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## Sustainability Awards closing soon

Entries are closing soon for Indigo Shire Council's 2011 Sustainability Awards, and Council is looking for an event, service, project, product or initiative that demonstrates sustainability.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that Council hopes to hear from individuals, primary producers, groups, schools or businesses. "The program is an opportunity for people to have their sustainable activities recognised and rewarded. There are so many wonderful things being done in the community that work towards sustainability, and we want to acknowledge and promote this. If people are involved with these projects, or know somebody who is, we are encouraging them to put in a nomination," Cr Pockley said.

The judges will be looking for activities that demonstrate innovation, show minimal and efficient use of natural resources or protect, improve or restore the natural environment. This year, the category of 'Education' has been added to the existing categories of Agriculture, Business, Community and Households.

"We saw a wide range of nominations for last year's awards, and we hope to see the same thing this year. We want to know what the motivation for the initiative is and the story behind it. This is the second year of the awards, and so we are hoping that people were inspired by last year's winners and nominees to try similar things and initiate change," Cr Pockley said.

Applications close Friday 26 August 2011. An application form and guidelines can be obtained from any Indigo Shire Council office or service centre or downloaded from the website [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au). The awards will be presented at an award ceremony to be held on Friday 14 October 2011.

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For more information or an application form contact Shay Simpson, Indigo Shire's Natural Resource Management Officer on 02 6028 1100 or go to [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au).

**Caption: Helen Jones and Shay Simpson from Indigo Shire Council's Natural Resources Team and encouraging people to nominate sustainable activities, practices or initiatives.**