

MEDIA RELEASE

Lakes Post, Wednesday 3 February 2010

Riding waves to a brighter future

Over 40 young Koori kids took to the waves at Cape Conran last week as part of the Lakes Entrance Indigenous Aquatics Project.

Project manager Steve Parker, Aboriginal surfer and committed surf coach, has worked closely with the Lakes Entrance and Lake Tyers communities over the last 18 months to establish a core group of Koori kids to participate in this water safety focused project.

“The Lakes Entrance Indigenous Aquatics Project includes a combination of all the exciting aquatic activities provided by Life Saving Victoria with learn to swim, surfing, lifesaving, education programs and training opportunities,” explained Darren Squires, Koori Youth Worker at Gippsland Lakes Community Health.

“Through this project, youth will positively interact with their local schools, leisure centres, Police and the Lakes Entrance Life Saving Club. The aim is to improve participation in this area and develop healthier, more culturally inclusive lifestyles,” added Darren.

The Lakes Entrance Indigenous Aquatics Project is funded by the Department of Justice, Indigenous Issues Unit and supported by the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust and Gippsland Lakes Community Health.

