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Ideas flowing for Rutherglen Community Plan

Tree-lined town entrances, a hub for children's services, historical walks, a community culinary bus (linking to other Shire towns), an upgrade for the walking paths around Lake King, a community garden, propagation of root-stock from the iconic Fig Tree and further development of the Wahgunyah-Rutherglen Rail Trail (such as shade, rest stops, links to wineries, art sculptures etc).

This is a small snapshot of the ideas Rutherglen residents have come forward with in recent months as the Community Strengthening Project gathers momentum in their town.

The project is currently about two-thirds through a phase of Community Consultations which will produce a Rutherglen Community Plan by around April 2012.

Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells will be promoting the project at Gollings Square outside the IGA supermarket this Saturday morning, 29 October, from 8:30am – 11am, and gathering more comments and ideas from people.

"The Rutherglen community has grasped the concept of building on assets that already exist within their community such as Lake King, Glenview, the Rail Trail, the Fig Tree, the central location of recreational areas such as Barkly Park, Apex Park, and the Park & Recreation Reserve Committee," Mr Landells said.

"These are all unique assets within the Rutherglen Community. The Community is also keen to emphasise the number of active service clubs, wineries and tourism groups within Rutherglen. They consider their community to be a close, welcoming community and also a very self-sufficient community that is able to adapt to change."

Mr Landells is hoping to obtain more feedback this Saturday morning from local residents and community group members. If you can't make it along 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 or call 1300 365 003, or 02 6028 1147.

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