

Wednesday 9 November 2011

Re-inVENT volunteer expo – FREE event this Sunday

Indigo Shire's Re-inVENT Expo is happening this Sunday 13 November at Tuileries Function Centre in Rutherglen, an annual event providing skills and networking opportunities for volunteers across the Shire.

"Volunteers are essential to sporting clubs, hall committees, art societies, Landcare and Neighbourhood Watch groups in rural communities. Re-inVENT Expo is a chance for these volunteers to get together and share their experiences," said Indigo Shire's Mayor Cr Ali Pockley.

During the Expo, the Shire's volunteer groups can share stories about what works, to collectively determine ways to overcome challenges. The Expo will also feature workshops on running meetings, recruiting new volunteers and committee members, managing risk, and using social media.

The Expo will be facilitated by Bernie Jones, who has over 15 years of experience in hospitality and events. Bernie has managed many major events and corporate catering sites in Melbourne, as well as working locally organising conferences, fundraisers, and local government events.

Workshops in the Expo program feature Dr Kristy Howard, Jemma Toohey, and the Indigo Shire's Youth Development Officer, Annette Walton. Kristy has a long history of achieving change with farmers, small businesses and community groups through developing leadership, engagement, and mentoring through her business Inspiring Excellence. Jemma brings over 20 years experience working with non-profit organisations in volunteer management, and is currently the manager of the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau. Annette is the Indigo Shire's Youth Development Officer, and has achieved considerable success engaging young people using Facebook.

The Expo is being run as part of the State government funded Community Strengthening Project. All enquiries can be made to Indigo Shire's Community Strengthening Officer, Scott Landells by phoning 1300 365 003, or by emailing slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au

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