



GIPPSLAND LAKES

and biodiversity loss

What future?

community forum

7.30 PM TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2012

Bairnsdale Sports and Convention
Centre (formerly the Italian Club)

Admission free (but gold coin donation appreciated)

- What is the current state of the Gippsland Lakes?
- How sustainable is fishing in the Lakes?
- What will be the flow on effect to the local economy?
- What are the impacts on ecological health of the Lakes?

It is evident that change is happening.

Come along and hear our three expert speakers; join in the discussion and raise questions.

Guaranteed to be an informative and revealing evening.

SPEAKERS:

- **Professor Max Finlayson** - Charles Sturt University. An expert on wetlands and Australia's Ramsar representative.
- **Fiona Warry** - Arthur Rylah Institute. An estuarine Scientist who has reported on seagrass and fish species in the Gippsland Lakes.
- **Dr Chris Healey** - Australian National University and Birdlife East Gippsland. Co-ordinator of a program to monitor wetland birds across the lakes system.

There is rapidly increasing salinity in the lakes, a loss of seagrass, sand worm, black bream, mussels and fringing shoreline vegetation. Can this be reversed and the health of the Lakes improved?

Come and find out.

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Organised by Gippsland Environment Group (GEG), supported by Friends of the Parks and Reserves of the Gippsland Lakes (FOGL); both member groups of Habitat Network East Gippsland.



To help us with our costs and ongoing campaign to save the Gippsland Lakes, we would welcome your donations.

Many thanks.

