

**Friday 30 September 2011**

**Free green waste disposal to prepare for bushfire season**

Indigo Shire Council is holding two Free Green Waste Disposal Weekends for residents in preparation for the coming bushfire season. The CFA is expecting this summer to have an above average threat of grassfires.

The weekends will coincide with Fire Action Week, which runs from Sunday 13 November to Sunday 20 November, and aim to encourage people to clean up around their homes to prepare for the bushfire season.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that Council is using the week to push the importance of fire prevention. “Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world. Due to the above average rain that we have had over the last year, we have seen increased plant growth in bush areas around our towns and homes,” Cr Pockley said.

“The importance of preparing for a bushfire is clear, and November is a perfect time to start to prepare. I encourage all residents to make the most of this opportunity to clean out their gardens, and dispose of their green waste for free. It is not just about protecting your home, but your whole community,” Cr Pockley said.

“This is also the perfect time of year for people to prepare their bushfire action plan, and know what they would do and where they would go in an emergency. Council has a number of Places of Last Resort around the Shire, and knowing where these are, how you get to them and how long this will take is a good start. Council’s website has information on the Places of Last Resort in the Shire, so have a look for more information,” Cr Pockley said.

**The free Green Waste weekends will be held:**

**On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2011**

Beechworth Transfer Station, Diffey Road, Beechworth	1pm – 5pm
Rutherglen Transfer Station, Cornishtown Road, Rutherglen	1pm – 5pm
Former Yackandandah Transfer Station, Steel Road, Yackandandah	8am – 12noon
Former Chiltern Transfer Station, Chiltern Rutherglen Road, Chiltern	8am – 12noon

**On Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November 2011**

Beechworth Transfer Station, Diffey Road, Beechworth	1pm – 5pm
Rutherglen Transfer Station, Cornishtown Road, Rutherglen	1pm – 5pm
Former Yackandandah Transfer Station, Steel Road, Yackandandah	8am – 12noon
Former Chiltern Transfer Station, Chiltern Rutherglen Road, Chiltern	8am – 12noon



Green waste can be disposed of at any time at Indigo Shire Council's Transfer Stations in Beechworth Rutherglen for \$14.80 m<sup>3</sup>, so take advantage of these free weekends.

For more information on how to be bushfire ready, visit the CFA website [www.cfaconnect.net.au](http://www.cfaconnect.net.au), visit Council's website [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au) or contact Indigo Shire Council on 1300 365 003 or 02 6028 1100.

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