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If you enjoy reading GippyAgchat, please mention it to your local councillor, or a board member of the West Gippsland CMA, Monash Uni or Southern Rural Water. They're the ones who help fund it ... (And we'd love to find some more)

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Have your say on the Gippsland Food Plan

Comment on the Draft Gippsland Food Plan is sought from those with an interest in producing, processing, selling or eating Gippsland food. The draft plan, developed by Regional Development Australia, Gippsland (RDAG), seeks to inform and guide future activities to enhance the Gippsland Food System. The key focus areas of the Draft Plan are:

- Development and improvement of infrastructure
- Development, dissemination and adoption of knowledge and processes
- Extension of Gippsland's reputation in food and attraction of investment
- Alignment of policy and support of policy makers.

Comment is invited by means of a short, online survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Gippsland_Regional_Food_Plan_Stakeholder_Feedback

ALSO: Agribusiness Gippsland has submitted its response to the plan. Visit

<http://agribusinessgippsland.com.au>

Do you have a shootable dairy farm?

We've been asked to help find a West or South Gippsland dairy farm for a film crew needing to shoot for four days in mid-October. They're looking for a lived-in family home with a décor dating from the 1930s to the 1970s – ideally with some quirky interior features. There are a number of other important criteria – especially access and parking for six to seven trucks as well as proximity to accommodation and services in a main town. More criteria can be explained by phoning Paul on 0400 500 999.

AGI chair to join gathering at the roundtable

Agribusiness Gippsland's chair Alex Arbuthnot has been invited to attend a Ministerial Roundtable on the sustainable agriculture stream of the next phase of Caring for our Country. The roundtable will focus on the design and delivery of the new program, including a summary of public consultations and the proposed outcomes for the next five years.

Leaders to the fore

We had a terrific time (and marvellous company) at the Gippsland Leaders Forum run by the Department of Business and Innovation at Traralgon Vineyard and will watch with interest if the new planning 'flying squad' will be afforded an expanded scope of operations – an Agribusiness Gippsland suggestion. Our other nudge was to roll out reticulated gas ASAP.



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Further support sought for flood victims

Bass Coast Shire Council will contact Canberra for financial assistance following a meeting with local farmers affected by floods. The shire invited representatives from the Department of Primary Industries and Rural Financial Counselling Services Leongatha to speak about low interest government loans, support services and pasture regeneration. The only options available are low-interest concessional loans of up to \$200,000 for eligible primary producers, small businesses and not for profit groups suffering direct from the June 2012 floods.

More? [DPI 136 186 Rural Finance www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au) or [Gippsland Crisis Line 1800 629 572](tel:1800629572)

Food security explored in new book

Dr Quentin Farmar-Bowers, Research Fellow at Deakin University and avid GippyAgchat reader, is co author of "Food security in Australia", exploring food security in a developed nation. The book discusses how food security is related to technical, social, and moral issues.

More? <http://www.springer.com/food+science/book/978-1-4614-4483-1>

Free online tool for dealing with sick cows

Dairy farmers can now use a new, free online resource to help them manage sick animals. Dairy Australia's animal health FAST FACTS will help farm staff decide if an animal needs veterinary help. The one-stop shop offers information on more than 45 animal health issues.

More? Visit www.dairyaustralia.com.au/fastfacts



Moo's at Meeniyan is a restaurant/café in picturesque Meeniyan, 10 minutes from Leongatha and 1.5 hours from Melbourne.

Enjoy a break on your way to the prom, with great coffee, local wines, good meals and local produce. Opening hours: Thursday to Monday 8.30am to 4.30pm for breakfast and lunch. Friday and Saturday nights open till 6pm. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Book on 5664 0010 or email eat@moosatmeeniyan.com.au



\$1m to protect threatened parrots

\$1 million is available for Victoria's coastal land managers to protect Orange-bellied Parrot habitat, one of Victoria's most threatened species.

Private and public coastal land managers can make money while helping preserve critical saltmarsh habitat. The program is a new, jointly-funded Australian and Victorian government initiative – Protecting Orange-bellied Parrot Habitat in Coastal Victoria or the Saltmarsh Protection Project. To obtain funding:

- land managers must formally submit an expression of interest
- land managers will receive an obligation-free site assessment and draft plan
- land managers must submit a tender nominating a bid to undertake actions
- tenders will enter a competitive bid process and successful tender applicants enter five-year agreements as part of the agreement land managers receive financial incentive payments.

More? [Corangamite CMA 5232 9100](tel:52329100) or visit www.ccma.vic.gov.au

Regenerate your horse pastures

A session on regenerative pasture management for horse properties will be held from 10am-2pm on Friday, November 23 at the Korumburra Football Club Rooms. Please RSVP.

More? [Kathleen 5662 5759](tel:56625759) or kathleenb@wgcm.vic.gov.au

Interested in Leongatha's future industrial land supply?

