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Need help visualising the mailing list?

We're nearly at 6000 recipients. That's like the entire population of Maffra, or Drouin or Lakes Entrance! Or, for the aviation-minded, about 14.4 fully-loaded 747 400-series.

Gippsland features strongly in regional awards

Gippsland proved itself a leader in community strength, claiming three of the 10 major Victorian regional community awards outright, plus a couple by association, recently. Huge congrats to Heyfield Community Resource Centre, named the Prime Super Community Group of the Year in the 2011 Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Pats on the backs of South Gippsland Landcare Network, winners of Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award and Gippsport and the Big Issue, winners of the Medibank Healthy Participation Award. The Young Dairy Development Program, where Gippsland is a major player, won the Fonterra Dairy Leadership Award. Winners received a \$2000 Goalsaver Account from the Commonwealth Bank or television exposure on Prime7.

Green Wedge paper open for discussion

The Westernport Green Wedge Discussion Paper Public exhibition period is open and written submissions are due before 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
More? Lisa Brassington (Cardinia) 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au or Paul Laughton (Casey) 9705 5200 or caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au



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Longwarry Food Park: Baw Baw and Victorian honours

Longwarry Food Park has been awarded the 2011 Victorian Exporter of the Year award, the Agribusiness Award and was commended in the Large Advanced Manufacturer Award category at the 2011 Governor of Victoria Awards, which highlight companies that have made their mark in the global economy. The company's exports almost doubled in 2010/11. **AND...** Longwarry also garnered honours as the Business of the Year as well as the manufacturing award in the SP AusNet Baw Baw Business Excellence Awards held on October 14.

Agribusiness Gippsland helped judged the agribusiness award, which went to Dream-Time Wholesale Nursery – which also won the innovation award. Also congrats to Blerick Tree Farm which won the encouragement award and Gypsy Creek Winery for the VECCI package.

Conventional v lifestyle: new study to examine \$ benefits

What better-benefits the local economy, conventional agriculture or lifestyle blocks? Do hobby farmers contribute more per capita to the local economy? Do established conventional farms ensure supply chain jobs? What are comparative economic inputs and costs?

Agribusiness Gippsland has secured a research team from the University of Melbourne's School of Business and Management to run a hard-edge analysis. The four-member team of post-graduates will be looking at the peri-urban fringe – where the lifestyle/conventional ag interface is most intense. We hope to secure in-kind assistance from local councils and donated accommodation for the researchers for two weeks in February. More details later.

Meetings to discuss changes to fires services levy

Following the 2009 bushfires the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission recommended that the State replace the fire services levy with a property-based levy and introduce concessions for low-income earners. Public meetings to discuss the changes will be held on:

- November 2:10.30am, St. Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale
- November 3: 7pm, Mornington Secondary College, 1051 Nepean Hwy, Mornington
- November 15, Wonthaggi, details TBC

Agribusiness Gippsland has made a response to the inquiry, broadly support the Municipal Association of Victoria submission with the exception that it believes estimating levy levels on a Capital Improved Value (CIV)-minus-site-value basis would provide a more appropriate valuation base. AGI director Cr Michael Freshwater will be attending the Bairnsdale session.

More? Visit <http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au>

Nominate for the Gippsland Community Leadership Program

The Gippsland Community Leadership Program runs from February-November each year and opens with a weekend residential trip where participants are introduced to each other and the broad issues facing the community. Participants meet 11 times over the year to review specific issues affecting the region. A maximum of 25 participants are selected annually from a cross-section of the community. Applications close Friday, November 18.

More? Jenny O'Sullivan on 0427 086 087 or osulliva@dcsi.net.au

Council calls for additional SES unit in Casey

Casey Council is seeking funding for an additional Victorian State Emergency Services (SES) unit in the south of the municipality and is urging residents to sign a petition by visiting council's website at www.casey.vic.gov.au/currentconsultations.

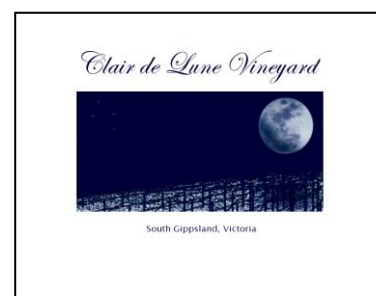
Clair de Lune

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.

