe Valley
- October 23: Sale
- October 29: Traralgon-Latrobe Valley

**More? Call 1300 139 402 or visit [www.countryracing.com.au](http://www.countryracing.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 October 8.

**More? Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304**

## 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)**

## Taking tax back to basics

A tax basics seminar presented by the Cardinia Shire Council will help participants understand the tax issues relevant to owning and operating a small business and provide practical tips for businesses. The seminar will be held on October 20 from 5-8pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham.

**More? Sarah Fry 5945 0400 or [s.fry@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.fry@cardinia.vic.gov.au)**

## What works and why?

The Gardiner Foundation has invested in the Lower Tarwin Valley project to strengthen small dairy communities. Anne Crawford, from the Rural Innovation Research Group at the University of Melbourne will lead an evaluation of this project to understand its impact, and glean lessons for subsequent rollout of Gardiner Small Communities programs.

**More? Anne 0438 240 229 or [acra@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:acra@unimelb.edu.au)**

## 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)

## Develop a good sense of humus

Develop your sense of humus at a soil carbon workshop on Friday, October 21 in the Mirboo North area. Please register your interest in attending.

**More? Jill 0417 380 273 or [jillv@wgcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:jillv@wgcma.vic.gov.au)**

## Make your records work for your business

A record keeping workshop, run by Cardinia Shire Council, will help small business operators gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of record keeping for businesses. The workshop, at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham on November 17 from 5-8.30pm, involves a mixture of practical exercises and record keeping principles.

**More? Sarah Fry 5945 0400 or [s.fry@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.fry@cardinia.vic.gov.au)**



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## Get deep into ecology

Mornington Peninsula Shire will host a variety of workshops and presentations by John Seed on 'Deep ecology and the conservation of nature'. RSVP. The workshops will be held:

- Balnarring on Wednesday, September 21 from 6.30–8.30pm
- Rosebud West on Thursday, September 22 from 7–8.30pm.
- The Briars, Mount Martha on September 24-25 (two-day workshop) with John Seed and the EarthSoulScience Co-op from 9am–5pm at a cost of \$150 or \$120 conc.

**More? Emma 5950 1685 or [spcdadmin@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:spcdadmin@mornpen.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.rainforestinfo.org.au](http://www.rainforestinfo.org.au)**

## **Doveton Show offers all the fun of the fair!**

The Doveton Show on September 25, includes art and craft displays, workshops, children's activities, performances, food stalls and community showbags. Entry gold coin donation.

**More?** [9706 9944](tel:97069944) or [info@dovetonshow.org.au](mailto:info@dovetonshow.org.au) or visit [www.dovetonshow.org.au](http://www.dovetonshow.org.au)

## **Do you have too many lemons and not enough parsley?**

Mornington Peninsula's food swap will be held at Heronswood, 105 Latrobe Parade, Dromana (no entry fee for the swap) on the first Tuesday of each month from 3pm, from October 4.

**More?** [Nicci Tsernjavski 5950 1259](mailto:Nicci.Tsernjavski@bigpond.com) or [marilyn88@bigpond.com](mailto:marilyn88@bigpond.com)

## **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 SOUGHT:**

#### **Share farming position sought**

Trich Whyte writes: Having worked as dairy farmer for past 15 years, I am now interested in undertaking a share farming position. I have completed a dairy traineeship and own 200 dairy cows and 150 replacement stock. I have a keen interest in breeding side of dairy cattle and do my own AI. If possible, I would prefer a position in the West Gippsland area.

**More?** [5623 6802](tel:56236802) or [twhyte@dcsi.net.au](mailto:twhyte@dcsi.net.au)

#### **German gap year student wants work in Gipps**

An 18-year-old German gap student is looking for farm work over the next three months. Phillip Wurm is currently in Australia on a travelling holiday. He is interested in finding work on a farm between now and December. He has had some experience on farms, enjoys working with animals and is "technically talented" at repairing and building things.

**More?** [der\\_wurm@hotmail.de](mailto:der_wurm@hotmail.de)

#### **Fire management planning**

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

**More?** [Helen Bull 0400 310 188](tel:0400310188) or [h.bull@bigpond.com](mailto:h.bull@bigpond.com)

#### **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. Internships are unpaid and there is no financial cost to the host organisation.

**More?** [Leo Slattery 9214 8080](tel:92148080) or [Itslattery@swin.edu.au](mailto:Itslattery@swin.edu.au) or visit

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

#### **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:Annette.Issibl@swin.edu.au) or [ph: 9214 8753](tel:92148753) or [Karen: kpomeranz@swin.edu.au](mailto:Karen.kpomeranz@swin.edu.au) or [ph: 9215 7136](tel:92157136)

#### **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](tel:0439523871) or [gregorynlewis@southernphone.com.au](mailto:gregorynlewis@southernphone.com.au)

