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Forthcoming Program and Alumni Events

LfG - 2010/2012

Media & Strategic Positioning

24 April

Venue to be advised

Speakers: **Graham Cumming**, GC Multimedia **Nick Pappas**, Editor, Geelong Advertiser (tbc)
Allison Murphy, Redstick Communication

Leading who inspire a community

8 May

Venue: Charles Brownlow Room, Geelong Football Club

Speakers: **Brian Cook**, CEO Geelong Football Club; **Colin Carter**, Chair, Geelong Football Club

Closing residential

1 & 2 June

Venue: Barwon Heads Resort, 13th Beach Golf Links

LfG – 2011/2013

Arts

19 April

Tour: Geelong Art Gallery, Heritage Centre and Courthouse Café. Evening Play: *Sundowner*

Speakers: **Geoffrey Edwards**, Director Geelong Gallery; **Kate Denborough** & **Gerard Van Dyck**, Creative Directors, KAGE; **Anne Tonks**, General Manager, Melbourne Theatre Company, **Jill Smith**, General Manager, GPAC **Bruce Gladwin**, Back to Back Theatre; **Patti Manolis**, CEO Geelong Regional Library.

Philanthropy & Projects

16 May

Venue: The Heights (National Trust property)

Speakers: **Andrew Lawson**, Geelong Community Foundation

Energy

1 June

Venue: Shell Refinery

Speakers: **Mark Schubert**, Shell Refinery Manager; **Shane Breheny**, CEO Powercor Citi Power;
Shell Australia Scenario Planning Expert (TBC)

Tour: Australian Marine Oil Spills Centre

BCL 2012

Bridges out of Poverty

19 April

Venue: Mercure Hotel

Speakers: **Nairn Walker**, Founder, Social Solutions Pty Ltd, **Gabrielle Nagel**, CEO Glastonbury

'Our Community' Training session: Marketing Media and Communications for community organizations

- What does marketing mean in a local community context
- What marketing options are available
- Dealing with the media
- How do you communicate with the community

Community Projects

2 May

Venue: The Gordon (East Campus)

Speakers: **Craig Biddiscombe**, Leading Teams; **Michael Scaddan**, The Gordon

'Our Community' Training Session: Managing projects and your time

- Project definition
- Allocating appropriate resource
- Keeping the project on track
- Reporting and evaluation
- Basic time management tips

Education

17 May

Venue: Whittington Primary School

Speakers: to be advised

'Our Community' Training Session: **Developing a sustainable funding strategy**

- What funding options are available
- Identifying potential partners
- Developing a proposal – what do we have to give
- Selecting the approach
- Investing in the partnership
- Saying thanks – what to include

Alumni

Breakfast with a Local Leader

19 April, 7am for 7.15 start

Venue: The Otway Room, Mercure Hotel

Speaker: **Dene Rogers**, Managing Director, Target Australia Pty Ltd

REMINDER Applications are now open for the LfG 2012-2014 program -

Spread the word in your networks and encourage suitable colleagues to apply for the 2012/14 LfG program. Applications close on **Monday 16 April**. Contact Jean Paul on 5227 8073 or 0409 195435 or Rosemary White on 5227 8293 or 0431 083 693 if you have any questions.

Canberra delegation an outstanding success



The 2012 Canberra trip LfG 10/12 participants was an outstanding success. We have taken this annual event from strength to strength since the idea was first conceived and Jean is delighted to report that this latest trip was the best one yet.

LfG 07/09 alumnus Tony McManus took up the alumni place and reports;

It was a great opportunity to tag along with the current Leaders for Geelong group to visit Canberra and gain a better understanding of the machinations behind the scene in and around Parliament House. The trip was well organized by Alli Murphy and her team at REDSTICK and provided the opportunity to meet a number of MPs including Wyatt Roy, Greg Combet, Arthur Sinodinis, Malcolm Turnbull and our two locals, Darren Cheeseman and Richard Marles. The trip was rounded off by meeting some lobbyists, members of the Press Gallery, staff members at the National Labor and Liberal Party Headquarters and even a visit to the annexe of the American Embassy.

More from others who attended in the next edition of ENews.

Alumni

Join us for Breakfast with a Local Leader **Thursday 19 April** 7am for 7.15 start



Have you made your booking yet?

The Alumni cordially invites Leaders in current LfG and BCL programs to join us for this event.

Don't miss this chance to hear **Dene Rogers**, Managing Director of Target Australia address the **Alumni Breakfast at The Mercure on Thursday 19 April**. Cost \$25. RSVP to events@committeeforgeelong.com.au by 13th April.

Dene was appointed to the Target role in November 2011 moving here from his previous role of chief of North American retailer Sears Canada. Born in Kalgoorlie, Dene has an expansive CV of study and leadership in a range of fields and is an extremely interesting speaker.

Follow the discussion by joining the Leaders for Geelong group on LinkedIn. Join now to vote for the topics you want to hear Dene talking about at the event.

Where are they now?

In this edition we begin what we hope will be a regular feature – a snapshot of where alumni are since completing one of the leadership programs.



Thank you to Geraldine Zuniga-Brant (BCL2011) who shares her story and congratulations on your achievements Geraldine!

