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Recharge while 'on the go'

People who use an electric scooter or wheelchair to get around can now travel without the fear of being stranded by a flat battery, thanks to Indigo Shire Council's Scooter Recharge Scheme.

The Scheme offers a number of recharge points for electric scooters or wheelchairs, where people are able to recharge while out and about in the community. The recharge points will be located at the Beechworth Tourist Information Centre, Chiltern IGA, Wahgunyah Newsagency and Java Café in High Street Yackandandah.

Indigo Shire Councillor Peter Graham will launch the scheme on Monday 15 August at 2.30pm at the Beechworth Visitor Information Centre. "The scheme is self sustaining and is a great step forward for people who have limited mobility. People can now recharge their scooters or electric wheelchairs for free while they are 'on-the-go' and out in the community," Cr Graham said.

"We hope that more businesses will come on board in the next few months so the program will become more accessible and people will be able to recharge in local libraries, chemists, doctors' surgeries, shopping centres and cafes. The businesses that take part in the scheme will be rewarded by more people using their business while they wait for their wheelchair or electric scooter to recharge," Cr Graham said.

The project, which was first launched by Nillumbik Council, will be rolled out across Indigo, Towong, Upper Hume and Wodonga Councils shortly.

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