



### Sharing Gippsland Lakes knowledge

A knowledge sharing forum at Forestech (Kalimna West) attracted a wide cross section of the local community to hear the latest research about the Gippsland Lakes.

Coordinated by the East Gippsland CMA, presenters from Victoria University, Federation University, RMIT University, Monash University, Melbourne University, the Arthur Rylah Institute, Australian Marine Mammal Conservation Foundation, East Gippsland CMA and Greening Australia outlined investigations and projects which had been undertaken on the Gippsland Lakes in recent years.

Topics included fringing vegetation, algal blooms, Burrunan dolphins, marine pests, wetland restoration, and fish habitat, movement and spawning. Engineering options that may contribute to the health of the lakes were also outlined.

East Gippsland CMA chairman Dr Peter Veenker said the forum made recent research more accessible to members of the community. “The information adds to community understanding of the challenges faced and actions that are being undertaken around the Gippsland Lakes”, he said.

The forum also provided an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and seek understanding through conversations with the people doing this important work.

The East Gippsland CMA and other partners in natural resource management are hopeful that this knowledge exchange opportunity can become an annual event.

Many of the presentations from the forum will soon be available on the Love Our Lakes website.

### Caption for image (taken by Cassy Cunningham)

Presenters at the Gippsland Lakes Forum were Professor Paul Boon (VU), Assoc. Professor Perran Cook (Monash University), Adam Trewarn (Federation University), Dr Kate Charlton-Robb (AMMCF), Dr Nathan Bott (RMIT), Rex Candy (EGCMA) and Marty Potts (Greening Australia).