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Indigo Shire's Roadside Weed Initiative opens

Indigo Shire Council is involved with the Roadside Weed Initiative once again, and is calling on residents to become involved with the program to target weeds.

For the ninth consecutive year the program will help landholders stop the spread of weeds on roadsides next to their property.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that in 2010, 22 residents participated in the Roadside Weed Initiative. "The fantastic result last year resulted in targeted weed spraying of over 125km of roadsides. It is encouraging to see residents helping with roadsides and looking after them to the same standard as their property," Cr Pockley said.

"These landholders realise that if these weeds are allowed to grow on their roadsides, there is a high chance that they will spread to their properties, and so really it is stopping a problem before it begins," Cr Pockley said.

Each year Council undertakes extensive weed control on Council land across the Shire, particularly on roadsides, and this program allows landholders to get involved and help extend this program. Council's roadside weed spraying is funded by the State Government.

Application forms can be obtained from Indigo Shire Customer Service Centres in Beechworth, Yackandandah, Chiltern and Rutherglen or from the Council Updates section on the home page of Council's website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au . For more information please contact Indigo Shire Council Natural Resource Officer Shay Simpson on 1300 365 003 or 02 6028 1100. **Please note that applications close Wednesday 14 September 2011.**

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