



# Gippy AGchat November 21, 2011 – Issue 52

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## **Gippy2Parly House: the minister, the mandarins and the media**

We've honoured with a powerful politico line-up for our young agribusiness professionals' visit to Parliament House tomorrow, November 22. We'll see how the top end of town ticks! We are booked to have personal meetings with the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Peter Walsh, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Ken Smith and the executive director of the DPI's Future Farming Systems Research Division Dr Ron Prestidge, along Gardiner Foundation CEO Paul Ford and a VFF representative. Special speaker will be veteran Weekly Times journalist Peter Hunt who will open up on "Using and being used by politicians"! NABagribusiness has kindly sponsored the bus and lunch will be provided by the Gardiner Foundation. We also thank Jenny Frederiksen of the VFF for finding us a meeting room and AGI director Courtney Ferguson for volunteering as our bus driver. Now all we have to do is find a parking spot for a 22-seater bus in Melbourne. Any offers/ideas? Ph Sue 0402 267 802.

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## Green Wedge paper open for discussion

The Westernport Green Wedge Discussion Paper Public exhibition period is open for submissions until 5pm, December 2. The paper outlines the management plan of the Victorian State Government in partnership with City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council. The plan aims to deliver a long-term vision for land use in the green wedge. Visit <http://caseyconversations.com.au> or Cardinia [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwedges](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwedges)  
**More? Lisa Brassington (Cardinia) 1300 787 624 or [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) or Paul Laughton (Casey) 9705 5200 or [caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## Congratulations to Gippsland Landcare

Gippsland Landcare networks featured prominently at the recent Landcare Awards with the following groups, organisations and individuals being recognised for their work:

- The South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) - Citipower and Powercor Landcare Network Award
- Belinda Brennan - Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/ Coordinator Award
- Fish Creek Landcare Group - Highly Commended in the Toshiba Landcare Community Group Award.
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority - Australian Government Natural Resource Management Award.
- Rick and Jenny Robertson - East Gippsland Region DPI Sustainable Farming Award
- Elizabeth Balderstone - West Gippsland Region DPI Sustainable Farming Award
- Baw Baw Shire Council - Bushfire Recovery Award
- Jean Carnell - Highly Commended in the Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award
- Graeme and Rosemary Trease - Highly Commended in the DPI Sustainable Farming Award – West Gippsland.



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## University of Melbourne study to compare \$ value on land use

Post-graduate students from the University of Melbourne will be comparing economic benefits of conventional vs lifestyle farming for the next Agribusiness Gippsland survey. We will be meeting with the four students this week and are seeking support from some shires to help them conduct their research next February. We're also hoping to billet them for a fortnight – ideally on farms – in the Casey, Cardinia and Mornington Shire areas. Ph Sue 0402 267 802.

## **Gippsland Water goes for gold**

Gippsland Water has won Australia's pre-eminent award for environmental excellence for its Gippsland Water Factory project. The corporation was announced winner of the overall 'Gold Banksia' at the 2011 Banksia Environmental Awards in Sydney recently. Gippsland Water was a finalist in three Banksia categories: Built Environment and Water for the Gippsland Water Factory project; and Education for the Vortex Centre and associated 'Water Wonders' education program. The corporation won both the Water and Education category awards.

**More? East Gippsland Water 1300 720 700**

## **Finalists announced in NAB Agribusiness Awards**

Gippsland companies have featured as finalists in this year's NAB Agribusiness Awards for Excellence with nominations for:

- R. Radford and Son Pty Ltd (Warragul) in the Environment and Energy Award
- Macalister Demonstration Farm (Maffra) in the Management Award
- Australian Fresh Leaf Herbs (Clyde) in the Primary Producer of the Year Award.

The awards, run by Monash University Gippsland and NAB Agribusiness, recognise the achievements of individuals and businesses in nine key agribusiness areas, including new technology, emerging markets, environmental management and rural enterprise.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in Melbourne on December 1.

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

## **New course helps farmers with staffing issues**

A new People in Dairy People GPS course is being run in Warragul from November 25. The four-day course has been developed by Dairy Australia's The People in Dairy Program and the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia (NCDEA) to assist dairy farmers with recruiting, retaining and developing people on their farm.

The course will run from 10am-3pm on November 25, December 9, January 12 and 20.

The cost of attendance is \$403 (some Farm Ready funding is available on application).