Address: 8805 South Gippsland Hwy, Kardella South

Email: savourtheflavour@clairdelune.com.au

Web: www.clairdelune.com.au



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

Free Parly House visit for young agribusiness professionals

We're hoping to take up the invitation of the Speaker of the Victorian Parliament, Ken Smith, who suggested some young agribusiness professionals might like to see the workings of State Government. The tentative date will be November 22. We've got four names already registered and will probably limit the list to about 15. We're hoping to provide transport and lunch too. Interested in registering? Email ptarmigan2@internode.on.net

Coal seam gas meeting called

Coal seam gas will be the subject of a meeting convened by the Department of Primary Industries and Bass Coast Shire Council at Wonthaggi on November 9. Alex Arbuthnot will be attending as a member of the VFF mining sub-committee.

He said: "My involvement organising previous mining protest meetings helped secure amendments to the state Mining Act to strengthen the rights of farmers and to protect farm land. Coal seam gas is a new issue and with anything new there are concerns. I support the right of farmers and the wider community to raise these issues, particularly the social licence issue."

Seine veteran retires from SETFIA board

Lakes Entrance Danish seine fisherman Peter Clarke has resigned from the board of South East Trawl Fishing Industry Association (SETFIA). Peter has fished in eastern Bass Strait for 44 years and used his seven years on the SETFIA board to great effect. He remains a member with his son Stuart skippering their vessel the Kendean. Wayne Cheers, a Danish Seine fisherman from Lakes Entrance, joins the board. To see him in action on his vessel Nungurner, visit this ABCTV [video](#).

Also returning to the board at the September SETFIA AGM was Lakes Entrance board trawl fisherman Tony Guarnaccia.

Gippsland voices in food production forum

A late-September two-day forum into food production in peri-urban areas saw valid input from a number of Agribusiness Gippsland supporters, notably Sue Finger, apple grower from the Yarra Valley, David Wilkinson, from the City of Casey and Mornington Peninsula Shire's agri-economic business officer Gillian Stewart.

Agribusiness Gippsland chair Alex Arbuthnot attended and reported: "Sue Finger is chair of VFF Horticulture Group and reminded us very clearly that profitability was the key to farmers producing food and for investment in food and agribusiness.

"It was great to see David highlight the visionary irrigation project for the Koo Wee Rup Swamp using treated water from the Eastern Treatment Plant and for Gillian to discuss the \$500m contribution of farm gate production from 1200 holdings in her Shire.

"At the workshop I indicated that there may be an opportunity to use the eight regional Land Use Plans (called Growth Plans by the new Government) particularly in the peri-urban regions as a vehicle for recognition and change."

ABARES wants your thoughts

ABARES, the partner of Agribusiness Gippsland for the recent successful Lardner Park summit, is undertaking a review of its publications and communication activities and would like feedback through an online survey taking about 10 minutes to complete and is confidential and anonymous. The survey will remain open until Monday 7 November. Visit <http://www.srnet.com.au/surveys/i21292.asp?usr=7815S&pwd=7816S>

Latrobe City's Power of Racing celebrates 10 years

This year sees the Power of Racing celebrate its tenth anniversary and a full 12-week calendar of events across Latrobe City. The Power of Racing is based around the spring racing events in Latrobe and designed to attract visitors to the region. The full program of events can be accessed at Latrobe City Council website.

More? Visit <http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Events/Calendar/>

Report problems with disaster insurance

The House of Representatives Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee wants to hear from people who had problems with insurance claims after fires or floods in the last five years. There's an online survey at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/spla/insurance/index.htm>

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Data shows dairying hit by rain

Comparative August/August milk data from Dairy Australia shows rain really dampened off Gippsland's milk production, seeing the region slip 7.9% - while the rest of the state saw production increases. Year to date (YTD) data also shows Gippsland as the only Victorian region to produce less milk, down 7.4%. Wetter conditions have boosted the drought-hit northern regions. Their milk production rose 12% between the two Augusts and 8.8% YTD. In the west, the monthly comparison was up 3.3% and 1% YTD. In 2010/11 Gippsland produced 36.3% of Victoria's milk, the west 35.4% and the north 28.3%.

Winter cropping under discussion

A free winter cropping variety trial field day will be held on November 4 at Winnindoo from 9:30am-12:30pm with a BBQ lunch to follow. Topics include viewing/discussion of cereal and canola varieties, both grain and grain and graze, grazing canolas, spring sowing and soil moisture monitoring for dryland cropping. Tim Brown (AGF Seeds), Steve Holden (DPI) and local agronomists will. The event will be held at Ian and Elizabeth Morris's Farm "Ceres Park", Heyfield-Rosedale Rd, Winnindoo. RSVP for catering.