Leongatha's growth and future industrial land supply will be discussed at a public briefing session on Wednesday October 16 from 6-8pm in Meeting Room 2 Memorial Hall Complex, Michael Place, Leongatha. Council has appointed consulting firm Meinhardt to conduct an industrial land supply study to address community concerns about availability of suitable industrial land. The study will identify existing and potential industrial land that will stimulate industrial growth over the coming 25 years.

More? Nick Edwards 5662 9368 or Laura Murray 8676 1324

Who sits on governing bodies?

One of our growing group of interstate readers, WA merino producer and grain farmer Lynne Johnston writes: "Thanks for the latest edition of your newsletter – always an interesting read. My response numbers received a boost after your promotion of the survey a couple of months ago and I am wondering if you would be so kind as to give it another run in your next newsletter. I can't thank you enough for your enthusiastic support."

Lynne is studying for her PhD. She has asked fellow readers to help her studies by completing an anonymous survey into governance in Australian agricultural agencies. Her research project, through the University of Western Australia Business School, investigates factors that determine who sits on governing bodies. It does not assess or judge the merits of board members nor the associations to which they belong. The questionnaire is at <http://bits-ticket.biz.uwa.edu.au/limesurvey/index.php?sid=45227&lang=en>.

Completed (hard copy) surveys should be mailed to Lynne Johnston at PO Box 39, Claremont, WA, 6910 or faxed to 08 9382 1051.

More? Lynne 0427 405 187

What do carbon price claims mean to your business?

The ACCC's small business webinar "Carbon price claims and your business" is now available to view on demand. The webinar covers key issues for small businesses, including:

- Your business rights and responsibilities – the bottom line
- Updating on carbon price claims issues
- Dealing with your suppliers and competitors
- Wariness of carbon-based scams.

To view the webinar, click on the link at: www.accc.gov.au/carbon

Excellent breakfast from Thelma Hutchison at Dairy Expo

Thelma and the team again supplied an open-one-belt-notch brekkie at the 13th annual South Gipps Dairy expo. It was an excellent catch up with old (and younger) faces. Good to see newly retired Gardiner Foundation's Paul Ford, who is soon to move into Gippsland. MG chair Phil Tracy used the breakfast – attended by about 160 people - to announce MG's results. He declared a full-year dividend of 12% on ordinary shares and a one for 10 bonus share issue off net profits of \$37.7m – or \$14.5m after write-downs. Profit distribution is expected to total around \$27m, he said. He noted the final weighted-average farmgate milk price of \$5.44kgMS was third-highest on record. Milk intake ex-farm rose 3.9% to 2.94bn litres lifting total revenue by 3.5% to \$2.bn.

Meanwhile, stockfeed supplier Ian Reid warned that global demand for wheat could see Australian dairying deprived of feed and higher domestic prices. He predicted a February-year price of "between 12-13c/kg more, and that includes protein". He said: "I don't want to frighten you but at any given time, exporters can export all the crop." He warned that projections of a 22.5m tonne Australian crop might not be realised ("we need rain by mid-October") and warned "there could be a deficit this year ... South-east Asia is where it's taken off." He warned of continuing price pressure until the middle of next year and recommended farmers consider barley as a substitute feed.

Join the blitz!

Permablitz Southern Gippsland is holding its first blitz day at Sunny Mcgrath's house in Dumbalk on Sunday October 28 from 9:30am–4pm in Dumbalk (exact address details will be provided to RSVPs). All welcome. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by October 16.

More? permablitzsg@gmail.com

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Make haste to get this business festival!

The annual Hastings Business gives you the chance to meet the owners, try products and find out more about services. The Hastings business awards will be presented. The festival will be held at the Hastings Community Hall on Thursday, October 4 from 5:30-7:30pm.

More? Sarah Law 0421 696 007 or info@hastings.org.au or visit www.hastings.org.au

GippsDairy Focus Farm Field Days are approaching

The second round of GippsDairy Focus Farm field days will be held at:

- 479 Upper Maffra Road, Newry on Wednesday, October 24 from 11am-1.30pm with Jon and Lauren Ryan, Alan and Christine Clyne, and facilitator Craig McWhinney. Morning tea from 10.30am.
- 1095 Drouin-Korumburra (Main South) Road, Drouin South on Thursday November 15 from 11am-1.30pm with Sean and Jen Allen and facilitator Matt Hall. Morning tea from 10.30am.