**More? Frank Tyndall 0409 940 782 or [ftyndall@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ftyndall@ozemail.com.au)**

## **Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy released**

The final Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy has been released after a two and a half year collaborative process involving community members, water users, water industry stakeholders, independent experts, Government departments, catchment management authorities and water corporations. Electronic copies of the Strategy are available at:

[www.water.vic.gov.au/programs/sws/gippsland](http://www.water.vic.gov.au/programs/sws/gippsland). Hardcopies of the Strategy are also available

**More? DSE call centre 136 186 or [gippsland.sws@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:gippsland.sws@dse.vic.gov.au)**

## **Get into the lime light to demystify carbon**

A carbon farming and demystifying lime field day will be held on November 24 from 10am-12pm at Brendan Phyland's Property, 850 Sheepways Road, Krowera. Speakers include:

- Jess Horton Extension Officer, Dairy Services Branch, Department of Primary Industries discussing the fundamentals of carbon storage in soils
- Tim Johnson, Project Manager – Soils (Southern Grains), Department of Primary Industries explaining soil pH and the use of lime to fix soil acidification problems.
- Nick Dudley, Regional Landcare Facilitator, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, speaking about the carbon farming initiative
- Peter Mcluskey, Victorian Limestone Producers Association President discussing VLPA's role is in soil testing and the code of conduct for product composition.

The event is jointly funded and supported by the Powlett Project's Improving Landscape Scale Change through On Ground Action Project and the WGCMA Healthy Soils, Sustainable Farms Project and Caring for Our Country. The day includes a free BBQ lunch, RSVP.

**More? Lisa 5951 3329 or [l.wangman@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:l.wangman@basscoast.vic.gov.au)**

## Call before you cut this summer

Cardinia Shire Council is cracking down on illegal vegetation removal in the shire this summer. State planning regulations have some flexibility with regards to vegetation removal in preparation for the upcoming fire season; however residents are reminded that not all vegetation removal is legal. Information on [Significant Landscape Overlays and Environmental Significance Overlays](#) is available from council.

**More? Cardinia Shire Council 1300 787 624.**

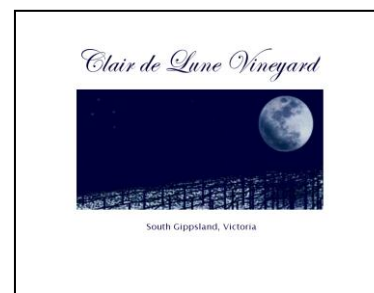
## *Clair de Lune*

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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## Gippsland exempt from food processing industry contraction

A new report pinpoints food processing jobs in regional Victoria as among Australia's most vulnerable in a national contraction of the industry to 2020. However, Gippsland appears to be exempt from the predictions made for the west and north of the state, in the report from the Australian Food and Grocery Council. The report notes vulnerable retail products are those already returning marginally or those exposed to import competition: processed fruit and vegetable products, seafood processing, animal and bird feed, grain mill products, sanitary paper products, sugar, cleaning and personal care products, wine, cheese and dairy.

**More? Visit <http://www.afgc.org.au/2020-industry-at-a-crossroads-report.html>**

## Horizon Scholarships are now open

The Horizon Scholarship, an initiative of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) aims to increase the number of students studying agricultural science at Australian universities. The scholarship provides a bursary of \$5000 per year, mentoring partnerships, professional development workshops and industry work placements. To be eligible, students must be entering their first year of university, studying a degree related to agriculture. Application forms can be downloaded from [www.rirc.gov.au/horizon](http://www.rirc.gov.au/horizon)

## “Green Cleaning” wins award for excellence

Warragul-based AgVet Projects Pty Ltd has been named the winner of the Product Innovations Category in the national 2011 savewater! awards® and has taken out the Overall Award for Excellence for their Green Cleaning™ system.

Green Cleaning™ is an innovative milking machine cleaning system that requires significantly less energy, chemicals and water than conventional wash systems. It operates at lower temperatures, and reduces water use for cleaning the milking machine by at least 63% and has the potential to save the average dairy farm around 1000 litres of potable water per day. The project was managed by AgVet Projects on behalf of GippsDairy and was supported by the Victorian Government's Sustainability Fund and the Gardiner Foundation.

**More? Dr Rob Greenall 5611 1021 or [robertgreenall@agvetprojects.com.au](mailto:robertgreenall@agvetprojects.com.au)**

## Learn to run your self-managed fund

Cardinia Council is holding a self-managed fund seminar on December 15 from 6-8pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham.

**More? Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401 or [j.mawditt@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:j.mawditt@cardinia.vic.gov.au)**

## Women in agriculture to be celebrated at Farm World 2012

Farm World 2012 will celebrate women in agriculture with a lunch on Thursday, March 22, 2012 featuring speakers Margaret Jackson AC, Chairman and Director of companies and organisations including Qantas, Angela Betheras, the 2011 RIRDC Victorian Rural Woman of the Year, and Michelle Winzer Regional General Manager for Victoria and Tasmania in Retail and Banking Services of the Commonwealth Bank. The event will be held on March 22 from 12-1.30pm at the Lardner Park Exhibition Centre, 155 Burnt Store Road, Lardner, Vic., 3821. Tickets include entry to Farm World, presentation and a finger food lunch.