[More? Shayne Mathews 0467730909](mailto:shayne.mathews@dpi.vic.gov.au)

Latest dairy facts offered to service providers

Service Providers are invited to an expo find out the latest Gippsland dairy industry facts and figures from both the Dairy Farm Monitor and Dairy Directions Projects. The expo will provide:

- An industry update with regional perspectives
- Interpreting key performance indicators to assess farm business performance with Bill Malcolm, University of Melbourne and Dairy Directions Team
- Examining the use and abuse of benchmarking
- Incorporating risk into making farm business decisions: How to do it and why bother?

A farmer field day on this topic is being planned for February 2012.

[More? Natalie Nelson 5662 9911 or natalie.nelson@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:natalie.nelson@dpi.vic.gov.au)

Agriculture goes on display at the Bairnsdale Show

The Bairnsdale Agricultural Show is being held on November 5-6 at the Bairnsdale Racing Complex with horse events on both days. Side show entertainment on the Saturday only.

[More? Judi Sykes 5155 0220 or enquiries@karoondapark.com](mailto:enquiries@karoondapark.com) or visit <http://www.bairnsdaleshow.com.au/>

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

Need seed?

The South Gippsland Seedbank (formerly the Leongatha Seedbank) supports the revegetation and restoration of vegetation from the coast to the Strzelecki Ranges. The non-profit enterprise is open on Thursday mornings.
More? 5662 2453 or sgseeds@hotmail.com

Trap building workshop to control mynas

Latrobe Catchment Landcare and Neerim District Landcare Group will hold a Myna bird trap building workshop at Rokeby Market on November 12.
More? Peter Newgreen 1300 094 262

Learn to market organics

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and the Victorian Organic Industry Committee will hold a workshop addressing supply and demand on November 17. Guest speakers are:

- Dr Steve Goodman from the University of Adelaide's Business School
- Wayne Street from Street Ryan and Associates
- Graeme Gamble from Champions IGA
- Terry Hehir from Organic Dairy Farmers of Australia

The workshop will be held from 9.30am-4.30pm on November 17 at the DPI office, 1301 Hazeldean Road, Ellinbank. The event is free to eligible participants. Please call to register.

More? Cathy Mulligan 5258 0229 or cathy.mulligan@dpi.vic.gov.au



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Get your pulse racing

Southern Farming Systems Gippsland Branch Field Day will be held on Thursday, November 10 from 9am-4pm Bengworden Rd, 7km off the Bairnsdale end of the Princes Hwy on the left. The day will look at pulse trials and take a bus tour of local crops, including some crops from the 'Grain for Profit' Cropping Competition. Free to SFS members and \$40 for non-members. Lunch and snacks provided.

More? SFS Head Office 5229 0566

State Landcare Conference registrations open

Registrations are open for the State Landcare Conference on November 15 at the MCG.
More? <http://www.landcarevic.net.au/>

Free business planning advice for not-for-profit organisations

The Office of the Community Sector with Small Business Victoria and the Small Business Mentoring Service, is running the Business Planning for Not-for-profit (NFP) Organisations Program from November 2011 through to June 2012.

The program features a free business planning workshop followed by four individual business mentoring sessions to help guide NFP community organisations through a simple plan for constructing a basic business plan. Each seminar is limited to 12 community organisations and up to two people from each organisation can attend. Register online using the Event ID 7865 at <https://services.business.vic.gov.au/ems/search.do>

The seminar will be held on Monday, November 14 from 10am-12pm at City of Casey Civic Centre, 1 Magid Drive, Narre Warren. For full details visit:

<http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/businesscalendar/article.asp?Item=22846>.

More? Raylene Wilson 9705 5841

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

Fox bounty collections come to Gippsland

Gippslanders will have their first opportunity to take part in the fox bounty collections when the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) holds collections next week.

Entire fox scalps can be delivered to:

- Lindenow Road Bairnsdale on Tuesday, November 1 from 12-2pm.
- Stratford Road Maffra on Wednesday, November 2 from 9-11am
- Rodgers Street Yarram on Wednesday, November 2 from 2-4pm.

Fox bounty collections will be held on a four-weekly cycle, with collections returning to Gippsland in late November.

