



Coal Creek teaching teachers

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum will help primary school teachers improve learning outcomes for students by hosting a free professional development day.

Understanding Local History is a component of the Australian Curriculum in Victoria (AusVELS) and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has provided funding through its Strategic Partnership Program for the Park to host the event. Participants will learn about South Gippsland's history from Indigenous heritage to Federation.

Presented by Park Education Program Leader, Emma Fellows-Cooke, the session will focus on what community and online resources are available to assist teachers in the classroom.

Mrs Fellows-Cooke has over 15 years teaching experience, including Head of History at Holgate Secondary School, Barnsley, in the United Kingdom. She is a community and heritage specialist having passionately immersed herself in museums and history throughout her career.

"Providing a collaborative environment to network with other teachers and community members is essential to building skills capacity," she explained. "It's about working together to improve student learning in the area of history, while getting a detailed insight into our region's rich history."

The free professional development day will be held on Thursday 27 August from 1-4pm at Coal Creek, Korumburra. Lunch will be provided and bookings are essential. Contact Emma Fellows-Cooke on 5655 1811 or email education@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

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