



# INDIGO CONNECTION

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## 2012 COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM SCHEDULE

MEETING	VENUE	TIME/DATE
Council Meeting	Sports Park, Yackandandah	Tuesday 13 March 2012, 3pm
Community Forum <i>(light supper provided)</i>	Sports Park, Yackandandah, Stanley	Tuesday 13 March 2012, 6.30pm



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## 2012 School Vaccination Program

Council's school based vaccination program will commence with visits to Beechworth and Rutherglen Secondary Colleges in March. The following vaccines will be offered to students at these visits:

- YEAR 7 BOYS – HEPATITIS B, CHICKEN POX
- YEAR 7 GIRLS - HEPATITIS B, CHICKEN POX, GARDASIL (HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, CERVICAL CANCER)
- YEAR 10 BOYS AND GIRLS – BOOSTRIX (DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND WHOOPING COUGH)

An information package containing immunisation consent cards will be distributed to each Year 7 and Year 10 student throughout February. Students must have returned a correctly completed consent card in order to be vaccinated at school. All cards must be returned to the school even if the student is not receiving that vaccine.

Parents are asked to contact Wodonga Council's Mobile Immunisation Service on 1800 655 360 if their child is in Year 7 or Year 10 and have not received the information package by late February. Supplementary consent cards will be mailed out to them.

Any student who missed out on receiving a vaccine via the school vaccination program in 2011 is invited to contact the Mobile Immunisation Service on 1800 655 360 for further information on how to receive catch up vaccination.

## AgVet Chemical User Course

This Nationally Accredited two-day course is a must for all land managers and farmers in NSW and Victoria. It's about safe and effective use of agricultural chemicals. Land managers can purchase most chemicals from retailers, however they have to be "up to speed" before using them. Restricted chemicals have specific requirements and some may not be purchased without proof that the purchaser has the appropriate accreditation. Doing this course emphasises the correct and safe use of chemicals associated with land management and in the food and fibre producing industries. For many course participants it's about maintaining Australia's "Clean and Green" food production record at home and overseas.

Courses are run locally in groups, on site (where appropriate) and at a place and time that suits participants. The presenter is Bob Currie who has a background in Agriculture, Landcare, Consulting, Men's Health and Adult Education. The Cost is \$200 per person and a minimum of six participants are required to run the course. There is an online option to complete this course with the same provider. Contact details: Bob Currie, AgriLogic Consultants, Mobile: 0438 690 271, Email: [agrilogic@albury.net.au](mailto:agrilogic@albury.net.au).

## Bushfires – help leaving early

Leaving early before a bushfire is the best way to guarantee your safety – but for some Indigo Shire residents, it's not that easy.

People who are frail or elderly, have a physical disability, or have problems thinking clearly or acting quickly under stress may be reliant on others to help them leave early on Severe, Extreme or Code Red fire days.

If this sounds like someone you know – especially someone living alone in an isolated area – then talk to them about how you could help. If this sounds like you, then ask your family, friends or

neighbours to help you plan how to leave early, using a copy of the Red Cross Bushfires: Preparing to leave early plan.

You can fill out the plan online or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line to request a copy.

Discuss the ideas in the plan with family, friends, neighbours and anyone else in your support network. If you need help filling out the plan, ask one of these people or anyone else who could assist, such as a carer.

*For your free copy of the Red Cross Bushfires – Preparing to leave early plan, go to [cfa.vic.gov.au/redcrossplan](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/redcrossplan) to fill out a plan online or print out a plan to fill in, or call the Victorian Bushfire Information line on 1800 240 667. For people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, call the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.*



Here is (from L- R) Debbie Paylor (CEO Upper Murray Regional Library), Frances Walsh (presenter-story teller) Chris Bursill, Cr Peter Croucher and Jack Wilson (presenter-bush poet) at the launch of The National Year of Reading 2012 yesterday at Rutherglen library. This is a collaborative project joining public libraries, government, community groups, authors and writers, media, commercial partners and of course the public, encouraging children and adults to read.



This is an exciting project being conducted by the Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre in partnership with Indigo University of the Third Age (U3A), Yackandandah Community Education Network (YCEN), Stanley Ladies Group, The Beechworth Community Support Group, Indigo Shire Council and Integrated Primary Mental Health Service.

Indigo Fireflies was inspired by the 2010 Kerferd Oration. When Jemima Richards spoke about the work of Firefoxes, a group of women in Kinglake who came together to help their community deal with the

aftermath of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, some Indigo Shire women asked 'what could we do' if they were in a similar situation?

Women in the community will be able to learn new skills to build on their natural aptitude to respond to a crisis. They will learn skills to negotiate and to strengthen their leadership capability and also to provide peer support, active listening skills and skills to help people in crisis. All women are welcome.

Call the Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre on 03 5728 2388 or [thebnc@people.net.au](mailto:thebnc@people.net.au) or Sue Gold, Project Facilitator, on 0411 09 4165 or [sue@suegoldassociates.com](mailto:sue@suegoldassociates.com).