

RASP Newsletter # 4



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WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT

The Welfare Rights Unit (WRU) is undertaking community specific training in social security law and welfare rights advocacy in East Gippsland.

The RURAL SOCIAL SECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT East Gippsland Report, and accompanying survey are available from WRU.

WRU are keen to hear from interested parties in order to formulate the next step in the project process.

Please contact: Dale Nelson

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DSCV OPENS IN MORWELL

As part of it's regionalisation plan, the Department of Justice has opened it's new Dispute Settlement Centre – Gippsland office at the Morwell Justice Service Centre.

The service aims to promote and encourage appropriate dispute resolution as an early measure rather than an option of "last resort".

The DSCV – Gippsland office provides information and advice, community education, and court based assessment officers to assist people using mediation to resolve their disputes.

The service is confidential and FREE.

Contact DSCV for further information on
1800 658 528 – www.justice.vic.gov.au/disputes

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL ADVOCACY NETWORKS

There are 6 Regional Advocacy Networks across Gippsland, one in each Local Government Area (Shire).

These self advocacy networks are run by people with disability, with some support from;

- Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc.
- Gippsland Disability Resource Council Inc.
- RASP

Each of the networks meet to discuss local issues, and to provide mutual support.

They are achieving some great results locally, as well as planning the annual Gippsland Regional Advocacy Forum.

If you or your clients / family / friends are interested in attending the next meeting in your area, please contact:

Gippsland Disability Advocacy

gippsadv@bigpond.com

5133 9440

Gippsland Disability Resource Council

gdrc1@bigpond.com

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LATROBE CITY RECHARGE PROGRAM

The Recharge Program is about encouraging local businesses and organisations in Latrobe City to provide a power point to enable people who use electric scooters and wheelchairs to recharge the battery if required.

Recharge stickers are placed in prominent locations so everyone can easily identify local businesses and organisations who are part of the Recharge Program.

www.rechargescheme.org.au

RACV WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER ASSIST

RACV provide roadside emergency and breakdown assistance for people using Wheelchairs and Scooters.

Call RACV on 13 72 28 for further information.

www.racv.com.au

YOUTHFEST 2009

Following the great success of "Make A Noise" youthfest 2008.

The Youthfest 2009 event will take place on Sunday March 29th.

For further details regarding attending or participating contact the Central Gippsland Regional Youth Network:
Helma Morrison 5135 3006

USEFUL LINKS AND NEWSLETTERS

KINECT AUSTRALIA

Most people would be aware of the importance and benefits of an active lifestyle, and of the "Go for your life" initiative.

Kinect Australia is an excellent resource for information, events and activities about active healthy lifestyles and community involvement.

Active Inform is a physical activity research newsletter produced by Kinect Australia, aimed at improving access to the evidence base for physical activity promotion. It provides a snapshot of the latest physical

activity research news, key documents and models, and other tools to assist readers in their efforts promoting physical activity.

[www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/pracpages/Active Inform](http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/pracpages/Active%20Inform)

Active Media is a monthly electronic newsletter produced by Kinect Australia, which contains the latest news, research and events on physical activity.

[www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/pages/Active Media](http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/pages/Active%20Media)

Go for your life' Infoline 1300 73 98 99, press 1

For information on healthy eating and physical activity visit www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au

HEADWAY GIPPSLAND NEWS

Is a very informative Newsletter resource for carers, families and consumers with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)

www.headwaygippsland.org.au

OUR COMMUNITY

An alliance between Our Community, the Municipal Association of Victoria and Local Governments throughout Victoria – building Stronger Communities.

This is an excellent online resource with news, innovations and tips on;

- Funding, finance and Membership Management,
- Leadership and Advocacy,
- Marketing and Media,
- Managements and Training.

www.ourcommunity.com.au

Never forget that you're a member of your own community. Don't do something that you wouldn't like to see done.

Keith Richman