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## Wahgunyah Community Plan taking shape

A festival, more retail shops, an indoor/outdoor cinema screen, a community garden, more playgrounds, a BMX park, a maze/labyrinth, a community bus ... these are just a few of the ideas the Wahgunyah community has come up with in recent weeks as the Community Strengthening Project gathers momentum in their town.

With another four weeks of the consultation phase remaining, Indigo Shire staff are seeking to gather more input from Wahgunyah residents. Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells said he is looking forward to basing himself in front of the Wahgunyah Newsagency this Saturday morning, 9 April, between 8:30am – 11am, to further explain the project and gather more ideas.

“Wahgunyah people are been very keen to ensure their visions for their town are recorded. I have spoken to many residents, business owners and community groups and the three key themes coming through the various ideas are improved access for people of all ages. In many parts of Wahgunyah there are no footpaths forcing pedestrians to share the road with motor vehicles,” Mr Landells said.

“Secondly, a major strength of Wahgunyah is its rich history. However this is not well preserved or accessible so a range of opportunities exist to develop projects in that area. Thirdly, the town's identity (or lack of) has been consistently identified. Being so close to larger, high profile towns like Corowa and Rutherglen has made it hard for Wahgunyah to develop its own niche. We are hoping that our planning process will uncover some projects to take steps to address this.”

A community meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 May in the new building at Wahgunyah Primary School to determine the community's priorities for their Community Plan.

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