More? John Gallienne 0407 863 493

NEED A BREAK? Bunyip Home Farm is a restored 1930s, two-bedroom cottage in a spacious and shady garden on a secluded road and surrounded by pasture. Although very private, it is only minutes from Bunyip township. The main bedroom has a queen-sized bed and the equally spacious second bedroom has twin beds plus there is a day bed in a second living area. A cheerful wood heater keeps the home warm on chilly nights and reverse cycle air conditioning keeps it cool. Situated on a dairy farm, it offers fishing at the Bunyip River and free seasonal fruit from the garden. www.bunyiphomefarm.com.au, **5629 5587** sue@bunyiphomefarm.com.au



Groundwater atlas meeting in Maffra

Southern Rural Water is inviting customers and interested members of the community to its annual public meeting in Maffra. The meeting includes a review of the 2011/12 year, presentations on the 2012/13 Corporate Plan, and the five year plan for 2013-2018, known as Water Plan 3. The meeting will take place between 12-1pm at the Maffra Cricket and Junior Football Clubrooms, Morison Street, Maffra on Wednesday, October 3. Please RSVP.

More? Brian Carr 1300 139 510

What bird is that?

The Mornington Peninsula Branch of BirdLife Australia is holding a number of events in coming months including at The Briars, Mount Martha on October 28 from 9am.

More? Max Burrows 0429 947 893

Gippy? It's a snap!

The inaugural GippyFarmLife photo competition runs until November and is seeking images of regional farms, farmers and food in primary student, secondary student or open categories. (PS: We are also seeking donations of prizes.) Email gippyfarmlife@gmail.com or Facebook at Gippy Farmlife or tweet @GippyFarmLife, or WGCMA, PO Box 1374 Traralgon 3844 or ph 1300 094 262. Accepted entries will be displayed via Facebook and Twitter. Winners will be announced at the Gippsland Show and displayed at Farm World 2013. Participants aged under 15 need parental approval. Captions of 15 words or less, please. Supported by Lardner Park Events, West Gippsland CMA, Bunyip Food Belt, Agribusiness Gippsland and the Regional Landcare Facilitator Program.

More? 0428 562 139, 1300 094 262 or westgippy@wgcm.vic.gov.au

Forthcoming markets

Market	When	Where	More?
Bairnsdale Boot Market	3 rd Saturday	Great Alpine Road, Bairnsdale	
Bittern Sunday market	Every Sunday	Bittern Railway Station, Frankston-Flinders Road, Bittern	0409 417 463
Bruthen Village Market	4 th Saturday	Mechanics Hall, Bruthen	
Coal Creek Farmers Market	2 nd Saturday	Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra	0459 629 000
Drouin Craft and Produce Market	3 rd Saturday	Drouin Civic Park	5625 3360
East Gippsland Farmers Market	1 st Saturday	Bairnsdale Secondary College Oval, Bairnsdale	
Emerald Community Craft and Produce Market	3 rd Sunday	Emerald Community House	0419 345 750
Gembrook Market	4 th Sunday	Puffing Billy Railway Station	0437 664 121
Gippsland Heritage Park Market	3 rd Saturday	Gippsland Heritage Park, Moe	5127 3082
Heyfield community market	1 st Saturday	Dr John Graves Memorial	5148 2780
Inverloch Farmers Market	3 rd Sunday	The Glade, Inverloch	5664 0096
Jumbunna Bush Market	1 st Sunday	The Main Hall, Jumbunna	5657 3253
Kongwak Market	Sundays	Kongwak General Store	0417 142 478
Lakes Entrance Surf Club Foreshore Market	1 st Sunday	The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance	0407 098 805
Lardner Park Market	November 20	Lardner Park, Warragul	5976 3266
Longwarry Fire Brigade Market	1 st Sunday	Bennett Street, Longwarry	0419 158 946
Lucknow Market	4 th Sunday	Howitt Park, Bairnsdale	5152 4662
Mallacoota Artisans and Produce Market	1 st Saturday	Mudbrick Building, Develling Drive, Mallacoota	0422 988 890
Metung Farmers Market	2 nd Saturday	Village Green, Metung	
Mirboo North Community Market	last Saturday of month	Baromi Park in Ridgway (Strez Highway) Mirboo North	5668 2465
Mornington Racecourse Market	2 nd Sunday	Mornington Racecourse	
Paynesville Market	2 nd Sunday	Gilsenan Reserve, Paynesville	
Prom Country Farmers Market	3 rd Saturday	Main St. Foster	0407 543 371
Red Hill Community Market	1 st Saturday	Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill	
Rokeby farmers market	2 nd Saturday	Rokeby Public Hall, Rokeby	5626 8523
South Gippsland Farmers Market	1 st Saturday	Koonwarra Memorial Park	0408 619 182
Surf Club Market	1 st Sunday	Foreshore Rotunda, Lakes Entrance	
Toora market	2 nd Sunday	Jetty Road, Toora	5688 1237
Traralgon Farmers Market	4 th Saturday	Kay Street Gardens – Kay St, Traralgon	0409 232 715
Wellington (Sale) Farmer's Market	3 rd Saturday	Cobb & Co Stables Market, 199 Raymond street, Sale	51430370
Yarragon community craft and produce market	4 th Saturday	Yarragon Public Hal	5634 2209

Network to make agriculture sustainable

The next Sustainable Agriculture Network meeting will be held on November 14 in the WGCMA Board Room in Traralgon from 10am.