**More? Lardner Park Events 5626 1373 or [pam@lardnerpark.com.au](mailto:pam@lardnerpark.com.au)**

## Know where they are biting but don't have a licence?

The DPI website includes a new fishing licence outlet locator to enable recreational fishers to find the six nearest fishing licence outlets. The locator is simple to use, you just type in your location in the search box and the closest six locations pop up on the map underneath.

The fishing licence outlet locator can be found at: [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/fishing-licence/outlets](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/fishing-licence/outlets)

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## 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. Deadline December 31.

**More? Rural Finance Corporation 5448 2600 or visit [www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au)**

## Grants help communities support natural environment

Applications are now open in the \$20 million Communities for Nature grants program for local community groups and organisations looking to improve their natural environment and conserve local biodiversity values. Funding is available for activities such as biodiversity and habitat preservation, revegetation, cleaning up of waterways and control of pests and weeds. This year, two streams of funding are offered: small grants up to \$10,000; and large grants of \$10,000-\$150,000. Applications close on Monday, December 19.

**More? Grants Information Line 1300 366 356 or visit [www.dse.vic.gov.au/communitiesfornature](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/communitiesfornature)**

## Orbost Agricultural Show gets a sustainable lift

Far East Victoria Landcare Inc (FEVL) is developing a Sustainability Expo to be run in conjunction with the Orbost Agricultural Show on March 12 and is seeking volunteers to assist in idea development.

**More? Penny Gray 5161 1365 or [penny.gray@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:penny.gray@dpi.vic.gov.au)**

## **Tooradin touted as Victoria's third airport**

Expanding Tooradin airfield, on Western Port, into a major airport would help meet Victoria's future air transport need, said the boss of VECCI, Mark Stone.

"A third airport in Melbourne's southeast is a very long-term project that has support from some businesses in south-east Melbourne and Gippsland who find it difficult to get to Tullamarine and may find it increasingly difficult as population and traffic grow," he said.

## **Celebrating the business of tourism success**

Mornington Peninsula tourism operations showcased the quality and diversity of their visitor experiences when 11 businesses enjoyed success in the 2011 Victorian Tourism Awards. Mornington Peninsula Tourism won the Specialised Tourism Services Award for the third consecutive year. To honour this achievement Mornington Peninsula Tourism has also been inducted into the Victorian Tourism Awards Hall of Fame.

Mornington Peninsula had 10 other winners including:

- Montalto Vineyard and Olive Grove (Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Boutique Breweries Award winner)
- Max's at Red Hill Estate (Tourism Restaurants and Catering Services Award winner)

Bass Coast Shire Council is also celebrating a success at the recent Victorian Tourism Awards with winners:

- Bass Coast Shire Council Tourism Manager, Ken Hore, (Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual)
- The Rhyll Trout and Bush Tucker Farm (Herald Sun Award for Tourist Attractions)
- RACV Inverloch Resort (Deluxe Accommodation award).

## **Wellington Shire helps farmers clean up chemical containers**

Chemical users, including farmers, can dispose of properly cleaned chemical containers at three permanent drumMUSTER sites set up by the Wellington Shire Council and operating each Wednesday from 9am-9pm at the Kilmany, Yarram, and Maffra transfer station sites. Other collection days and times can be arranged by contacting sites directly.

Chemical users can drop off containers that held surfactants, dairy chemicals and liquid fertilisers however containers that have held petroleum, oil or liquid chlorine are not accepted. All drums must be correctly cleaned both inside and out and allowed to drain or air dry.

[More? 1300 366 244](#)

## **Meet the meat producers**

The Gippsland Natural Meats Meat Standards Australia (MSA) workshops will cover:

- Gippsland Natural Meats and what drives regional brands
- How to get involved in supplying Gippsland Natural Beef and Enviromeat brands
- MSA producer requirements and recommendations
- MSA boning groups - what they are and how do they work
- MSA compliance - regional performance.

The workshops will be held on

- Thursday, November 24 from 9.30am-1pm at Bairnsdale Racecourse, Bairnsdale
- Friday, November 25 from 9.30am-1pm at Leongatha Recreational Reserve.

Lunch is provided at both events. Please register your interest in attending.

