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Wahgunyah Community set their course

It might have been a bit chilly on the streets of Wahgunyah last Monday night (May 16), but inside the warmth of the School of Arts Supper Room representatives from a wide cross-section of the community met to determine future projects for their community.

Representatives from the Willows Reserve, Football Club, Primary School, Uncle Tobys, All Saints Winery, small businesses, Green and Sustainable Living Inc Association, Progress Association, Neighbourhood Watch and the Hall's Committee of Management considered a list of project ideas put forward by the community in consultations over the previous three months as part of Indigo Shire's Community Strengthening Project.

The top three priorities identified on the night were:

- extend cycle paths beyond the Flower farm to Lake Moodemere
- establish a Rail Trail Station/Rest stop
- clean up and/or beautify vacant recreational land.

Indigo Shire's Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells was very satisfied with the night's outcomes. "The Wahgunyah Community were very united in their determination that their key priorities were to get a cycling track through to Lake Moodemere, a rest stop on the Rail Trail and to clean-up and beautify the various vacant areas of land around their town, especially at the town's entrance along the north side of Victoria Street," Mr Landells said.

"We also asked for feedback on the potential uses for the Railway Reserve land next to the rail trail from Sarah Street to Uncle Tobys. The most popular uses were Rail Trail Station Rest Stop, Recreation Vehicle-Friendly dump point, community garden and picnic area," Mr Landells said.

There were many other medium priorities and the project will endeavour to support these also. These included:

- Indigo Council having a regular Customer Service presence
- an annual community event
- improving footpaths
- museum (recognition of history)
- become an Recreation Vehicle-friendly town
- map of Wahgunyah (incl walking/cycling trails, toilets, historical features, sporting fields etc)
- indoor/outdoor cinema (using School of Arts/Willows)
- a boat ramp.

The information above will form the basis of the Wahgunyah Community Plan. This will be drafted over the coming weeks, then put out in the community for six weeks so people can provide further feedback.

Anyone wishing to join working parties in support of the top three key priorities can do so by contacting Scott Landells on the numbers below or via email.

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