More? Peter Newgreen 1300 094 262

Get greener, save money and tap into new markets

Learn to run your business more efficiently, save money, reduce your environmental impact and offer better solutions to an increasingly aware market at a Green Your Business – Grow Your Business seminar from 6-8.30pm on October 31 at Suite 7/61 Smith St, Warragul. The cost of attendance is \$20.

More? [Karen Meyers 5624 2422 or karen.meyers@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:karen.meyers@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au)

Garden in a changing climate

'Gardening in a changing climate' features guest speakers from Sustainable Gardening Australia and Westernport water and a bus tour to local gardens. The event will be held on October 6 from 10am-3.30pm at The Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes, includes lunch, a tour and presentations all for \$10 per person.

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

An ode to summer

We enjoyed this poem by Malachi A from grade 1/2K at Tarwin Valley Primary School:

*Summer is fun,
Summer makes you run,
Summer makes you rot,
Because it's too hot.*

Graze and harvest

The Morning Star Estate Harvest 'n' Graze Festival features Pseudo Echo headlining the Harvest Stage, with other great Australian acts performing throughout the day. There will be cooking demonstrations, face painting, pony rides and amusements for the kids, roving entertainment and 40 of Victoria's finest food and wine producers. The festival will be held on Sunday, October 7 from 10am-6pm at the Morning Star Estate, Sunnyside Road, Mount Eliza.

More? [Table Matters at Morning Star Estate 9787 7760 or rachael@morningstarestate.com.au](mailto:rachael@morningstarestate.com.au) or visit www.morningstarestate.com.au

Women make it work over breakfast

A Women Making it Work (WMIW) Networking Breakfast will be held on Thursday October 11 from 7-8.30am at Sage at Parkhill, Parkhill Plaza, 215-225 Parkhill Drive, Berwick. The event is open to men and women. The cost is \$25 for member and \$35 for non-members.

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

Smarter resources build a smarter business program

East Gippsland businesses can register for a new government support program designed to help medium-sized businesses (between 20 and 199 employees) to improve resource efficiency by using energy and materials more efficiently.

More? Visit <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/3529-register-for-information.asp?intSiteID=4>

V/Line to launch escape app

In October, V/Line will launch a mobile app – Escape for iPhone and Android smartphones, to showcase more than 300 destinations and attractions accessible with V/Line. Participation is free for businesses meeting guidelines (proximity to public transport being a key criterion).

More? [V/Line tourism@vline.com.au](mailto:vline.tourism@vline.com.au)

Council supports regional business and tourism association

East Gippsland Shire Council will contribute \$65,000 to assist the East Gippsland Regional Business and Tourism Association (EGRBTA) to provide business support services in East Gippsland. EGRBTA is the peak industry body for business and tourism in East Gippsland, representing nine member business and tourism associations and chambers of commerce.

More? www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

How resilient is your business?

Better Business Practices will be discussed at a workshop at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham on October 10 from 6pm-9.30pm. The workshop will cover topics such as risk management, staffing, customer service, finance, sustainability and compliance issues. The cost of attendance is \$30.

More? [Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401](tel:59450401) or j.mawditt@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Women encouraged to take the lead

Regional female leaders are encouraged to apply for scholarships to participate in the Advanced Leadership Program in 2013. During a 12-month program, leadership experts work one-on-one with participants to help them achieve personal and organisational goals.

More? [1300 138 037](tel:1300138037) or www.wla.com.au/programs/alp

Clinics available for small business support

Mornington Peninsula Shire is again hosting small business clinics with Frankston City Council and the Small Business Mentoring Service (SBMS) offering advice on areas such as marketing, management, finance and planning. Book to arrange your free 45-minute session:

- Tuesday, October 23
- Tuesday, December 11.

More? [Tim Haynes 9784 1889](tel:97841889) or business@frankston.vic.gov.au

Cuban permaculturalist coming to East Gippsland

Roberto Perez is including East Gippsland on his Australian speaking tour to discuss the nationwide conversion to organic farming and city food gardens in Cuba. Roberto will talk in:

- Bairnsdale at St Mary's Hall (behind the Catholic Church in Main Street) on Sunday, October 7 from 2pm at a cost of \$5 including afternoon tea.
- Orbost at the Snowy River Community Garden site, Ruskin Street on Monday, October 8 from 10am at no cost.

The events are organised by Organic Agriculture Association.