[More? Paul Crock 0418 377 264 or \[pscrock@bigpond.com\]\(mailto:pscrock@bigpond.com\)](#)

## **Potential of the grains industry in Gippsland to be assessed**

The Department of Primary Industries Victoria (DPI Victoria) is interested in understanding the opportunities and challenges for developing the grains industry in the Gippsland region and is asking interested people to undertake an on-line survey at:

<http://bizware.insightrix.com/MySurvey.php?dm=2&pkWO=2817&confirmit=yes&id=2046>

[More? Ben Rowbottom 5833 5972](#)

## Executives to see the benefits of sustainability

AgriFood Skills Australia is running a pilot program Sustainability Essentials (SEE) for small-to-medium enterprise (SME) executives in the food processing sector. The program will be subsidised by funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), state governments and AgriFood Skills Australia. The cost to companies is expected to be in the vicinity of \$500 per participant. The application process will be competitive with 45 available places. Expressions of Interest via email by COB Friday December 9 should include name, position, the company name, contact details and information about the size of company and the type of manufacturing undertaken.

**More? Michael Claessens [michael.claessens@agrifoodskills.net.au](mailto:michael.claessens@agrifoodskills.net.au) or visit <http://www.agrifoodskills.net.au/>**



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## Field trip offers chance to get dirty

The Australian Society of Soil Science Inc. (ASSSI) Post-Leeper Lecture Field Trip on Saturday, November 26 from 9am-4pm and departing from Melbourne University, will visit the South East Water Treatment Plant to look at the potential supply of reliable water to the agricultural industry. The field trip will also visit a sand quarry in Nyora and horticultural areas near Pearcedale and Koo Wee Rup.

The field trip follows the ASSSI Leeper Lecture by Dr Neil McKenzie, CSIRO Land and Water discussing soil knowledge and water resource planning and management on Friday, November 25 at 5pm at Melbourne University.

Please RSVP as soon as possible as places on the field trip are extremely limited.

**More? Nathan Heath 02 6051 2234 or [victoria@soilscienceaustralia.org](mailto:victoria@soilscienceaustralia.org)**

## Christine Nixon is coming for breakfast

The City of Casey, Melbourne Football Club and Monash University are hosting a breakfast with Christine Nixon, former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police on Wednesday, November 30 from 7-8.30am at the Cranbourne Golf Club, South Gippsland Hwy, Cranbourne.

The cost of attendance is \$35 per person or \$300 for a table of 10. A full breakfast, including tea and coffee on arrival, will be provided.

To register visit <http://www.trybooking.com/YJT>

**More? Jasmin Bishop 9904 7224 or [inBusiness@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:inBusiness@casey.vic.gov.au)**

## National All-Breeds registrations open

The 2012 National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp will run from January 3-7 at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds. Those aged between 16-20, who have an interest in the dairy industry are encouraged to apply. Camp participants will develop confidence in handling dairy heifers, learn judging, showing and clipping skills, discuss breeding and new technology. The camp also enables participants to undertake units of competency from the Certificate II in Agriculture qualification through the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia. The cost is \$295 per person for the five-day program. Deadline for applications is December 9.

**More? Sue Bird 1300 062 332 email [sbird@ncdea.edu.au](mailto:sbird@ncdea.edu.au)**

## End the year with a conversation about carbon

Carbon Conversations are the topic of the Baw Baw Shire Council end of year business networking function on Thursday December 1 from 6-9pm at In2Food, corner of Queen and Witton Streets, Warragul. This is a free event with a limit of two persons per business. RSVP by November 23 at [http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Form/Forms.asp?Form\\_id=96](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Form/Forms.asp?Form_id=96)  
**More? Karen Meyers 5624 2422 [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)**

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## Eco- buyers given opportunity to meet green suppliers

EcoBuy presents Green Supplier Showcase on November 30 from 10am-2pm at Kernot Hall, Morwell. The showcase features suppliers of green products and services in the infrastructure, parks and gardens, facilities management and office supplies categories.  
**More? 9349 0444 or visit [http://ecobuy.org.au/director/events/ecobuy\\_events.cfm?itemID=19A25B04C5D98E92566B47C3294C3145](http://ecobuy.org.au/director/events/ecobuy_events.cfm?itemID=19A25B04C5D98E92566B47C3294C3145)**

## Farm worms for good compost

South East Water's free worm farming and composting workshop provides advice to improve soil and help garden thrive this summer. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 22 from 10am-12pm at Kooweerup Community Garden, 215 Rossiter Road, Kooweerup.  
**More? Jane Colton 9552 3606 or [jane.colton@sewl.com.au](mailto:jane.colton@sewl.com.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
- Thursday, February 23 – Rabobank gala dinner at Kernot Hall
- Friday, February 24 – visit to Ellinbank Research Centre

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

## Take advantage of Council's no-charge green waste weekend

Latrobe City residents are urged to take advantage of Latrobe City's no-charge green waste disposal weekend on November 26-27 to tidy up in advance of the fire season. Waste Collection Centres in Monash Way, Morwell; Rocla Road, Traralgon and Walhalla Road, Moe will be open 9am-5pm. Materials for drop off include leaves, grass, pruning, bark and small tree branches.

