

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, (full name)

Representing
(Business Name)

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(address)

Phone: Email:

Wish to become a member of the
Koonwarra Sustainable Communities Centre.

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(signed)

What is your special interest or contribution?
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Business Member	\$60
Non-Commercial Group Member	\$40
Individual Member	\$25
Family Membership	\$50
Concession & Students	\$10

(Please make cheque payable to KSCC Inc)
Mail to 20-26 Koala Drive, Koonwarra 3954

Membership benefits

Certificate of Membership
KSCC Newsletter
10% discount on hiring rates



Our History

Koonwarra State School No 3177 23/5/13—9/12/93
The original school building was opened in 1913 with the prefabricated classroom added in 1953 when electricity was installed. The community worked extremely hard over the years to bring about a well equipped school in a beautiful park like setting.

In the past students not only learned the rudiments of the English language and mathematics but were also introduced to life skills such as gardening and tree planting and studied native flora and fauna in the bushland, creek and swampland areas close by. The beautiful trees planted over 40 years ago still give us pleasure today. The vegetable and flower gardens experimental plots and landscaping saw the School awarded commendations on two occasions. Cooking lessons were introduced using the school's produce. The buildings have since been upgraded and a Resource Centre added.

"The Old School" is again, through community involvement, educating and training young people to take their place in a sustainable community and appreciate the environment around them.



Koonwarra Sustainable Communities Centre

*A facility for environmental
education and sustainable
community development & events*

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Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group

**Closed
System
Development**

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OUR FACILITIES

for your use

We serve as a resource centre for use by individuals, community and commercial groups for meetings, workshops, seminars, outdoor activities, community events and all environmental and educational pursuits.

Structures-

- Meeting Room 1 - to suit small meetings with whiteboard, pinboard, tables and chairs, TV and video.
- Meeting Room 2 - larger meeting room suitable for workshops and seminars with whiteboard, chalkboard, pinboard, tables and chairs, TV and video.
- Community Office - with computer, fax and internet facilities.
- Resource Shed - classroom/workshop together with toilet and shower.
- Propagation Igloo - seedling propagation facility.
- Green Shed - utility shed for recycling and plant propagation.
- Modern kitchen - with tea-making facilities, stove, sink, microwave and fridge.
- Community Library.

Recreational Areas-

- Oval - large sports oval with cricket pitch.
- Play Area - open paved area for hard surface activities including basketball hoop.
- Picnic Areas - shaded lawns and seating.
- Frog Pond - environmental water feature.
- Bush Cooking Pit - traditional covered fire pit with seating.
- Berry and Herb/Bulb growing areas.
- Community Kitchen Garden.

Educational Activities-

- The Bike Ed and Game Track - sign posted bicycle education facility.
 - Composting Display - educational facility.
 - Educational Game Areas - twister, quoits, checkers and a maze.
 - "Waste Wise Trail" - waste management game.
- ⇒ The Centre administers www.groups.yahoo.com/group/southgippslandfreecycle and www.koonwarra.vic.au

Surrounding Attractions and Facilities

Koonwarra is an easy 2 hour drive from Melbourne and on the edge of the South Gippsland Hills among rich farmlands and close to the Strzelecki Hills. We are minutes from the thriving towns of Leongatha and Meeniyan. This region has many well known natural features such as Tarra Valley, Bulga Park, Agnes Falls, Mt Worth State Park, Wilsons Promontory and the popular coastal park including Inverloch, Cape Patterson, Walkerville and Venus Bay.

Opposite the Centre is the Koonwarra Nature Reserve and the new Koonwarra Park incorporating public toilets and exotic Nirvana Park is close by.

The Great Southern Rail Trail passes through the town with the 8.5 km section to Leongatha providing a pleasant walking/cycling experience.

There is a local cafe, the iconic Koonwarra Fine Food and Wine Store, providing excellent local food and wine and regional information. There are several other interesting craft, clothing and well being shops and businesses within the village, all committed to the concept of a sustainable community. There are several renowned wineries within easy reach.



Kids taking advantage of our educational facilities,
The Bike Ed and Game Track.

Community and Educational Groups who have been active at the centre

- South Gippsland Specialist School
- Youth Education for All
- Greencorp
- The South Gippsland Shire Council
- Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group
- Greenfleet Australia
- Gippsland Southern Health Service
- Closed System Development
- Koonwarra Village Association
- Bike Ed
- Scouting groups
- South Gippsland Environmental Education and Interpretation
- EPA
- School groups
- Dog Obedience School
- Future Climate Australia

Rates of Hire

Booking of a Meeting Room, Shed or other single structure

Non-Commercial Groups	Hourly	\$10
	1/2 Day	\$30
	Full Day	\$50

Commercial Groups	Hourly	\$15
	1/2 Day	\$50
	Full Day	\$100

(includes full access to kitchen and outdoor facilities)

Booking of more than one structure – rates negotiable.

Community Groups & Events – rates negotiable

Schools Specific Information available.

Educational Activities (including educational officer) - rates negotiated per activity and numbers of participants.

The property is currently owned by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and is run by a Board of Management, representing its key stakeholders. These include local government, state authorities and community members.