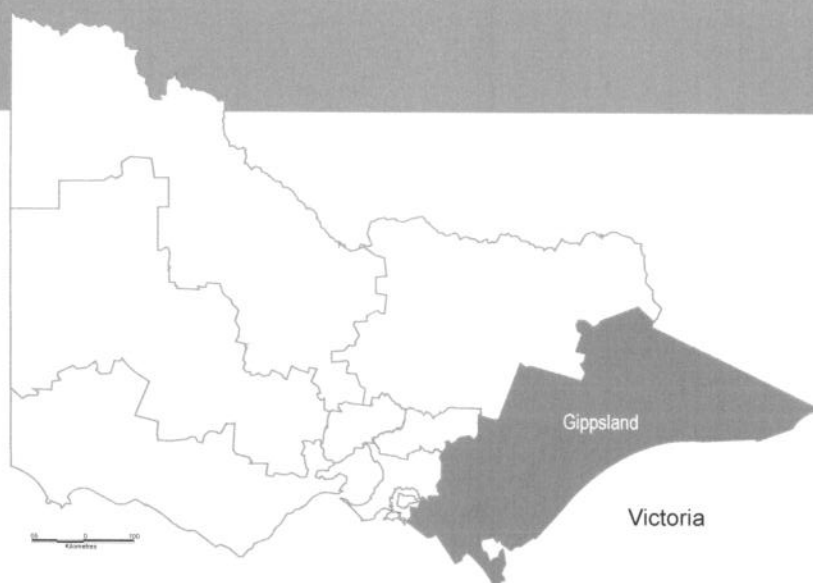


Regional Council members (2012-13)

Frank Evans (Deputy Chairperson)
 Karen Fleischer (Chairperson from
 December 2012)
 Jennifer Hammett (resigned May 2013)
 Glenda McPhee
 Linda Morrison
 David Roche
 Kathryn Stephenson
 Peter Whitley
 Elizabeth Wright (Chairperson, resigned
 November 2012)



Regional Council Action Plan

The Gippsland Regional Council has worked on the following key priorities identified in their 2012-13 Action Plan.

1. Gippsland Learn Local organisations have continued to demonstrate a keen interest in using digital technology to support reach and learner retention across the region. There continues to be a healthy interest in the e-mentoring project with practitioners having the opportunity to undertake face-to-face or online professional development. A Moodle has been set up to support weekly webinars for interested Learn Local organisations across the South Eastern Victoria region.

2. The Council has focused on encouraging and supporting Learn Local organisations to develop strong relationships with Local Government in the areas in which they work. The success of this initiative can be demonstrated through Learn Local organisations acting on improved demographic data and local market intelligence, to increase the reach and relevance of provision

3. Gippsland Learn Local organisations participated with their rural and regional counterparts in the Learn Local Regional and Rural Conference 'Thinking Differently – Connecting Differently' in late July 2012. The conference focused on innovative practice, supporting community and growing market share.

Opening isolated towns to the world e-MENTORING

The Learn Local e-mentoring project has directly involved six Learn Local organisations and 15 staff across Gippsland. A number of other organisations have participated in some of the online events.

The region's e-mentor, Junita Lyons, with e-champions Ev Schmidt and Kathryn Mathews, have worked with organisations to improve their online marketing through Facebook and blogs in addition to providing new skills in digital learning. These organisations are now able to use digital technology to provide enhanced learning programs

using blogging, Blackboard Collaborate, networking, social media and Moodle.

E-champion Ev Schmidt maintains that using technology has opened up the small town of Buchan to the world. The project has used a blended approach to engaging learners of all ages.

Learn Locals in Gippsland are keen to resolve the issues they face in small isolated towns using new technologies.