



INDIGO CONNECTION

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2011 COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM SCHEDULE

MEETING	VENUE	TIME/DATE
Special Council Meeting	Supper room, Beechworth Memorial Hall	Tuesday 24 May, 4pm
Council Meeting	Senior Citizens Hall, Rutherglen	Tuesday 14 June 3pm
Community Forum (light supper provided)	Senior Citizens Hall, Rutherglen	Tuesday 14 June 6.30pm



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COMMUNITY SURVEY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Council will be holding two meetings to give residents an opportunity to discuss responses to the Community Survey with Council staff. The format of these meetings will be similar to the original "dinner table conversations" we conducted for the Council Plan in 2009. There will be tables set up relating to the various Council departments and you can move freely from one to another and join in the conversations at each one. Notes will be taken. The details of the two meetings are:

- **Chiltern: Monday 23 May, 6pm – 7.30pm, Chiltern Memorial Hall.**
- **Beechworth: Tuesday 24 May, 6pm – 7.30pm, Beechworth Memorial Hall.**

If you cannot attend either of the meetings, please put your ideas in writing, either by email or letter, and send it in to us. Please mark it "Community Survey Feedback" and send it in before Friday 27 May.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Council is currently updating its Community and Business Directories, and is encouraging all community groups and businesses within the Shire to contact Council to have their details registered. The directories are available on Councils website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au, under the Community Directories link on the home page. All new and existing groups and businesses in the Shire can email their details to communitydirectory@indigoshire.vic.gov.au, or contact 03 5728 8000.

DRAFT BUDGET FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Council's Draft Budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2011 and ending 30 June 2012 is available for comment. Submissions addressed to The CEO, Brendan McGrath, PO Box 28, Beechworth, VIC, 3747, can be received until 5pm, 15 June 2011. Copies of the Draft Budget are available for viewing at any Council office or service centre, or downloaded from the website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Council is calling for applications for the 2011 Sustainability Awards program. The awards have been established to recognise, promote and encourage achievement in environmental sustainability throughout the Shire. This year an additional category of 'education' has been included to those of agriculture, business, community and households. If you think you have an event, service, project, product or initiative that demonstrates sustainability, then apply now. Applications close Friday 26 August. An application form and guidelines can be obtained from any Council office or service centre, or downloaded from the website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au. For further information contact Shay Simpson on 02 6028 1100 or ssimpson@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.



■ ■ ■ **WINNERS OF LAST YEARS SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS**
From left: Faye Robinson, Chris Varker (Wooragee School), Robert Taylor (Wangaratta Wonderworms), Sally Cheater (Kinagrow), Anton Therkildsen (Valhalla Winery), Pauline Van Aken (Kinagrow), Joanne Divers (Valhalla Winery), front: Charlie Robinson, Antoinette del Popolo (Valhalla Winery).

APPLICATIONS FOR FESTIVALS AND EVENTS SPONSORSHIP

Applications are now open for the Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee 2011/12 Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program. The program is open to all tourism-focussed festivals and events in Indigo Shire; however priority for support will be given to festivals and events that have regional tourism significance and economic benefit. Applications close Monday 13 June at 5pm. Application forms are available for download at Councils website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au or at any of Councils offices or Customer Service Centres. For more information, please contact Therese Crane 03 5728 8000.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with Section 84 of the Local Government Act a Special Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 24 May 2011 commencing at 4pm in the Supper Room, Indigo Shire Council Offices, 101 Ford Street, Beechworth. The purpose of the meeting is to consider any submissions to the Council Plan. The Meeting will be both Statutory and an opportunity to consider any urgent Council business. Members of the community are invited to attend the Special Meeting.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2011 ARE NOW OPEN

Volunteer Grants 2011 recognises the important role of Australia's volunteers. Volunteer Grants 2011 provides funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to not-for-profit organisations to assist their volunteers and encourage volunteering. Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria. For more information, please visit

www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grants2011.aspx