More? DPI 136 186

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Far East forum offers more than just lunch

Far East Victoria Landcare (FEVL) are planning to introduce a forum for community members, landholders and service providers to come together to network over lunch and hear from a diverse range of inspiring and interesting speakers. The inaugural network luncheon is planned for November.

More? Stu Clarke 0458 202 567 or email stuclarke@y7mail.com

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

Council adopts new environment and climate change strategy

Baw Baw Shire Council has adopted the new environment and climate change strategy 2011-2015, which aims to improve the Council's environmental practices where it has responsibility, including the management of land, waterways and biodiversity, landfill, transport, land use planning and resources consumption.

More? Baw Baw Shire Council 5624 2411

Get greener, save money and tap into new markets

A seminar offering an alternative mode of viewing business, allowing capitalisation on achievements, money and environmental savings and offering better solutions to a growing market of environmentally aware customers will be held on November 8 from 6-8.30pm at Suite 7/61 Smith Street, Warragul. Refreshments provided. Cost \$20. Visit

www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops

Chances for horses 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

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 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

South Gippsland small farm workshops

The South Gippsland local food network is holding a workshop on small farms covering 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

Frustrated by the cycle of 'feast or famine'?

The City of Casey is holding a free marketing seminar for service-based businesses. The 'How to put power into your marketing' seminar will be held on Thursday, November 17 from 6-8pm at the Casey Civic Centre, 1 Magid Drive, Narre Warren. To book visit:

www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops Event ID: 7820

More? Raylene Wilson 9705 5841 or inbusiness@casey.vic.gov.au

Detox your home

Cardinia Council and Sustainability Victoria present the Detox Your Home program to help residents dispose of old and unwanted chemicals in an environmentally responsible way. The drop-off day will be held on November 5 from 8am-4pm at the council depot, Purton Rd, Pakenham. Check to find acceptable chemicals at <http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au>

More? Misty Johannsen 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.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

Classic case of catch and release

The Victorian High Country Fishing Classic, catch and release event is being held in the Omeo/Benambrambra 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 or visit

<http://www.vichighclassic.com>

Weed out the bad guys

A weed field day will be held on November 6 from 11am-2.30pm at the Poowong Football Ground. Hosted by the Poowong, Mt Lyall, Triholm and Loch/Nyora Landcare Groups with the support of the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority and the South Gippsland Landcare Network, the day includes information on helicopter weed spraying, new DPI enforcement activities. Bring mystery weeds for ID and learn how to control them. Learn how to correctly calibrate your tractor spray outfit and use it efficiently.

More? Jeff Clark 0419 542 203 or jt@dcsi.net.au

Gippsland soil trial directory now available online

The Gippsland soil trial directory collates and assesses data from trials and demonstrations that have investigated changes in soil carbon and pH in response to various management actions. A summary document reports the main findings, explains the science-quality assessment framework and provides guidance on how to conduct a successful soil trial.

More? Visit <http://www.wgcm.vic.gov.au/publications/regional-menu/262-gippsland-soil-trial-directory.html>

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.

All eyes are on potatoes in the classroom

School kids to cook their own – A new classroom project – “Cook Your Own Potatoes” – will be launched by the UK Potato Council, in a bid to establish positive cooking and eating habits among secondary school children.

I lake it clean!

A Clean up Lake Glenmaggie day will be held on November 6 from 9:30am with a BBQ lunch at 12:30pm. Please register your intention to attend.

More? Fiona Pfeil 1800 066 401

Caring for Our Country library updated

The feedback provided for the review of Caring for our Country has been summarised in the document Caring for our Country Review – The Story So Far. Information from a wide range of sources including research papers, reports and surveys has also been gathered and added to the Caring for our Country library at [Caring for our Country Web 2.0 Forum](#)

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 completing this survey (click on the link below) by November 30.

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

More? Miriam Potts miriam.potts@monash.edu

Less stress brings production gains

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

More? Jono Craven 0427 215 536 or jono.craven@gippswater.com.au or visit www.lss.net.au

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



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

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 November 2 and 16.

More? Tom Nevell 5633 3245 or tomn_123@hotmail.com

Emergency Services honoured with special church service

A special service is being held as part of Emergency Services Appreciation Sunday to honour the Emerald and surrounding district CFA, SES, ambulance and police. All welcome to the service and free sausage sizzle on November 6 from 10am-12:30pm at St. Mark's, Emerald.