More? [Alan Broughton soiltest@alt.org.au](mailto:Alan.Broughton@alt.org.au)

Come out and smell the roses

The Noweyung Annual Garden Show features celebrity judge Stephen Ryan, a garden design competition, cup cake decorating competition, gardening demonstrations, spinning wheel and raffles, stalls and displays and food and drink vendors. The show runs from 10am-3pm on October 20 at 84 Goold Street, Bairnsdale. Entry is \$5 for adults and free for kids.

More? [5153 0111](tel:51530111) or visit www.noweyung.org.au/newsandevents.htm

Product swaps on one well-viewed map!

More than 600 people have viewed the Google-map-based listing of produce swaps across Gippsland prepared for Agribusiness Gippsland by Dr Graham Moore from the University of Melbourne. You can view and edit the map at: <http://g.co/maps/eqvpa>

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Field days showcase all that is agriculture

The 43rd Wandin Silvan Field Days are on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13 and showcase the latest in horticultural, agricultural, farming equipment and industry practices.

More? Visit www.wandinsilvanfielddays.com.au

BBQ to raise funds for prostate cancer research

Tables for Baw Baw's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ have sold out. However sponsors or donations of goods and services are still sought. All proceeds go to Prostate Cancer Research and Awareness. The event is expecting more than 700 attendees and will be held at Lardner Park Exhibition Centre, Burnt Store Road, Lardner from 11am-5pm on October 26.

More? Andrew Schreyer 0404 140 995 or bbbigblokes@gmail.com

Build your own globally competitive enterprise

Building Globally Competitive Enterprises in Gippsland has launched a website and blog to help Gippsland business folk grow and adapt to be more productive. The project is funded by the Enterprise Connect and supported by Baw Baw Shire Council and is free to participants.

More? Visit www.enterprise Gippsland.org.au

Latrobe women can network over dinner

A Latrobe Women in Business Dinner will be held from 5.30-8.30pm on October 11 at the Premiere Function Centre, 29 Grey Street Traralgon, Traralgon. Latrobe Women in Business is a not for profit networking group providing an forum for Latrobe women to exchange ideas, create business links and be part of a vibrant women's leadership group in the Latrobe Valley.

More? Michelle Anderson 0419 398 826 or latrobewomeninbusiness@gmail.com

Scarecrow trail is now open

The Hinterland Scarecrow festival is a unique exhibition of scarecrow inhabiting Mornington Peninsula farm-gates, roadways and businesses from September 22-October 26.

More? <http://scarecrowfestival.org.au>

Come and see what's on show

The 124th Traralgon and District Agricultural Show will be held from November 30-December 1 in Traralgon. Activities commence Friday from 8.30am-11pm with fireworks at 9.30pm. Saturday activities are from 8am- 3pm.

More? Lorraine Anderson 5174 1366

Build business capacity and maximise potential

The Building Capability and Maximising Potential program is a series of workshops facilitated by Learning Edges Australia including:

- High Impact Communication on Wednesday, October 16 from 9.30am-4pm at the Traralgon Business Centre, 55 Grey Street, Traralgon
- High Impact Communication on Wednesday, October 31 from 9.30am-4pm at Gippsland Community Health, 18-28 Jemmeson Street, Lakes Entrance.
- The Resilience Workshop on Wednesday November 21 from 9.30am-4pm at Gippsland Community Health, 18-28 Jemmeson Street, Lakes Entrance.
- The Resilience Workshop on Wednesday December 4 from 9.30am-4pm at the Traralgon Business Centre, 55 Grey Street, Traralgon.

More? Margaret Taylor 0400 700 348 Visit

www.egrbta.com.au/images/stories/PDF/Promotional_Flyer_x_4_Workshops_2012.pdf

Moving soil biology from knowledge to action

The West Gippsland CMA has announced that this year's Soil Forum, featuring keynote speaker Dr Damian Bougoure discussing soil biology will be held on October 11 from 9:30am-3pm at Traralgon Premier Function Centre, 29 Grey Street, Traralgon.

More? Tony Gardner 1300 094 262 or tonyg@wgcm.vic.gov.au

Don't let the big one get away

A family fishing day will be held on Lake Glenmaggie for the Wellington Shire region and beyond on Saturday, October 13 from 8am-7:30pm. The entry fee is \$5 per person. Registration is between 8-10am, the weigh in station opens between 4-6pm, and presentation commences at 6.30pm approx with BBQ dinner and drinks. The heaviest fish will win the competition in men's, women's, junior (10-17) and nipper (9 and under) categories.
More? Carol King 5148 0212 or coongullaguys@iprimus.com.au

Lardner Park Exhibition Centre – Conferences & Functions



Set in a picturesque Gippsland landscape, the new \$5m Lardner Park Exhibition Centre complements Lardner Park's internal and external facilities. The Exhibition Centre is ideal for meetings and conferences, as well as community and corporate functions. The team, with in-house caterers Wild Dog Food Services, can tailor functions to meet your need and budget. Other in-house services include audio-visual, staging and decoration. Our five meeting

rooms have capacity of 950 people. Events recently held include the Australian Dairy Conference, Victorian ABARES conference and the Australian Rally Championships Presentation Dinner.

