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Community groups urged to attend Volunteer Expo

Indigo Shire Council is calling all community groups to be a part of the 2011 Volunteer Expo entitled *Re-InVEnt 2011....Smooth and Shine your group's rough edges*. The Expo is part of Council's Community Strengthening Project and will be held at Tuileries Function Centre in Rutherglen on Sunday 13 November.

Indigo Shire Council Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that Indigo Shire's community groups and event committees were an essential part of the social fabric of each town in Indigo Shire.

"Our community groups and event committees are a tremendous asset to our Shire. They provide social connection, the opportunity to develop skills and in turn this builds a strong sense of community and identity for each of our towns," Cr Pockley said.

"The Expo is aimed at supporting community groups and event committees who are looking to attract and maintain volunteers. The program has been developed by representatives from local health groups, neighbourhood houses, Information Centres and Council staff," Cr Pockley said.

"All Shire community groups and event committees are invited to come along and share their success stories as well as their challenges with members of other similar groups in other Shire towns."

"A number of topics relevant to volunteering are covered including overcoming challenges, attracting younger members, succession planning, how to make Social Media work for your group, information on grant funding, contingency planning and managing risk. The expo aims are improved skills, resources, knowledge, share challenges and success stories, empower groups and improved networking and connection."

"The day has so much to offer, and the name shows this. *Re-InVEnt* was chosen because it says events, Indigo, volunteering, re-invigorate and of course, the VE for Volunteer Expo."

For more information or to get involved with the Expo, please contact Indigo Shire Council's Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells on 1300 365 003 or 02 6028 1147, or email slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au .

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