[More? Peter Crawford 5968 4046 or peter.crawford@stmarksemerald.org.au](mailto:peter.crawford@stmarksemerald.org.au)

Gippsland's Red Gum Woodlands to be restored

The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority has enabled landholders to better manage more than 1700ha of priority woodland and grassland vegetation in the Macalister area. Landholder participation has seen native habitat protection and restoration works exceed expectations by almost 125%. The project was delivered through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country initiative, a partnership between the WGCMA, Trust for Nature, Greening Australia and Wellington Shire Council.

[More? WGCMA 1300 094 262 or westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au](mailto:westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au)

Forthcoming markets

| Market | When | Where | More? |
|---|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| Yarragon community craft and produce market | 4 th Saturday | Yarragon Public Hal | 5634 2209 |
| Gippsland Heritage Park Market | 3 rd Saturday | Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe | 5127 3082 |
| Drouin Craft and Produce Market | 3 rd Saturday | Drouin Civic Park | 5625 3360 |
| Emerald Community Craft and Produce Market | 3 rd Sunday | Emerald Community House | 0419 345 750 |
| Heyfield community market | 1 st Saturday | Dr John Graves Memorial | 5148 2780 |
| Sale Farmer's Market | 3 rd Saturday | Skate Park lawns, Foster St, Sale | 0408 057 772 |
| Lardner Park Market | November 20 | Lardner Park, Warragul | 5976 3266 |
| Lucknow Market | 4 th Sunday | Howitt Park, Bairnsdale | 5152 4662 |
| Lakes Entrance Surf Club Foreshore Market | 1 st Sunday | The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance | 0407 098 805 |
| South Gippsland Farmers Market | 1 st Saturday | Koonwarra Memorial Park | 0408 619 182 |
| Coal Creek Farmers Market | 2 nd Saturday | Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra | 0459 629 000 |
| East Gippsland Farmers Market | 1 st Saturday | Bairnsdale Secondary College Oval, Bairnsdale | |
| Metung Farmers Market | 2 nd Saturday | Village Green, Metung | |
| Bruthen Village Market | 4 th Saturday | Mechanics Hall, Bruthen | |
| Bairnsdale Boot Market | 3 rd Saturday | Great Alpine Road, Bairnsdale | |
| Paynesville Market | 2 nd Sunday | Gilsenan Reserve, Paynesville | |
| Surf Club Market | 1 st Sunday | Foreshore Rotunda, Lakes Entrance | |
| Kongwak Market | Sundays | Kongwak General Store | 0417 142 478 |
| Jumbunna Bush Market | 1 st Sunday | The Main Hall, Jumbunna | 5657 3253 |
| Toora market | 2 nd Sunday | Jetty Road, Toora | 5688 1237 |
| Prom Country Farmers Market | 3 rd Saturday | Main St. Foster | 0407 543 371 |
| Inverloch Farmers Market | 3 rd Sunday | The Glade. Inverloch | 5664 0096 |
| Longwarry Fire Brigade Market | 1 st Sunday | Bennett Street, Longwarry | 0419 158 946 |
| Traralgon Farmers Market | 4 th Saturday | Kay Street Gardens – Kay St, Traralgon | 0409 232 715 |

Cashflow is the lifeblood of every business

An improving cashflow and profitability seminar aimed to help participants use tools to ensure profitability and cashflow are improved. Practical tips will be given to improve stock, customer and supplier management. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, November 15 from 6-8.30pm at the Community Health Building, 31-35 Gladstone Street, Warragul. Cost \$20.

[More? www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops) (ID 5432)

Bonfire and fireworks help to make a warmer community spirit

The Apex Club of Traralgon will be holding its annual community fireworks display on Saturday November 12 from 3.30-9.30pm at the Traralgon Showgrounds. This is an alcohol free event. Bonfire lit at dusk and fireworks at 9pm.

More? Dave Farley 0408 955 013

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@wgcma.vic.gov.au

Deadline for food waste?

The UK government has urged food manufacturers to abolish sell-by dates on food packaging to reduce the waste of 5m tonnes of edible food discarded by UK households.