155 Burnt Store Road, Lardner VIC 3821 (Melways ref: X912 U8) T: 03 5626 1373 F: 03 5626 1418
E: office@lardnerpark.com.au W: www.lardnerpark.com.au

Improve cash flow and profitability

Learn how to monitor and maintain profitability, increase cashflow and improve how you manage stock, customers and suppliers at a business management seminar from 6-8pm on October 16 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham. A voucher for one free mentoring session is provided. Cost \$20.

More? Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401 or j.mawditt@cardinia.vic.gov.au



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Free Ellinbank seminars offer something for everyone

The Ellinbank Seminars provide a forum where DPI scientists, extension staff and external stakeholders discuss research and extension activities. Members of the public are welcome and recommendations for topics and speakers are sought. The seminars are between 12:30-1:30pm. Bring your lunch to DPI Ellinbank, 1301 Hazeldean Road, Ellinbank.

- Wednesday, October 24 with Jae Greenwood on digestibility of partial mixed rations
- Wednesday, November 21 with Abdur Rab discussing the compactability of Victorian dairy pasture soils.

More? Sharon Aarons 5624 2222 or sharon.aarons@dpi.vic.gov.au

Recycling success leads to price cut for hard waste

Mornington Peninsula Shire residents will pay \$3 less/cu.m. to dispose of hard waste from October 1 as a reward for sending less waste to landfill over the past 12 months. The new fee (\$67 cu.m.) will apply at Tyabb, Mornington and Rye transfer stations and at waste disposal hoppers in Dromana, Sorrento and Flinders.

More? Mornington Peninsula Shire 1300 850 600

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

The Cardinia Foundation is holding its 10th annual charity dinner on Friday, October 5 from 6.30pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham. The night features entertainers Dean Atkinson and Babba, a live auction a raffle, silent auction - featuring a prize of advertising in Gippyagchat donated by Agribusiness Gippsland - and great prizes. Cardinia Foundation proceeds go toward supporting local community groups to make a real difference to the lives of many. The cost is \$1300 for a table of ten or \$130 per person.

More? Jack Mitchell 0417 035 201 or admin@cardiniafoundation.com.au

Plan to succeed in business

A practical business planning seminar will point your business in the right direction on November 1 from 6.30-8.30pm at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham. Participants will learn how to write and implement a one page business plan and how to set goals for success. The cost of attendance is \$20.

More? Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401 or j.mawditt@cardinia.vic.gov.au

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

Meetings in October: 6-Colac, 7-Bairnsdale, 12-Cranbourne, 13-Pakenham, 14-Cranbourne, 16-Stony Creek, 19-Cranbourne, 20- Latrobe Valley, 22-Pakenham, 28-Sale.

Meetings in November: 3-Latrobe Valley, 6- Bairnsdale, 6-Yarra Valley, 8-Yarra Valley, 8-Pakenham, 9-Cranbourne, 9-Sale, 21-Sale, 30-Pakenham.

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

Moving from horses to horsepower

A Heritage Farm Day at Pine Lodge Recreation reserve, Stratford on Sunday, October 14 from 10am-4pm features displays of working horses ploughing and harrowing, horse drawn vehicles, vintage trucks, tractors, cars and motor bikes, sheep shearing, horse shoeing, wool spinning and photographs of early Gippsland farming. Morning/afternoon teas and light lunch are available. The entry fee is \$5.

More? Roslyn Benson 5145 6330 or roslynbenson116@bigpond.com

Nominations now open for Australia Day Awards 2013

Nominations are now open for the Baw Baw Shire Council 2013 Australia Day Awards, with local awards presented in five categories: Citizen of the Year Award; Young Citizen of the Year Award; Australia Day Medallion; Community Event of the Year and Community Contribution. Nominations are open until Friday November 2.

More? Chloe Prince 5624 2411 or chloe.prince@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

Latrobe City Council Australia Day Awards nominations close on October 10. Categories include: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Community Service.

More? Latrobe City Council 1300 367 700

South Gippsland Shore Council nominations for Australia Day Awards Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Youth Community Contribution can be lodged any time up until October 31.

More? Jeannie Hicks 5662 9221 or jeannieh@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Cardinia Shire Australia Day Awards nominations can be made in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Organisation or Event of the year, Community Service Award. Nominations close Monday, November 19.

More? Cardinia Shire Council 1300 787 624

Where have you bream all my life?

The Victorian Bream Tournament will be held at Mallacoota Inlet, Mallacoota on October 13-14. The cost of entry is \$100. Entries close October 5.

More? Bill Hartshorne 0409 823 070 or visit www.vicbreamclassics.com.au/Hobie%20Mallacoota%20Kayak%20Rnd.html

There is hot competition for these awards!

