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Chiltern and Wahgunyah have improved recreation in their sights

Indigo Shire Council wants to hear what the public have to say about Draft Masterplans for the Wahgunyah and Chiltern Recreation Reserves at launch evenings held over the next few weeks.

Indigo Shire Council Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that the plans have been developed in conjunction with a number of user groups and will establish clear directions for the future of the reserves. "A range of new and upgraded facilities and open space areas are proposed. These venues are important to the community, and we would love to hear what the public hope to see from the Masterplans so we can take those comments on board and further develop a plan that is right for everyone," Cr Pockley said.

The Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve caters for football, netball, tennis, motor racing, and cricket, and the Masterplan is designed to benefit all of these sports, as well as other community groups, and attract new users to the reserve. It was developed with input from the Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve Committee, the Wahgunyah Football Club, Wahgunyah Netball Club, Wahgunyah Tennis Club, Corowa / Rutherglen Motorsports Inc, and the Wahgunyah Progress Association.

"The Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve Masterplan outlines a number of visions including the development of the tennis and netball courts, a family recreation area with a playground, BBQ area and upgraded toilets and an extension to the existing pavilion. The plan looks at future upgrades to the Speedway and improving the existing open spaces," Cr Pockley said.

The Chiltern Recreation Reserve includes Martin Park and Lake Anderson and is the main public park and sporting area in Chiltern, and is a rest stop for visitors and tourists. The Draft Masterplan focuses on improving the quality and variety of facilities and open spaces so that the area caters for everyone.

"The Plan hopes to upgrade the playground and park furniture with more seating, picnic tables and upgraded public toilets, build on existing paths to link the whole area and install a boardwalk and jetty to Lake Anderson to encourage activities like fishing. We are looking at repairing or replacing the arch bridge, upgrading the historic grandstand and netball facilities, improve car parking and create a multipurpose ball sports area for cricket, football, Auskick, soccer etc," Cr Pockley said.

A number of user groups were consulted while developing the Chiltern Draft Recreation Reserve Masterplan, including the Chiltern Recreation Reserve Committee, the Chiltern Bowling Club, users of the Lake Anderson Guide, Chiltern Landcare and the operators of the Lake Anderson Caravan Park.

All members of the community and invited to attend two 'Master Plan Launch Evenings', which will have on display the Masterplans relevant to the respective township in which the meetings are being held. Light refreshments will be available after each of the events.

- The Chiltern Master Plan Launch Evenings will be held from 6.30 – 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 August at the Chiltern Senior Citizens Hall.
- The Wahgunyah Master Plan Launch Evenings will be held from 6.30 – 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 August at the Wahgunyah Football Club Rooms.

The Masterplans can be viewed in a number of ways:

- Via Council's website at www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au.



- Caltex service station, Foord Street, Wahgunyah.
- Indigo Shire Council Chiltern Customer Service Centre, 40 Conness Street, Chiltern.
- Indigo Shire Council Offices at 101 Ford Street, Beechworth and 34 High Street, Yackandandah.

Council will accept comments and feedback until **5pm Tuesday 13 September 2011**. A Feedback Form is available at each display point and can be completed and returned to Council.

For further information concerning the master planning project, contact Chris Westwood, Indigo Shire Council's Team Leader Recreation and Community Strengthening on 02 6028 1145 or e-mail cwestwood@indigoshire.vic.gov.au .

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