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 or agsocietyinc@chariot.net.au

Share what your business wants

Star News Group and Business Insight Group have combined to seek the views of City of Casey businesses. The insight gathered will be used to identify what local businesses in the region want and need. The survey takes only a few minutes. To access the survey visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/smebusinesssurvey

Mornington and Inverloch clean up at awards

Mornington has been announced as the 2011 Tidy Town of the Year. Mornington Peninsula was recognised with four other awards. Hastings was also named a finalist for 'Tidy Town of the Year', and the Mornington Peninsula boasted 16 other finalists across all categories. Mornington will progress to the national finals to be judged in Canberra later in the year. Inverloch won two Victorian awards at the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award presentation held at Rutherglen on October 22.

The two awards were won for Cultural Heritage – Celebrating Inverloch's Cultural Heritage, and Community Government Partnership – Community Planning Partnerships.

More? Visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/kabv

Take your best bite

Mornington Peninsula Shire has launched its new food awards program – Best Bites to assess 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 or www.mornpen.vic.gov.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

Film festival forges into far east

Far East Victoria Landcare (FEVL), the Far East Film Society, Orbost Community Gardens and the Orbost Exhibition Centre are hosting the Environmental Film Festival Melbourne (EFFM) as it tours through the region in November.

More? Visit www.ffmpeg.org.au

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:

- Finance for non-Finance Managers – November 9
- Creating High Performance People – November 23
- Strategic Planning and Foresight – December 7

More? 5622 8500

Building knowledge of Gippsland's catchment health

Three complementary studies into Gippsland's environment were brought together when Gippsland's Catchment Health was launched in Heyfield on August 30 by Kate Auty, the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability. The following reports are now available:

- WGCMA Catchment Condition Report
- GINRF Report Card 2011
- Gippsland Lakes Report Card

More? Visit <http://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au/>

Yarram gonna like this show

The Yarram Agricultural Show is an iconic event showcasing agriculture, arts and crafts. The day features horse riding competitions, sideshows, rides and entertainment. It will be held at the Yarram Recreation Reserve pm Saturday, November 19 from 8am-6pm.

More? Vanessa Bennett 5181 8104 or info@yarramshow.org.au or visit <http://www.yarramshow.org.au>

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

Gippsland eggs on YouTube

The Free Range Farmers Association has uploaded a short video on YouTube showing genuine free range farming - thanks to Dan Green of Real Free Range Eggs in Gippsland.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf0FVtIBTnw>

More? Phil Westwood [http:// www.freeranger.com.au](http://www.freeranger.com.au) or 0402070531

Nominate for the Baw Baw Australia Day awards 2012

Nominations are open until November 4 for the Baw Baw Shire 2012 Australia Day Awards. Forms are available at the Baw Baw Shire Customer Service Centres, libraries and on the Council's website at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

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

Meetings next month are:

- November 1: Moe
- November 1: Bairnsdale
- November 4: Sale
- November 8: Moe
- November 16: Sale
- November 22: Moe
- November 26: Woolamai

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

Wuk Wuk beef sails around the world

Peter and Rachel Treasure of Happy Camper Gourmet meals – containing Wuk Wuk beef from Grassvale Farms in East Gippsland – have donated more than 200 meals to Maurice Contessi who two weeks ago began to circumnavigate the globe as the oldest and fastest Australian to do so, and raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease. Visit www.onefullcircle.com

Flowers raise funds for community

Local and regional flowers, arrangements and craftworks will be on display at the 76th Annual Poowong East Flower and Craft Show on Sunday, November 6 from 10am-4pm at the Poowong East Public Hall. The event will raise funds for the Poowong East Hall Redevelopment Projects and the Red Cross. Admission is \$3 adults, children under 12 free.

More? Cathy Monk 5659 7372

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 November 12.

More? Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304

Dead cows can be used for compost

Dairy farmers are being encouraged to consider composting dead cows. A recent workshop discussed placing 50-60cm of absorbent carbon material (such as sawdust) under the animal and then covering it with 60-90cm of the same type of material. The compost pile should be turned after about four months and water can be added as needed to promote breakdown.

The workshop was funded by Dairy Australia, Australian Government Climate Change Research Program and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.

More? 5592 2199

Why watch when you can ride?

The Balnarring Pony Club Cup Day Open Horse Show is on Tuesday, November 1 from 8am-5pm at Wooleys Road Equestrian Reserve, Crib Point. The day features equestrian events for a range of ages and abilities, including pony club ring and fun ring.

More? Libby Aulich 0407 012 920 or eaulich@bigpond.net.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 or via www.aginc.wordpress.com

Effectively manage international trade risk

The Manage Your Export/Import Risks Conference, presented by Chisholm's Business and Management Department, will be held on Tuesday, November 8 from 8am-12.30pm at the Chisholm Institute Dandenong, Stud Road, Dandenong.

