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\$90,000 Committed To Improving Disability Access

Indigo Shire Council has announced \$90,000 of capital works funds will be contributed to improving disability access for Rutherglen, Chiltern, Beechworth and Yackandandah residents. Works will focus on upgrading ramps, footpath access, tactile indicators, signage, and access over cobble stone footpaths.

"The Shire has committed this funding so the growing tourist and ageing population can participate in our community to the greatest extent possible," said Indigo Shire Mayor Alison Pockley.

The improvements to disability access have been commissioned to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and meet objectives outlined in Indigo Shire's Access and Inclusion Plan 2011-2014.

"We've been working with key stakeholders including the Indigo Shire Disability and Community Access and Advisory Committee (IDCAAC) to understand where the improvements are needed," said The Mayor.

Rutherglen local Rob Bourke, member of IDCAAC, is very pleased the improvements are being made. "Safe roads and accessible footpaths are important to me as I ride my bike around my community," said Rob.

The project will be delivered by Council contractors in the next 6 months at the following locations:

Rutherglen

- Rutherglen retirement village – footpath widening in January/February 2012
- Douglas Street/High Street - pram crossing replacement in November/December 2011
- Main Street – removal redundant vehicle crossing at Café 142 in November/December 2011

Chiltern

- Conness St/Chiltern-Rutherglen Road - widening footpaths in January-March 2012
- Senior Citizens building - disability parking bays line marking in November/December 2011

Beechworth

- Camp Street - stonemason work to improve accessibility over cobble stones in October 2011 – February 2012
- Ford Street - repair trip hazard in the arcade connecting the Supermarket in November 2011
- Historic precinct - building access ramps

Yackandandah

- Supermarket – improve disability parking in November/December 2011
- High Street - new crossing over open stone drain in January/February 2012

Council will continue to work through the Access and Inclusion Plan 2011-2014, in consultation with the Indigo Shire Disability and Community Access and Advisory Committee to improve access for disabled and elderly residents.



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