The Fire Awareness Awards recognise projects that reduce the number of fires, or the effects of fire. Projects can cover any fire type, including building fires and bushfires and the objectives of: fire safety; fire awareness; fire prevention; fire response; or recovery after fire. The fire project judged to be most outstanding out of all entries will receive the RACV Insurance Award for Excellence. The Fire Awareness Awards close on October 2. Award [Grants](#) of up to \$10,000 are also available to push projects onto the next level! [More? 9262 8969 or visit www.fireawarenessawards.com.au/](#)

Can Australia become the food bowl of Asia?

The Australian Farm Institute annual John Ralph Essay Competition gives entrants the opportunity to compete and win a \$5000 cash prize by simply writing on whether Australia can become the food bowl of Asia. The winner will also receive complimentary attendance to the Australian Agriculture Roundtable Conference and a years' full membership to the Institute (value \$286), which includes the Farm Policy Journal. Entries close on Friday, October 19. [More? 02 9690 1388 or info@farminstitute.org.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

Award honours the contributions of women

The 2013 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award identifies and rewards women's contribution to primary industries and rural communities. The award provides financial assistance, mentoring, resources and support. The award is open to all women involved in primary industries and natural resource management. State and Territory winners receive a \$10000 financial bursary to implement their award vision. Each state and territory winner and runner-up will have the opportunity to participate in the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Course and supported to develop an individual integrated leadership plan. Applications close on October 15. [More? Margo Andrae 02 6271 4100 or margo.andrae@rirdc.gov.au or visit www.rirdc.gov.au](#)

West Gippsland artists open their doors to the public

The West Gippsland Open studios on Sunday, November 11 feature about 15 local artists opening their studios for people to see their work. [More? http://www.kerriewarren.com.au/general-information/open-studios-west-gippsland/](http://www.kerriewarren.com.au/general-information/open-studios-west-gippsland/)

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.

WORK SOUGHT

Farm work sought: Raul Pinheiro writes: I'm 28 and I'm from Portugal. I'm an agricultural engineer/agronomist. At the moment I'm in Australia on a tourist visa until December. I came to try to find a job in my area of study but I'm aware that without a working visa it is difficult. To obtain a visa, I will have to be sponsored.

More? Raul Pinheiro 0410 525 229

Market your business more effectively: Award-winning marketer/business consultant with strong agricultural background can offer strategies to place your business in the public eye.
More? John 0457 065 425

Employers wanted for agricultural graduates: Employers are sought for well-trained, job-ready agricultural and horticultural graduates with nationally recognised post-diploma qualifications, Australian work experience, certifications, permits and licenses. Prospective employers can trial graduates for three to six months before undertaking long-term employment contracts at industry award rates wages.

More? Visit www.ruralskills.com.au/about-us/australian-college-of-agriculture-and-horticulture/employers-wanted-for-agricultural-graduates/

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

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS:

Brewers yeast available: Free brewers spent yeast, suitable for pigs, chooks, fertiliser – 1000 litres/week. Available from Port Melbourne.

More? Neil 0418 371 663

Quote of the week

Clarence Darrow: “I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.”

The most important item in this entire e-newsletter

Display advertising in GippyAgchat is easy – only \$50 an insertion (plus GST) or five inserts for \$200 (plus GST). And only \$350 (plus GST) for 10 inserts... all going to more than 7000 ‘yes please’ readers. A Word document of 60-100 words and a small pic will do it! And we are always keen to talk sponsorship. Our postal address is PO Box 1312 Warragul 3280.

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

Hunting in AGInc hyperspace

Recent top searches on our blogsite (www.aginc.wordpress.com) are: manajamen agribisnis, where did soil and organic recycling facility sale covers gippsland water, the morning milking cows in the dairy farm.

Anyone we’ve forgotten?

Gippy Agchat is sworn at and sweated over by Sue Webster (0402 267 802 or 9456 9791) and Madeline Toner for Agribusiness Gippsland Inc and circulated to subscribers and supporters. Please circulate this newsletter by email or printout/fax to your colleagues. GOT NEWS? Ph/email news to agribusinessgippsland@gmail.com.