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## Gippy Diary

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sep 19-23	City of Casey Business Week		Raylene Wilson 9705 5841
Sep 19	Starting your business seminar	Narre Warren	City of Casey Economic Development unit 9705 5841
Sep 20	Marketing for Growth seminar	Pakenham	Phil Jackson 5945 0401
Sep 20	Turn Your Hard Work into Hard Profits	Berwick	City of Casey Economic Development Unit 9705 5841
Sep 20	Top 20 Tricks and Tips in Social Media workshop	Berwick	City of Casey Economic Development Unit 9705 5841
Sep 20	Baw Baw Community Network Breakfast	Warragul	Pat Coles on 0428 746 207
Sep 20	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Sep 21	City of Casey Business Breakfast	Cranbourne	Raylene Wilson 9705 5841
Sep 21	Climate Commission Forum	Churchill	02 6159 7624
Sep 21	2011 SP AusNet Baw Baw Business Excellence Awards breakfast	Warragul	5624 2441
Sep 21	Grow your business while growing capital value	Narre Warren	City of Casey Economic Development unit 9705 5841
Sep 21	Deep ecology and the conservation of nature	Balnarring	Emma 5950 1685
Sep 21	Shed, bed and fed, YDDP event	Nilma	0428 889 337
Sep 21	Wellington Environmental Strategy Workshop	Sale	1300 366 244
Sep 22	Deep ecology and the conservation of nature	Rosebud West	Emma 5950 1685
Sep 22	Chicory Field Day	Trafalgar	Gillian Hayman 0428 345 493
Sep 24	Yarragon Community Craft and Produce Market	Yarragon	Allison Butterworth 5634 2209
Sep 24	Gippsland Heritage Park Market	Moe	5127 3082
Sep 24	Seed Saving Workshop	Mt Martha	5987 3078
Sep 24	Bunurong Coast to Corner Inlet information session	Foster	Kate Williams 56625759
Sep 24-25	Deep ecology and the conservation of nature	Mount Martha	Emma 5950 1685
Sep 25	Lucknow Market	Bairnsdale	Belinda Riddler 5152 4662
Sep 25	Country Race Meet	Bairnsdale	1300 139 402
Sep 25	Doveton Show	Doveton	9706 9944

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 28-29	South Gippsland Field Days	Korumburra	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 4	Mornington Peninsula Food Swap	Dromana	Nicci Tsernjavski 5950 1259
Oct 4	Weed Management Workshop	Maffra	Nikki Hellyer 0421 813 647
Oct 6	Sheep Business Security Forum	Sale	VFF Security Group 9207 5547
Oct 7	GSI East Gippsland Business Awards 2011		
Oct 7	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Oct 8	Country Race Meet	Pakenham	1300 139 402
Oct 8	Trafalgar Produce Swap	Trafalgar	Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304
Oct 8	Biological Farmers of Australia Roadshow	Labertouche	gm@bfa.com.au
Oct 9	From weeds to wonder- stream restoration field day	Loch	Kate Williams 5662 5759
Oct 9	Country Race Meet	Cranbourne	1300 139 402
Oct 11	Carbon on Farms: Trees and Soils	Leongatha	Nick Dudley 1300 094 262,
Oct 11	Women making it work networking breakfast	Cranbourne	0407 009 656
Oct 11 – Nov 22	Farm Plan 21 Course	Fish Creek	Kate Williams 5662 5759
Oct 12	Manage Budgets/Financial Plans	Warragul	5622 8526
Oct 12	Starting Your Business	Pakenham	Phil Jackson 5945 0401
Oct 12	Healthy Soils Forum	Traralgon	Tony Gardner 1300 094 262
Oct 13	Country Race Meet	Moe	1300 139 402
Oct 13	Grant writing workshop	Cranbourne	City of Casey 9705 5200
Oct 15	Regenerative Agriculture field day	Nambrok	Marnie Ellis 0438 261 540
Oct 15	Country Race Meet	Traralgon	1300 139 402
Oct 15	Cardinia Shire Council's 2011 Pet Expo	Pakenham	Cardinia Shire Council 1300 787 624
Oct 16	South Gippsland local food network – water workshop	Mardan	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
Oct 12, 26, Nov 11	Project management, grant writing and team management	Meeniyan	Marzia Maurilli 5662 9805
Oct 16, 26, Nov 27	Project management, grant writing and team management	Tarwin Lower	Marzia Maurilli 5662 9805
Oct 18	Social Media workshop	Pakenham	Sarah Fry 5945 0400
Oct 19	Seasonal update and climate outlook field day	Longwarry	Kylie Barry 0428 889 337
Oct 20	Tax Basics seminar	Pakenham	Sarah Fry 5945 0400
Oct 20	Save energy in the dairy	Fish Creek	Kylie Barry 0428 889 337
Oct 20	Cardinia Business Breakfast	Pakenham	Frances Grigoriou 5945 0402
Oct 21	Developing a Sense of Humus: soil carbon workshop	Mirboo North	Jill 0417 380 273
Oct 21-23	Ready for Tomorrow conference	Dandenong Ranges	Ailsa Gibson on 03 9207 5563
Oct 23	Country Race Meet	Sale	1300 139 402
Oct 26	Ensure a Safe Workplace	Warragul	5622 8526
Oct 27	Pasture cropping discussion day	Tostaree	Nikki Hellyer 0421 813 647
Oct 29	Country Race Meet	Traralgon	1300 139 402
Oct 29-30	Buchan Flower and Arts n' Crafts Show	Buchan	Evelyn Schmidt 5155 9216
Oct 29 – Nov 3	Summer Starters		03 5664 3204

Nov 2	Carbon Farming/Trading course	Lilydale	9214 4440
Nov 3	Presentation on the response of orchids to the 2009 bushfires	Foster	Kate Williams 5662 5759
Nov 9	Finance for non-finance managers	Warragul	5622 8526
Nov 20	South Gippsland local food network – water workshop	Arawata	Chris Hamilton 5662 9314
Nov 12	Trafalgar Produce Swap	Trafalgar	Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304
Nov 15-16	Low Stress Stockhandling school	Dutson Downs	Jono Craven 0427 215 536
Nov 17	Record keeping workshop	Pakenham	Sarah Fry 5945 0400
Nov 23	Creating High Performance People	Warragul	5622 8526
Dec 7	Strategic Planning and Foresight	Warragul	5622 8526
Feb 22/23	10th Anniversary Australian Dairy Conference	Warragul	Esther Price Promotions 1800 177 636

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