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

## Meet and make sustainable networks

The next Gippsland Sustainable Agriculture Network Meeting will be held on Friday, December 9 from 10am-2pm in the West Gippsland CMA Board Room, 16 Hotham St, Traralgon. The agenda includes:

- regional round-up
- future funding for NRM within the region
- using social media effectively
- Carbon Farming Initiative.

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

## Horses come out to show-off their best

The Bairnsdale Dressage Festival, at the Bairnsdale Showgrounds on December 4, is the only one of its kind in East Gippsland and is open to Associate and Equestrian Victoria riders. The day features eight dressage competitions with Equestrian Victoria judges presiding.

**More? Sally Avery [sallyann@hotmail.net.au](mailto:sallyann@hotmail.net.au)**

## Network over breakfast

The next Baw Baw community network breakfast with the theme: Innovation – World's Next Practice? Will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7am at GippsTAFE Wattleseed Restaurant, Mason St, Warragul. The breakfast offers insights in unlocking talent by recognising different thinking styles and learning to create an innovative working culture. The cost of the event is \$30. Bookings are essential. RSVP by Friday, November 18.

Download registration form from <http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au>

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

## Classic case of catch and release

The Victorian High Country Fishing Classic, catch and release event is being held in the Omeo/Benambra Region on December 31-January 1. The classic includes a new event with a \$10,000 tagged fish as major prize. Entry forms and information is available online.

**More? Stu Freeman 0427 143 159 or [vichighclassic@hotmail.com](mailto:vichighclassic@hotmail.com) or visit**

**<http://www.vichighclassic.com>**

## Orbost produce swap increases in frequency with spring

The Orbost Produce Swap program has become a fortnightly event on the first Wednesday of the month at Orbost Neighbourhood House 10am and the third Thursday of the month at Forest Park 11am. There will also be a 10am swap at the Cabbage Tree Creek shop on the second Sunday of the month.

## Care for a dollar farm walk and lunch?

The Tarwin Valley Landcare Group is hosting a farm walk and BBQ lunch on Sunday, December 4 from 11am at Martin and Christine Stone's property, 540 Dollar Road, Dollar.

**More? Russell 0423 773 948**

## GippsDairy AGM brings changes aboard

Dairy Australia managing director Ian Halliday, Gippsdairy chairman John Verstedden, Baw Baw Shire mayor Diane Blackwood and Murray Goulburn director Bill Bodman attended the GippsDairy AGM in Warragul recently. Mr Halliday told the almost 100 attendees that Asia's growing appetite for milk will create strong growth for the Gippsland industry in coming years. Two new directors were appointed to fill vacancies left by departing board members Neil Walker and Saurabh Aggarwalm. Warragul accountant Mark Dunsmuir was appointed as a specialist director, while Nambrok's Malcolm Sellen joins the board as a director.

**More? GippsDairy 5624 3900 or [executiveassistant@gippsdairy.com.au](mailto:executiveassistant@gippsdairy.com.au)**

## Course offers training in food industry management

Enrolments for the NCDEA's [Vocational Graduate Certificate in Food Industry Management](#) are now open. The course is a nationally accredited postgraduate focused program for staff wishing to obtain specialised training in dairy technology and manufacturing leadership. The course aims to project management and manufacturing expertise associated with the application of dairy science and technology in the practical factory environment.

**More? NCDEA Gilbert Chandler Campus Werribee 1300 062 332**

## Gippsland sustainability initiatives to be mapped

Monash University Gippsland and the Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN), is conducting research mapping sustainability initiatives occurring across Gippsland.

Surveys have been sent to schools, community-based groups and other organisations. The geographical mapping of locations, and the nature and scope of the programs will provide a valuable overview of sustainability initiatives across the Gippsland region.

Please complete the following survey (by clicking on the link) by November 30.

<http://gippslandeducationforsustainability.wikispaces.com/file/view/Sustainability+survey+2011.docx>

**More? Miriam Potts [miriam.potts@monash.edu](mailto:miriam.potts@monash.edu)**

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## Property owners urged to be fire ready

East Gippsland Shire Council is urging residents throughout the municipality to prepare their properties in the lead-up to the summer fire season. Grass should be cut, removed and maintained to a height of 10cm or less.

