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GINRF Meeting Dates

- 28th November Next Executive meeting
- 6th February 2004 *"Integrated Information, supporting Catchment Health for Gippsland's Wealth"* - Inaugural GINRF Regional Conference

Events Calendar

- 17th November Wind, Water, Earth & Fire in Gippsland – Seminar
- 23rd November Open Day at Strathfieldsaye Estate
- 28th November General Meeting of Gippsland Research Co-ordination Group
- 28th November Closing date for West Gippsland CMA RCIP Expression of Interest

GINRF Regional Conference 2004

The theme for the first Forum Conference:

"Integrated Information, supporting Catchment Health for Gippsland's Wealth"

The 2004 conference will demonstrate some of the latest information tools available to support sustainable development in Gippsland and explore ways to integrate this information, providing shared, accessible information to support Gippsland's future.

A more detailed conference program is to follow.

Date: Friday 6th February

Location: Monash University
Gippsland Campus
Churchill

For more information contact Carol Jeffs
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Green Paper

Forum's role in the Green Paper discussions/submissions:

A very successful Reference Group meeting was held on October 30th to share knowledge about the Green Paper and to develop a Gippsland submission to the Government.

The notes from the meeting have been distributed to reference group members, with a draft submission available in the next few days.

Contact Carol Jeffs for more information 51 757844 or Carol.Jeffs@ginrf.org.au

Notice of General Meeting of the Gippsland Research Co-ordination Group

28th November – GREEN Inc. 10.30 am – 12.30pm with lunch to follow

You are invited to attend a general meeting to decide the future structure and direction of the Gippsland Research Co-Ordination Group.

The broader membership of the Gippsland Research Co-ordination Group includes those who normally attend executive meetings, those who have contributed financially and those who have been involved or contributed to GRCG in some way during the past 2-3 years.

It would be appreciated if you could extend this invitation to any other members of your organisation that think appropriate.

Professor John Lovering
Chair
Gippsland Research Coordination Group

Contact: Roberta West, GREEN Inc 5122 6113 or
Carol Jeffs, GINRF 5175 7844



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Regional Catchment Investment Plan (RCIP)



The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is committed to improving the process through which projects and programs are developed for funding support.

In line with this commitment we are now commencing the annual process for 2004/2005.

Attached is a simple **Expression of Interest** form to register any project/s you believe will help implement the Regional Catchment Strategy and its associated Action Plans.

Copies of the Regional Catchment Strategy are available at www.wgcma.vic.gov.au .

The closing date for Eol is **Friday November 28, 2003**.

Following the Eol process we will review the projects in line with both regional and investor priorities and seek to work with you to fully develop projects that have a high potential for funding for 2004/2005.

Feel free to distribute the EOI form within your own networks.

Should you have any queries please contact Kaye Fox on 5175 7800 (throughout November) or me on the number below (after November 19).

Regards

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Partnership Development Manager

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

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East Gippsalnd CMA

Russell Broomhall would also like to hear from anyone who is planning to participate in the 2004 RCIP process in the East Gippsland region: 5153 0462



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Wind, Water, Earth & Fire in Gippsland - Seminar

Monday 17 November, 2003. 9:15am - 4.45pm
CFA Building, Port of Sale Business Centre, 64-66 Princes Street, Sale (next to Wellington Shire Offices)

VPELA Gippsland, in association with PIA and PLANet, is delivering this one day seminar as part of *Planning Week*. The seminar will provide an update on current issues affecting the Gippsland Region and covers a broad range of topics that will be of interest to planning, landuse and natural resource management professionals within State & Local Government and from private practice.

Topics:

- Wind Farms
- Native Vegetation Framework and Habitat Hectares Assessment
- Coastal Planning and Management – Current Issues for Gippsland
- Domestic wastewater treatment and disposal
- Regional Catchment Strategies update
- Wildfires

For program enquiries contact: Eric Sjerp VPELA Gippsland on 5153 0037
For registration contact: Judita Mieldazys 9655 6689 or Fax 9655 6189

Training opportunities

Greening Australia delivers professional environmental training programs in all States and Territories. The calendar of programs include one day workshops through to week long residential courses and cover a range of topics, for example the upcoming Wetland Ecology and Management Course to be held this year at the Gippsland Lakes in Victoria from November 26-30 is combining the latest theory with best practice examples and field visits.

Customised training is also available, creating seminars and courses that are relevant to your needs whilst utilising the expertise and experience of Australia's leading natural resource management group.

For more information visit the website www.gavic.org.au



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Feature Partnership

Project MERGe

Monitoring Evaluation & Reporting for Gippsland's natural resources

Project MERGe is a twelve month partnership project between East Gippsland CMA, Gippsland Lakes Task Force and West Gippsland CMA to develop a monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework for Gippsland's natural resources.

Carol Jeffs has been appointed to manage the project 2 days per week until October 2003. A monthly update will be provided in the GINRF newsletter.

Contact: Project Manager, Carol Jeffs - 5175 7844 or email cjeffs@wgcm.vic.gov.au

Gippsland Lakes Task Force



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Open Day at Strathfieldsaye Estate

The Australian Landscape Trust invites you to meet the new trustees, tour the grounds and historic gardens, listen to short talks on the history, conservation information, birds of prey flight display and other entertainment.

Sunday 23rd November 10am – 4pm Strathfieldsaye Road, Perry Bridge

Contact: 5149 8353 for more information

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