This is a FedUni Gippsland Access and Participation (GAP) Project event.

**A conversation on the importance of STEM education in rural and remote areas.**

Monday 17 August | 5:00-6:30pm | Lecture Theatre 2E101
Federation University Australia | Gippsland Campus Churchill

The study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education produces our future scientists and increases opportunities for students however participation in these subjects continues to be challenging for rural and remote students.

**Guest Speaker:**

Australia’s Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb, AC, MSc, DPhil (Oxon), FACE, FTSE, FSRN, Hon DSc (Flinders), Hon DLitt (CDU), Hon DUniv (ANU), Hon LL.D (Monash), Hon DUniv (SCU).

“In the future, science will only become a bigger part of our lives, and the impacts will touch us all.”

Professor Chubb commenced as Chief Scientist for Australia in 2011.

Australia’s Chief Scientist provides high-level independent advice to the Prime Minister and other Ministers on matters relating to science, technology and innovation. Professor Chubb also holds the position of Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Science Council to identify challenges and opportunities for Australia that can be addressed, in part, through science.

CEO of the Committee for Gippsland, Mary Aldred will deliver the opening address. Mary commenced as the Chief Executive Officer of the Committee for Gippsland in 2011. The Committee is the region’s peak business and industry body. She has been involved in a number of local committees, including as a member of the Gippsland Tertiary Education Council, the Gippsland Food Plan steering committee and the Gippsland Regional Plan Leadership Group.

We thank Professor Chubb for providing this opportunity for Gippsland’s STEM teachers and students to engage with him in an informal and local setting.

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Light refreshments will be served following the discussion.