Gippy Diary

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Oct 3	Customer Service Seminar	Pakenham	Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401
Oct 3	Southern Rural Water Public Meeting	Maffra	Brian Carr 1300 139 510
Oct 4	Hastings Business Festival	Hastings	Sarah Law 0421 696 007
Oct 5	Cardinia Foundation is holding its 10th annual charity dinner	Pakenham	Jack Mitchell 0417 035 201
October 5, 12, 19	Soil Health and Fertility Course	Bena	Kathleen 5662 5759
Oct 6	Gardening in a Changing Climate	Cowes	Lisa Wangman 5951 3329
Oct 6	Country Race Meeting	Colac	1300 139 402
Oct 7	Permaculturalist Roberto Perez speaking tour	Bairnsdale	Alan Broughton soiltest@alt.org.au
Oct 7	Morning Star Estate Harvest 'n' Graze Festival	Mt Eliza	Table Matters at Morning Star Estate 9787 7760
Oct 7	Country Race Meeting	Bairnsdale	1300 139 402
Oct 8	Permaculturalist Roberto Perez speaking tour	Orbost	Alan Broughton soiltest@alt.org.au
Oct 10	Better Business Practices Workshop	Pakenham	Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401
Oct 11	Soil Forum	Traralgon	Tony Gardner 1300 094 262
Oct 11	Women Making It Work networking breakfast	Berwick	WMIW 0407 009 656
Oct 11	Latrobe Women in Business Dinner	Traralgon	Michelle Anderson 0419 398 826
Oct 12	GSI East Gippsland Business Awards		
Oct 12	Country Race Meeting	Cranbourne	1300 139 402
Oct 12-13	Wandin Silvan Field Days	Wandin East	0429 428 537
Oct 13	Family Fishing Day	Lake Glenmaggie	Carol King 5148 0212
Oct 13	Country Race Meeting	Pakenham	1300 139 402
Oct 14	Heritage Farm Day	Startford	Roslyn Benson 5145 6330
Oct 14	Country Race Meeting	Cranbourne	1300 139 402
Oct 16	Improve cash flow and profitability seminar	Pakenham	Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401
Oct 16	Leongatha industrial land supply public meeting	Leongatha	Nick Edwards 5662 9368
Oct 16	High Impact Communication workshop	Traralgon	Margaret Taylor 0400 700 348
Oct 16	Country Race Meeting	Stony Creek	1300 139 402
Oct 19	Country Race Meeting	Cranbourne	1300 139 402
Oct 20	Noweyung Annual Garden Show	Bairnsdale	5153 0111
Oct 20	Country Race Meeting	Latrobe Valley	1300 139 402
Oct 22	Country Race Meeting	Pakenham	1300 139 402
Oct 23	Small Business Clinic	Mornington Peninsula	Tim Haynes 9784 1889
Oct 24	Ellinbank Seminar	Ellinbank	Sharon Aarons 5624 2222
Oct 24	GippsDairy Focus Farm Field Day	Newry	John Gallienne 0407 863 493
Oct 26	Baw Baw's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ	Lardner	Andrew Schreyer 0404 140 995
Oct 28	Birdlife Australia event	Mt Martha	Max Burrows 0429 947 893
Oct 28	PermaBlitz Blitz day	Dumbalk	permaBlitzsg@gmail.com
Oct 28	Country Race Meeting	Sale	1300 139 402
Oct 31	Green Your Business – Grow Your Business seminar	Warragul	Karen Meyers 5624 2422

Oct 31	High Impact Communication workshop	Lakes Entrance	Margaret Taylor 0400 700 348
November 1	Practical Business Planning Seminar	Pakenham	Jeannie Mawditt 5945 0401
Nov 3	Country Race Meeting	Latrobe Valley	1300 139 402
Nov 6	Country Race Meeting	Bairnsdale	1300 139 402
Nov 6	Country Race Meeting	Yarra Valley	1300 139 402
Nov 8	Country Race Meeting	Yarra Valley	1300 139 402
Nov 8	Country Race Meeting	Pakenham	1300 139 402
Nov 9	Country Race Meeting	Cranbourne	1300 139 402
Nov 9	Country Race Meeting	Sale	1300 139 402
Nov 15	GippsDairy Focus Farm Field Day	Drouin South	John Gallienne 0407 863 493
Nov 11	West Gippsland Open Studios		www.kerriewarren.com.au/general-information/open-studios-west-gippsland/
Nov 21	Ellinbank Seminar	Ellinbank	Sharon Aarons 5624 2222
Nov 21	The Resilience Workshop	Lakes Entrance	Margaret Taylor 0400 700 348
Nov 21	Country Race Meeting	Sale	1300 139 402
Nov 23	Regenerate Horse Pastures workshop	Korumburra	Kathleen 5662 5759
Nov 30	Country Race Meeting	Pakenham	1300 139 402
Nov 30-Dec 1	24th Traralgon and District Agricultural Show	Traralgon	Lorraine Anderson 5174 1366
Dec 4	The Resilience Workshop	Traralgon	Margaret Taylor 0400 700 348
Dec 8	Racing	Stony Creek	5664 0099
Dec 11	Small Business Clinic	Mornington Peninsula	Tim Haynes 9784 1889
Dec 29	Racing	Stony Creek	5664 0099
Jan 7	Racing	Stony Creek	5664 0099
Feb 14	Racing	Stony Creek	5664 0099
Mar 10	Racing	Stony Creek	5664 0099
Mar 31	Racing	Stony Creek	5664 0099

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