Booking are essential via www.trybooking.com/14722

More? Annamarie Schuller 9212 4522

Successful applicants announced for CORE 4

The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority has received a fantastic response to its CORE 4 program. Funded through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program and working with upper Latrobe Catchment dairy farmers, CORE 4 has been well received by the dairying industry as well as local contractors, consultants and the local community.

The program offered dairy farmers between Warragul and Glengarry and from Neerim East to Boolarra the opportunity to seek Australian Government funding to carry out on-farm improvements that will help retain nutrient and sediment run-off. Following an independent evaluation, 42 of 58 applications had received funding based on pre-determined criteria.

More? WGCMA 1300 094 262 or westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au

US supermarket roofs go green

US-based Bright Farms has entered into a deal with 10 supermarket chains to build and operate hydroponic greenhouses on supermarket rooftops. Supermarkets sign a 10-year contract, agreeing to buy the farm's produce, without paying anything toward the US\$1.5-\$2m needed to build the greenhouse. Per acre returns are estimated at 227 tons and US\$1-\$1.5m/year.

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



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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 November 1.

More? Nicci Tsernjavski 5950 1259 or marilyn88@bigpond.com

Play with your food

New flavoured edible stickers – My Fruity Faces – have been launched in the US, based on research which showed that 85% of parents believed their children would eat more fruits and vegetables if they could play with them.

More? Visit <http://www.myfruityfaces.com/>

Fencing off gullies will help to reduce the loads

The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is working with the Department of Primary Industries and landholders in the Yarragon area to fence off remnant vegetation in gullies and revegetate eroded areas to help prevent soil degradation and nutrient run off.

More? WGCMA 1300 094 262 westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.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

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

Carnival promises to go off with a bang

The Moe Apex/Lions Community Carnival and Fireworks Display will be held on November 5 from 5-10pm at Apex Park, Moe and features rides for all ages, show bags, fairy floss, popcorn, static displays, and performances by local bands and much more.

More? Kathy Britt 5127 6489

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 and we'll give you a free plug. No large files, no photos, no sales pitches and full contact details, please.

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE

Herd manager position opens

Jelbart Dairy is seeking a competent herd manager to manage 1000+ cows, young stock and staff at its Leongatha South dairy. The facilities comprise high-fertility pasture, a 60-unit automated rotary, feed pads, excellent farm tracks and well-maintained plant. Applicants must be able to demonstrate knowledge of PMR as well as reliability, integrity, diligence and adaptability. Salary to be negotiated. Applications close Sunday November 6.

More? Max 0428 314 312 or maxwellj@tpg.com.au

WORK SOUGHT:

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

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 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 or ph: 9214 8753 or Karen:

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

FREE CLASSIES:

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FOR SALE: 400 small square bales shedded pasture hay \$5 bale. Phillip Island.0413 259 231

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More? 9456 9791, <http://agribusinessgippsland.com.au> or www.aginc.wordpress.com

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Anyone we've forgotten?

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Gippy Diary

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|-------------------|---|------------|--|
| Oct 29 – Nov 3 | Summer Starters | | 03 5664 3204 |
| Oct 31 | Far East Victoria Landcare Inc. (FEVL) AGM | | Penny Gray 5161 1365 |
| Nov 1 | Country Race Meet | Moe | 1300 139 402 |
| Nov 1 | Country Race Meet | Bairnsdale | 1300 139 402 |
| Nov 1 | Fox bounty collection | Bairnsdale | DPI 136 186 |
| Nov 1 | Mornington Peninsula food swap | Dromana | Paula: marilyn88@bigpond.com |
| Nov 2 | Carbon Farming/Trading course | Lilydale | 9214 4440 |
| Nov 2 | Fire services levy public meetings | Bairnsdale | http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au |

