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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR 2011 TIDY TOWNS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The Awards recognise and celebrate positive actions by people, groups and organisations who are making a valuable contribution to make their communities more sustainable.

Entering the Awards also provides an avenue to achieve more sustainable communities, increase tourism, civic pride, social participation, public awareness and the conservation of our environment.

There are twelve (12) categories in this year's Awards:

- Community Action
- Cultural Heritage
- Pam Keating Environmental Innovation
- Towards Zero Waste
- Protection of the Environment
- Community Government Partnership
- Water Conservation
- Efficient Energy

- Young Leaders
  - Community Leadership (New Category)
  - Dame Phyllis Frost Award
  - 2010 Victorian Tidy Town of the Year
- Townships can enter under one category or as many as they like. Council will co-ordinate all completed entries for the Awards.

For more information about the Awards, the categories and the programs and initiatives that may be eligible, please contact Noni Hemann on 02 6028 1154.

More information about the categories and Awards is available on the Sustainability Victoria website [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au)

Please note that completed entries to the Awards need to be sent to [nhemann@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:nhemann@indigoshire.vic.gov.au) by Friday 20 May 2011.



**Rutherglen Tidy Town Committee with their Victorian Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities award 2010.**

### Q&A COMING TO THE REGION

The Q&A program on ABC TV will be coming to Albury Wodonga on Monday 2 May to record a live program. They will be discussing the issues that affect regional Australia.

Q&A is a live and interactive forum that lets YOU ask the questions of our politicians, pundits and opinion makers. The ABC is looking for members of the general public to join the audience. People are asked to express their interest by registering their details via the website: <http://www2b.abc.net.au/AudienceBooking/Client/AudienceRegistration.aspx>

### UPDATE ON SALE OF LA TROBE

The Community Forum on 12 April after the next Council Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall in Beechworth. Among the topics to be discussed will be the impact of the sale of the LaTrobe Beechworth campus on the wider community. Rob Woodward, Acting Director of LaTrobe Beechworth, will be at the forum to provide an update on the sale process and answer questions.

Other matters on the agenda include an update on storm damage in Beechworth and where repair work is up to, an update on the review of the Business Signage Survey, which attracted over 100 responses, and the 2030 Long-term Strategy for the Shire. As always, there will be a section for people present to raise matters of concern.

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - BEECHWORTH

Beechworth residents are advised of a request for temporary road closures for the annual Golden Horseshoes Festival of:

(a) Ford Street between William and Church Streets, Ford Street between Church and High Streets (keeping Church Street open) and Camp Street between Loch and High Streets from 6am and 6pm on Saturday 23 April 2011;

(b) Before and during the parade, Church Street between Loch and Ford Streets and William Street between Loch and Ford Streets will be closed from 12noon and 2pm on Saturday 23 April 2011;

(c) Ford Street between William and Camp Streets from 6am and 4pm on Sunday 24 April 2011.

Please note that on Saturday 23 April, the bus stop in Camp Street will be moved to Loch Street in front of the Burke Museum.

Objections in writing must be forwarded to Therese Crane, Indigo Shire Council, by Monday 18 April 2011.

For further information contact Therese Crane on 03 5728 8000 during office hours.

### CHALLENGE SUPPORTS TWO EAST TIMOR STUDENTS

Indigo Shire has a friendship agreement with East Timor's Atauro Island. Over the summer the Atauro Challenge, which raises funds for projects on the island, was opened up to walkers, runners, riders and swimmers across the shire.

In Rutherglen alone there were 31 swimmers who swam 19,631 laps of the pool. They included students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 from the Rutherglen High School and members of the swimming club.

There were 18 bike riders, who covered 4031km – the distance to Atauro Island and almost back to the mainland (finishing in the sea off Darwin!). And there were 25 people who walked and ran 2,024km.

In the 28 days participants raised over \$2000. Another \$382 was raised from the recent Rutherglen Rotary Club barbecue breakfast for the Rotary triathlon.

The Beechworth Hockey Club also took up the challenge as part of their pre-season training. Members cycled 1680km, swam 50km, kayaked 56km, walked 2520km and ran 1112km and raised over \$300 in the process. All up the total of \$2,877 is enough to support two students for a year at the Dili Institute in the capital of East Timor.

Committee member Frances Walsh says the Indigo Atauro Friendship committee has four students to support and is looking for further ways to raise funds. If you have suggestions please contact Frances on 02 6032 9454.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM 2011 SCHEDULE

| Date                | Venue                                   | Meeting                                    | Time   |
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| Tuesday<br>12 April | Beechworth Memorial Hall<br>Supper Room | Council<br>Meeting                         | 3.00pm |
| Tuesday<br>12 April | Beechworth Memorial Hall<br>Supper Room | Community Forum<br>(light supper provided) | 6.30pm |