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**Acting for Creation Together in Gippsland**

ACTinG seeks to encourage and equip Gippsland Anglicans to study the theology of creation; and to pray and act to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

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## **Alternative Christmas gift ideas – such as helping to protect the Gippsland Lakes Burrunan dolphins**

As we approach Christmas, Advent is a good time to remind ourselves to remove the clutter from our spiritual lives as we prepare for the One who is to come.

It's lovely to recall that while we often buy costly gifts and spend time wrapping and presenting them, considering alternatives can create equally meaningful or more memorable moments.

Why not consider a gift in your loved one's name that also enhances God's created world?

Many projects are gifts, including supplying fresh water in Myanmar via ABM, supporting local initiatives like gift cards for young adults via Anglicare, or donating to train clergy and nurses in PNG.

A local project worth considering is supporting research and conservation of the Burrunan dolphins in the Gippsland Lakes and along the southern coast.

The name "Burrunan" is Woiwurrong for "big fish of the porpoise kind". Right now, there's an energetic pod of over 30 in the Lakes, and we're happy to share that several calves have been born this year.

Dusk and dawn, lakes often see animals playing and jumping. However, runoff from Gippsland's development and farms threatens them, risking their status shifting from 'endangered' to 'extinct'.

Through the Marine Mammal Foundation, why not give a gift or a sponsorship in the name of a loved one?

Whether you're a nature lover, marine enthusiast, or seeking a peaceful escape in Gippsland Lakes, seeing Burrunan dolphins in their habitat is unforgettable and highlights the importance of protecting Australian wildlife.

Contributing to the research and care is a gift that not only honours your loved one but also celebrates our role in caring for God's creation.

To find out more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/burrunan>

See the dolphins leaping, via this Facebook video clip:

<https://tinyurl.com/burrunanswimmers>

**A blessed and sustainable Christmas to all!**