



INDIGO CONNECTION

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2012 COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM SCHEDULE

MEETING	VENUE	TIME/DATE
Council Meeting	Stanley Hall, Stanley	Tuesday 14 February 2012, 3pm
Community Forum <i>(light supper provided)</i>	Stanley Hall, Stanley	Tuesday 14 February 2012, 6.30pm



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Comments sought for Indigo pools plan

Council is conducting an assessment of the community's needs in relation to its five swimming pools in Chiltern, Beechworth, Rutherglen, Tangambalanga and Yackandandah to help in future planning.

The pools were built in the 1960s and 1970s and over the years have undergone a number of upgrades and renovations. However, the facilities are ageing and may not be meeting the needs of the communities they serve. The Development Plan will provide Council with the level of information it needs to make strategic decisions on the future of its pools. We need feedback from residents about their pool. This is the opportunity to make sure that the

Council knows what you want. The Development Plan will focus on three key areas:

1. Technical assessment of plant/equipment and structure
2. Assessment of future management options
3. Assessment of future facility development options.

Public consultation processes are being conducted including a hard copy and an online residents' survey and schools survey, written submissions and key interviews to identify current and future issues and needs. You can provide input in the following ways:

- Complete an online survey regarding

your swimming pool usage by typing the following link into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/indigopools>

- Write a submission outlining your views and send it to David Koren, Manager Community Planning, Indigo Shire, PO Box 75, Yackandandah, Victoria, 3749 or Email: dkoren@indigoshire.vic.gov.au, or visit Council's Customer Service Centres in Yackandandah or Beechworth. All community feedback should be received by close of business on Friday 27 January 2012. For further information, please contact David Koren, Manager Community Planning on 02 6028 1100.

Be fire ready

Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world. Even after a wet winter, it only takes two weeks of hot, dry and windy weather to create dangerous fire conditions. This year, improved grass growing conditions across Victoria have increased the likelihood of grass fires over summer. Grass fires spread rapidly and can quickly threaten lives and property. This summer the CFA has responded to the fire threat by creating a number of new initiatives:

- Township protection plans are now available for more than 140 communities in high-risk areas and have been mailed to more than 200,000 residents.
- A new fact sheet on evacuation, including advice on how you will know when to evacuate, is available at police.



vic.gov.au/communitysafety

- On the spot fines now apply for campfires left unattended, campfires exceeding one square metre in size, and campfires with insufficient clearance (3m) of flammable materials such as leaves or twigs
- More planned burning is being done throughout Victoria's parks and forests to reduce ground fuels and protect people, places and assets. For more information go to dse.vic.gov.au/burns
- Improved rules have been introduced for managing vegetation around an existing home for bushfire protection, without the need for a planning permit. View the 10/30 and 10/50 rules at dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/bushfire

To download a Fire Ready Kit go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firereadykit or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.



Fighting fruit fly

In urban areas, Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) poses a serious threat to the production of a range of home-grown fruits and fruiting vegetables due to the ability of feeding QFF maggots to make the fruit inedible. In fruit production areas, a QFF outbreak has the potential to cost local fruit growers more than \$100 million each year in additional production costs, ultimately resulting in higher prices for fresh fruit. Gardeners should regularly inspect semi-ripe and ripe

fruit for QFF larvae (or maggots), which are more likely to be detected than adult flies. Fruit will normally need to be cut open to check for maggots, because infested fruit may appear to be in sound condition from the outside. QFF maggots are 5-10mm long and creamy-white in colour. Adult QFF are about 7 mm long and reddish brown in colour, with distinct yellow oval markings. If you have QFF host plants in your garden, you should prune fruit trees to a height which makes fruit picking easy. Remove fruit as it ripens

and collect and dispose of fallen fruit on an ongoing basis. Fruit infested with QFF can be disposed of in a sealed plastic bag, which is either left in the sun for 5-7 days or placed in a freezer for two days. This will destroy the maggots and prevent adult flies from developing. The bagged fruit can then be discarded in your garbage bin. Compost carefully - do not place unwanted fruit in your compost or worm farm, or put it directly into your garbage. Remove any unwanted fruit trees from your property.

Please allow a Department of Primary Industries (DPI) officer to inspect your garden if requested to do so. If you need to arrange a specific time for a requested inspection, please contact DPI's Queensland Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 135 559.