**More? East Gippsland Shire Council 5153 9500**

## Milk production figures updated

The milk production report for September 2011 has been updated on the Dairy Australia website. The Victorian regional growth was as follows:

|           | Month | Year-to-date |
|-----------|-------|--------------|
| Gippsland | -0.2% | -4.4%        |
| Northern  | 14.9% | 11.4%        |
| Western   | 13.8% | 5.5%         |

## Know your chemicals

A farm chemical user course covering veterinary and agricultural chemicals will be run by Neville Prowse-Brown, accredited Victorian "Chemcert" instructor, at DSE. Erica.

The full course runs on November 23-24. Bookings are essential.

**More? Neville Prowse-Brown 5157 7575**

## 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    |
| Lakes Entrance Surf Club Foreshore Market   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday   | The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance                    | 0407 098 805 |
| 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 |
| Traralgon Farmers Market                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | Kay Street Gardens – Kay St, Traralgon           | 0409 232 715 |
| Gembrook Market                             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday   | Puffing Billy Railway Station                    | 0437 664 121 |
| Casey-Berwick Farmers Market                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | 34 Homestead Rd, Berwick                         |              |
| Mornington Racecourse Market                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday   | Mornington Racecourse                            |              |

## Show moves from horses to horse power

The Traralgon and District Agricultural Show is being held on November 25-26 at the Traralgon Recreational Reserve, Traralgon. This year's theme is horses to horsepower with horse-drawn vehicles, vintage vehicle display, vintage tractors, working small steam engines, working blacksmith, car, boat, truck and trailer displays, 'bling it' and 'bring it' car show, reptiles, kids entertainment, free kids art and craft workshops.

**More?** [Lorraine Anderson 5174 1366](mailto:Lorraine.Anderson@agsocietyinc.com) or [agsocietyinc@chariot.net.au](mailto:agsocietyinc@chariot.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](mailto:Will.Oakley@wsc.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 December 7 and 21.

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

## Council encourages women to get involved

East Gippsland Shire Council has released a new brochure to encourage women to get involved in local government at the next general Council elections in October 2012. East Gippsland Shire has a strong history of female Council representation with 44% Councillors female, comparing favourably to the Victorian average of 29.5%. The brochure can be downloaded from [www.egipps.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page\\_Id=46&h=0](http://www.egipps.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=46&h=0) with printed copies available on request.

**More? Holly Casey 5153 9500**

## Prepare for flystrike

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is advising sheep producers to prepare for a heightened risk of flystrike this summer.

Correctly timing crutching and shearing will reduce vulnerability, as sheep in short wool are less susceptible to flystrike. Reduced losses and suffering can be achieved with timely use of appropriate preventive applications to a flock and spot treatment of affected sheep.

Producers should declare treatment prior to selling sheep or products such as wool by using the National Vendor Declaration, Sheep Health Statement and National Wool Declaration.

**More? DPI Animal Health Officer at Colac 5233 5533**

## 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:

- 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)**

## Turning ideas into commercial success

A free half-day event will help small to medium enterprises (SMEs) understand they can work with Victorian universities and utilise their diverse range of R&D capabilities.

The program includes:

- Case studies of successful collaborations
- Pathways to connect with university researchers and research students
- R&D tax incentive and government funding programs
- An interactive panel session to discuss 'What's in it for me?'
- Showcase display of research capabilities of all nine Victorian universities
- Opportunity to meet representatives from UniGateway, government funding programs, student placement programs, Ai Group, Enterprise Connect, and KPMG

The free event will be held on Wednesday, November 30 from 12.30-6pm at KPMG, 147 Collins Street Melbourne and includes a light lunch, afternoon tea, drinks and nibbles.

Places are limited, registrations essential. Register online at:

<http://www.unigateway.com.au/events/sme-workshop>

**More? Gael Andrews 0403 920 377 or [gael.andrews@unigateway.com.au](mailto:gael.andrews@unigateway.com.au)**

## Women making it work over breakfast

The Women Making It Work Christmas networking breakfast will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham on Wednesday, December 7 from 7-8.30am. The event is open to men and women. The cost is \$28 for members and \$38 for others.

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

## **Gippsland Natural wins best MSA grass-fed beef**

Gippsland Natural Meats directors Bob Davie, Bill Bray and Paul Crock have won a medal for the Best Meat Standards Australia (MSA) Grass-Fed beef in the Inaugural Branded Beef competition at the recent Royal Melbourne Show.

**More? Paul Crock 0418 377 264 or visit [www.gippslandnatural.com.au](http://www.gippslandnatural.com.au) or [www.enviomeat.com.au](http://www.enviomeat.com.au)**

## **Aquifers used to store water**

Marking a first for Australia, East Gippsland Water has started bulk storing potable water underground in an aquifer.