I was a privileged member of the inaugural Barwon Community Leadership Program, the Class of 2011.

During our first residential, the Valedictorian from the 2010 LfG, Martin McCall-White, spoke about how it wasn't unusual for program participants to procure new job positions during or after the Leadership program. As he gave his very motivating presentation I sat there thinking that I would dearly love to be in his place as Valedictorian for my program group (I have a perverted enjoyment of public speaking, even though it still gives me goose bumps) and I sat there daydreaming about what sort of job I'd like to do. I also wondered whether I really WAS a leader. I knew that I wanted a role where I could take the lead and excel in whatever I chose to do. When I started the BCL I was completing a Diploma course.

Since that day in February 2011 I have learned that I am a leader and have gained more confidence in my abilities to assume a leadership role. In November 2011 I received a phone call to say that I was indeed our Valedictorian and I enjoyed presenting to the 2012 BCL participants this year.

I started a new position in January – a totally new role for me – and am now Community Development Transport Connections Facilitator for a program auspiced by the City of Greater Geelong. It's a program that aims to provide transport access solutions and innovations. I honestly don't think I would have ever applied for that role without the confidence gained from the Leadership program. I know that I draw on my own experiences, abilities and expertise in performing my job, but that I have also gained an amazing network of support, should I need to use it. I guess what I am saying is that I feel buoyed up by my own leadership skills, but also those of other LfG and BCL alumni.

I didn't just get a new job. I also started at Deakin Uni a few weeks ago to do a Degree in Social Work. It was a bit daunting at first being an off-campus student, but I'm now loving it and the challenges it brings.

The BCLP has been life-changing and enhancing. It's a catalyst for change, growth and a leap into the unknown. I don't want to feel comfortable, I want to feel challenged and now I have the supports in place to make things happen. Wow!

Skills Bank – a chance to make a difference

Do Care Geelong needs two Board Members - **REMINDER**

DoCare Co-operative Ltd Geelong provides social support for older people. It is a not-for-profit community based organisation receiving the major portion of its funds from the Department of Health with further support provided by Give Where You Live. DoCare is currently seeking two new Board members. If you have an interest in the aged care arena, or if you are simply looking to step up to your first Board position, this may be your opportunity. Contact Stuart Muller, Executive Officer, DoCare Geelong Co-operative on 5298 1053.

Jean recommends...

Help Mariah keep the peace



'My name is Mariah Kennedy and I am a 15 year old schoolgirl from Victoria, Australia. I have a passion for social justice and, in particular, for combating global poverty.'

Mariah Kennedy is a local girl with a passion. Mariah is taking action by calling on famous authors, illustrators, advocates and celebrities to collaborate on a book called The Peace Project which will raise awareness about the world's greatest issues. Already Mariah has 15 Australian and international authors agreeing to write for this children's book. Follow Mariah's progress and spread the word. [Find out more here.](#)

'This young girl is absolutely amazing. On Australia Day 2011 she received the Richard Marles Australia Day Young Leader Award selected by a panel including myself. I will make a big call and say that she is the MOST impressive 15 year old I have ever met I would like to commend her work to all in the Leaders family and ask that you please support her where you can, either by dollars or by forwarding this to your networks.' **Jean Paul**

Easter Action

Kids+
the
KIDS PLUS FOUNDATION

Have some yummy fun at work and help kids with special needs.

HOT CROSS BUN DAY
Wednesday 4 April

Hold a morning tea with Routleys' fresh hot cross buns delivered to your workplace and support Kids+ at the same time.

Contact Julia Brangwyn on 52615 086 or jgs@aapt.net.au

**Barwon Grove
Golf Club
Good Friday
Auction 2012**



Rainbow Riders is a therapeutic equine program for disadvantaged children in the Barwon area, a small not for profit that relies on philanthropic

and corporate support to provide this valuable service. One of their main fundraisers- a charity auction will be held over Easter.

Rainbow Riders is in urgent need of donated goods and services to be auctioned; things like hampers, dinners, accommodation, vouchers, etc. If you or your contacts can assist, the children of Geelong would greatly appreciate it!

Contact Juliet Williams, President, Rainbow Riders 0448 32380.



EASTERN GEELONG COMMUNITY CENTRE
COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY MARCH 31, 2012
10AM - 3PM
285A McKillop St, East Geelong

FREE live music and activities all day

Make the Eastern Geelong Community Centre a reality!

Come and try some fun activities and have your say about what happens next

Sausage sizzle	"How to" in your garden ...
Animal petting zoo	Composting
Music, dance & community arts	No dig gardens
Games and other fun activities	Growing from seed
Cooking demonstrations	Children can pot their own plant and take it home
Kids art activities	Backyard poultry keeping

For more information contact
Robyn Powell or Lee Considine
on 5222 2323

Karrigal Celebrating 60 years 1951-2011



Other events of interest

- 17 April **HOPE Bereavement Care Sports Breakfast** with Joel Selwood and Stan Alves. Contact: 52822785
- 19 April **Open Mind Lecture Series: Dr David Corlett** <http://www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au/event/open-mind-lecture-series-dr-david-corlett>
- 16&17 June **Colac and District Darts Association Invitational Tournament** Contact :Robert Oggero 0439 358 452

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