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## Rutherglen's chance to show community's strength

Work towards Rutherglen's Community Plan will begin in the coming weeks, thanks to Indigo Shire Council's Community Strengthening Project. Community Plans are developed by the community from ideas put forward by residents on a number of possible projects to strengthen their local community.

The Community Strengthening Team will be at Gollings Square outside the IGA in Rutherglen this Saturday 23 July to promote the project and answer any questions from the community.

Indigo Shire Council Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells is calling on members of the Rutherglen community to put forward their ideas for the town. "The Rutherglen community has been quick to show their interest. Already I have met with the Primary School, Kinder, and will be meeting with a group of locals who are looking at a Community Garden later this week. I'm looking forward to meeting with Rutherglen community groups, businesses and residents to gather their thoughts on what it is that makes Rutherglen a strong and unique community and how we can build on those strengths for the future," Mr Landells said.

"Once we have an idea about what people would like to see in their town, we prioritise these ideas and then develop a Community Plan. The Project is driven by the community. We bring it all together by setting up working groups and committees to oversee these projects, and help out where we can, but the projects remain community run," Mr Landells said.

Community Plans have been created around the Shire from Stanley to Wahgunyah and now it is Rutherglen's turn. "We have had a lot of success with the plans that we have created in the past. We don't just write the plans and then leave the community to implement them, but offer continued support to them to achieve what we set out to do," Mr Landells said.

If you can't make it to Gollings Square on Saturday morning but wish to speak with the Community Strengthening Team, you can email Scott on [slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 365 003.

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