Water from the Mitchell River is being injected into the Latrobe Valley deep aquifers via East Gippsland Water's borefield at Woodglen. The stored water will be available, fully treated, for customers from Lindenow to Bairnsdale, Paynesville, Lakes Entrance and surrounding areas. Aquifer storage reduces the potential for evaporation and risks of algal and airborne contamination. It is more cost-effective than building water storages and means that water can be extracted from the Mitchell River during high flows.

**More? East Gippsland Water 1300 720 700**

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

Meetings this month are:

- November 22: Moe
- November 26: Woolamai

Meetings next month are:

- December 3: Stony Creek
- December 7: Sale
- December 11: Traralgon
- December 16: Moe
- December 19: Bairnsdale
- December 24: Sale
- December 26: Drouin
- December 30: Stony Creek

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

## **Cows need water**

As the weather warms up it is timely to check that the farm water supply is able to provide for the increased demand that summer will bring.

Water requirements increase as temperatures rise and in hot weather dairy cows need access to 200-250 litres of drinking water per cow per day.

Keeping water up to the cows during a hot spell requires some planning. Water pipes should be 75mm in diameter, with sufficient pressure to provide 20 litres per cow per hour.

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

## **Looking for a Christmas gift?**

A koala donation card through the South Gippsland Landcare Network is the perfect present this Christmas. All proceeds go to the South Gippsland Landcare Fund. Donations of over \$2 are tax deductible.

**More? Visit [www.sgl.n.org.au](http://www.sgl.n.org.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 December 10.

**More? Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304**

## **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)



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

Mornington Peninsula's food swap is held at Heronswood, 105 Latrobe Parade, Dromana from 3pm on the first Tuesday each month. The next meet is December 6.

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

## **Ag student scholarship on offer**

The Elmore Charity Ball Committee Inc. offers a scholarship of \$5000 (payable \$2500 each semester) towards the cost of accommodation for an under-24 student entering their first year of study and intending to enrol in a full-time Australian tertiary institution or TAFE course related to agriculture. Deadline: January 31, 2012.

**More? 0427 326 311, [elmorecharityball@iinet.net.au](mailto:elmorecharityball@iinet.net.au) or [www.elmoresummersendoff.org.au](http://www.elmoresummersendoff.org.au)**

## **What's new with fertility?**

A technical update for service providers will present new information on reproductive performance in dairy cows from the recently completed InCalf Fertility Data Project. Speakers include Dr Barry Zimmermann, InCalf Project and Peter Williams or Michelle Axford from ADHIS will cover:

- What has happened to reproductive performance in the last decade
- Key areas to focus on to improve reproductive performance on farm
- Choosing the best bulls for fertility
- The importance of good transition management and feeding
- New resources for managing transition cow programs
- Upcoming workshops for advisers and farmers

The updates will be held at:

- Lardner Park exhibition centre on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30-9.30pm (dinner provided at 6.30pm sharp)
- Duart Homestead, Maffra on Friday, December 9 from 7.45-9.45am (breakfast provided).

Registration is essential.

**More? Ann McDowell 0428 326 638 or [ann.mcdowell@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:ann.mcdowell@dpi.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)**

## Prepare now for the next fire season

Attend a CFA community meeting to learn about the bushfire risk in your area and how you and your community can turn this awareness into action.

You can find your nearest community meeting by municipality, township or meeting type on the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au), or phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667 or TTY 1800 122 969.

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

## Friends are on the move

Courtney Lever, former Friends of Strzelecki Koala project officer, has moved to South Gippsland Water to work as Environmental Management and Sustainability Officer.

We welcome the appointment of Mark Coleman as agribusiness economic development officer at Wellington Shire and accept, with regret, the resignation of board member Nikki Hellyer of Southern Farming Systems, who is moving to Canberra to study for her MBA.

## JOBS: A free feature in GippyAGchat

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#### 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 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 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: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)**

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## Hunting in AGInc hyperspace

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## Anyone we've forgotten?

