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## Recreation masterplans for Chiltern and Wahgunyah

Indigo Shire Council is seeking community involvement as it starts preparing masterplans for recreation reserves in Chiltern and Wahgunyah. In Chiltern the masterplan includes the combined precinct of Chiltern Recreation Reserve, Lake Anderson and Martin Park. The Wahgunyah plan encompasses the recreation reserve in that town.

Council's Team Leader Recreation and Community Strengthening Chris Westwood says the masterplans will provide clear directions for recreation and sporting facilities in the two townships.

"The Chiltern plan will build on the recommendations of the Greening Chiltern Study in relation to the open space areas in and near the watercourses," Mr Westwood said. "The Chiltern and Wahgunyah masterplans will recommend a number of actions to upgrade or renew existing infrastructure, and in some cases may recommend new facility development.

"Council wants to hear any ideas and suggestions that people or groups may have to improve the facilities and spaces within the recreational areas of the two towns. Is there an activity, facility or setting that you believe could be introduced to make the overall precinct in Chiltern and Wahgunyah more attractive as a destination for residents and visitors?"

Mr Westwood said Council had appointed Richard Simon, a recreation planner, to help prepare the masterplans.

"During the next three weeks, Richard will be coordinating meetings with the Chiltern and Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve Committees and the various user groups of the two reserves to get feedback on the existing facilities and to hear any ideas to improve sporting activities at the reserves," Mr Westwood said. "He will also be having similar meetings with other groups that use facilities within Chiltern's Lake Anderson and Martin Park area."

Residents and other community groups are encouraged to have their say as well on the development of the masterplans and initial meetings with Richard Simon have been arranged for next week at the following times:

- Chiltern – Tuesday 22 February, at the Sound Shell, Martin Park, 4.30pm – 6.30pm.
- Wahgunyah – Wednesday 23 February, reserve pavilion, 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

"All residents and groups are encouraged to use these two informal sessions to help Council to further improve and develop these recreational areas," Mr Westwood said.

Those people who want to provide ideas and suggestions and who cannot make the sessions next week are invited to jot down a few dot points highlighting any specific issues or concerns and send an email to [richard@simonleisure.com](mailto:richard@simonleisure.com), or alternatively call him on 0458 957 824. There will be additional feedback opportunities for residents when the draft masterplans are placed on exhibition in coming months.

For more general information regarding the masterplans, please contact Council's Team Leader Recreation & Community Strengthening, Chris Westwood on (02) 6028 1145.

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