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| Nov 2 | Balnarring Pony Club Cup Day Open Horse Show | Crib Point | Libby Aulich 0407 012 920 |
| Nov 2 | Fox bounty collection | Maffra | DPI 136 186 |
| Nov 2 | Fox bounty collection | Yarram | DPI 136 186 |
| Nov 3 | Presentation on the response of orchids to the 2009 bushfires | Foster | Kate Williams 5662 5759 |
| Nov 3 | Women making it work networking breakfast | Upper Beaconsfield | 0407 009 656 |
| Nov 3 | Fire services levy public meetings | Mornington | http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au |
| Nov 4 | Country Race Meet | Sale | 1300 139 402 |
| Nov 5 | Detox you home chemical drop off day | Pakenham | Misty Johannsen 1300 787 624 |
| Nov 5 | Moe Apex/Lions Community Carnival and Fireworks Display | Moe | Kathy Britt 5127 6489 |
| Nov 5-6 | Bairnsdale Agricultural Show | Bairnsdale | Judi Sykes 5155 0220 |
| Nov 6 | Emergency Services Appreciate Sunday Service | Emerald | Peter Crawford 5968 4046 |
| Nov 6 | Clean up Lake Glenmaggie day | Lake Glenmaggie | Fiona Pfeil 1800 066 401 |
| Nov 6 | 76th Annual Poowong East Flower and Craft Show | Poowong East | Cathy Monk 5659 7372 |
| Nov 6 | Weed control information field day | Poowong | Jeff Clark 0419 542 203 |
| Nov 8 | Country Race Meet | Moe | 1300 139 402 |
| Nov 8 | Environmental business seminar | Warragul | www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops (ID 5431) |
| Nov 8 | Manage Your Export/Import Risks Conference | Dandenong | Annamarie Schuller 9212 4522 |
| Nov 9 | Finance for non-finance managers | Warragul | 5622 8526 |
| Nov 10 | Southern Farming Systems Gippsland Branch Field Day | Bairnsdale | SFS Head Office 5229 0566 |
| Nov 10 | Dairy Business Expo for Service Providers | Warragul | Natalie Nelson 5662 9911 |
| Nov 12 | Trafalgar Produce Swap | Trafalgar | Phoebe Hicks 5633 2304 |
| Nov 12 | Myna bird trap building workshop | Rokeby | Peter Newgreen 1300 094 262 |
| Nov 12 | Traralgon Apex bonfire and fireworks funfair | Traralgon | Dave Farley 0408 955 013 |
| Nov 14 | NFP business planning workshop | Narre Warren | Raylene Wilson 9705 5841 |
| Nov 15 | State Landcare Conference | Melbourne | http://www.landcarevic.net.au/ |
| Nov 15 | Fire services levy public meetings | Wonthaggi | http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au |
| Nov 15 | Improving cashflow and profitability seminar | Warragul | www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops (ID 5432) |
| Nov 15-16 | Low Stress Stock handling school | Dutson Downs | Jono Craven 0427 215 536 |
| Nov 16 | Country Race Meet | Sale | 1300 139 402 |
| Nov 17 | Record keeping workshop | Pakenham | Sarah Fry 5945 0400 |
| Nov 17 | Organic producers marketing workshop | Ellinbank | Cathy Mulligan 5258 0229 |
| Nov 17 | How to put power into your marketing' seminar | Narre Warren | Raylene Wilson 9705 5841 |
| Nov 19 | Yarram Agricultural Show | Yarram | Vanessa Bennett 5181 8104 |
| Nov 20 | South Gippsland local food network | Arawata | Chris Hamilton 5662 9314 |
| Nov 22 | Country Race Meet | Moe | 1300 139 402 |
| Nov 22 | Baw Baw community network breakfast | Warragul | 0428 746 207 |
| Nov 23 | Creating High Performance People | Warragul | 5622 8526 |
| Nov 24 | Carbon farming and demystifying | Krowera | Lisa 5951 3329 |

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| | lime field day | | |
| Nov 25 | Dairy Australia AGM | Melbourne | Dairy Australia 9694 3777 |
| Nov 25-26 | Traralgon and District Agricultural Show | Traralgon | Lorraine Anderson 5174 1366 |
| Nov 26 | Country Race Meet | Woolamai | 1300 139 402 |
| Dec 4 | Bairnsdale Dressage Festival | Bairnsdale | Sally Avery sallyann@hotmail.net.au |
| Dec 6 | Mornington Peninsula food swap | Dromana | Paula: marilyn88@bigpond.com |
| Dec 7 | Strategic Planning and Foresight | Warragul | 5622 8526 |
| Dec 8 | Technical update for service providers – what's new with fertility? | Warragul | Ann McDowell 0428 326 638 |
| Dec 9 | Technical update for service providers– what's new with fertility? | Maffra | Ann McDowell 0428 326 638 |
| Feb 22/23 | 10th 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 |

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