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## Gippy Diary

| DATE      | EVENT  | LOCATION            | CONTACT   |
|-----------|--|---------------------|---|
| Nov 22    | Young agribusiness professionals' visit to Parliament House    |                     | 9456 9791   |
| Nov 22    | Country Race Meet  | Moe                 | 1300 139 402  |
| Nov 22    | Baw Baw community network breakfast                            | Warragul            | 0428 746 207  |
| Nov 22    | Worm farming and composting workshop                           | Kooweerup           | Jane Colton 9552 3606   |
| Nov 23    | Creating High Performance People                               | Warragul            | 5622 8526   |
| Nov 23-24 | Farm chemical user course                                      | Erica               | Neville Prowse-Brown 5157 7575  |
| Nov 24    | Carbon farming and demystifying lime field day                 | Krowera             | Lisa 5951 3329  |
| Nov 24    | Gippsland Natural Meats MSA Information Days                   | Bairnsdale          | Paul Crock 0418 377 264   |
| Nov 25    | Dairy Australia AGM  | Melbourne           | Dairy Australia 9694 3777   |
| Nov 25    | ASSSI Professor G.W. Leeper Memorial Lecture                   | Melbourne           | Nathan Heath 02 6051 2234   |
| Nov 25    | Gippsland Natural Meats MSA Information Days                   | Leongatha           | Paul Crock 0418 377 264   |
| Nov 25    | People in Dairy People GPS course – day 1                      | Warragul            | Frank Tyndall 0409 940 782  |
| Nov 25-26 | Traralgon and District Agricultural Show                       | Traralgon           | Lorraine Anderson 5174 1366   |
| Nov 26    | Country Race Meet  | Woolamai            | 1300 139 402  |
| Nov 26    | ASSSI Post-Leeper Lecture Field Trip                           | Departing Melbourne | Nathan Heath 02 6051 2234   |
| Nov 27    | Fire Ready Victoria meeting                                    | Upper Beaconsfield  | 1800 240 667  |
| Nov 29    | Bushfire Information Meeting                                   | Tonimbuk            | 1800 240 667  |
| Nov 30    | Green Supplier Showcase  | Morwell             | 9349 0444   |
| Nov 30    | Collaborating with universities – for SME's                    | Melbourne           | Gael Andrews 0403 920 377   |
| Nov 30    | Casey Business Breakfast with Christine Nixon                  | Cranbourne          | Jasmin Bishop 9904 7224   |
| Dec 1     | Baw Baw Shire Council end of year business networking function | Warragul            | Karen Meyers 5624 2422  |
| Dec 3     | Country Race Meet  | Stony Creek         | 1300 139 402  |
| Dec 4     | Bairnsdale Dressage Festival                                   | Bairnsdale          | Sally Avery<br><a href="mailto:sallyann@hotmail.net.au">sallyann@hotmail.net.au</a> |
| Dec 4     | Landcare farm walk and BBQ                                     | Dollar              | Russell 0423 773 948  |
| Dec 6     | Mornington Peninsula food swap                                 | Dromana             | Paula:<br><a href="mailto:marilyn88@bigpond.com">marilyn88@bigpond.com</a>          |
| Dec 7     | Strategic Planning and Foresight                               | Warragul            | 5622 8526   |

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|-----------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dec 7     | Country Race Meet   | Sale        | 1300 139 402                         |
| Dec 7     | Women Making It Work – networking breakfast                         | Pakenham    | WMIW Administration 0407 009 656     |
| Dec 8     | Technical update for service providers – what's new with fertility? | Warragul    | Ann McDowell 0428 326 638            |
| Dec 8     | Gippsland Sustainable Agriculture Network Meeting                   | Traralgon   | Nick Dudley 1300 094 262             |
| Dec 9     | Technical update for service providers– what's new with fertility?  | Maffra      | Ann McDowell 0428 326 638            |
| Dec 9     | People in Dairy People GPS course – day 2                           | Warragul    | Frank Tyndall 0409 940 782           |
| Dec 9     | Gippsland Sustainable Agriculture Network Meeting                   | Traralgon   | Nick Dudley 1300 094 262             |
| Dec 11    | Country Race Meet   | Traralgon   | 1300 139 402                         |
| Dec 15    | Self-managed fund seminar   | Pakenham    | Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401            |
| Dec 16    | Country Race Meet   | Moe         | 1300 139 402                         |
| Dec 19    | Country Race Meet   | Bairnsdale  | 1300 139 402                         |
| Dec 24    | Country Race Meet   | Sale        | 1300 139 402                         |
| Dec 26    | Country Race Meet   | Drouin      | 1300 139 402                         |
| Dec 30    | Country Race Meet   | Stony Creek | 1300 139 402                         |
| Jan 12    | People in Dairy People GPS course – Day 3                           | Warragul    | Frank Tyndall 0409 940 782           |
| Jan 20    | People in Dairy People GPS course – Day 4                           | Warragul    | Frank Tyndall 0409 940 782           |
| Feb 22/23 | 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Australian Dairy Conference            | Warragul    | Esther Price Promotions 1800 177 636 |
| Mar 12    | Orbost Agricultural Show and FEVL Sustainability Expo               | Orbost      | Penny Gray 5161 1365                 |
| Mar 22-25 | Farm World 2012   | Warragul    | Lardner Park Events 5626 1373        |
| March 22  | Farm World 2012 Women in Agriculture lunch                          | Warragul    | Lardner Park Events 5626 1373        |

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