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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY SURVEY TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Each year Council conducts a Community Survey to measure its progress against the Council Plan, which residents helped develop. We are again conducting the survey, which is open until Friday 18 March 2011. The survey can also be accessed from

our new website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au under Latest News on the Home Page, and it is available at our customer service centres in Beechworth, Rutherglen, Chiltern and Yackandandah as well as the Wahgunyah and Barnawartha Post Offices, Kiewa and Tangambalanga General Stores. A Reply Paid survey is inside the latest Indigo Informer newsletter, which residents should receive in the mail this week. *All completed surveys will go in to a draw to win an ipod, digital camera and meal vouchers.*

COMMENTS SOUGHT ON DRAFT RATING STRATEGY

Notice is hereby given that the Indigo Shire Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 14 December 2010, resolved to give notice of its revised Draft Rating Strategy. Council is seeking public comment on this revised Draft Rating Strategy. A copy of the Draft Rating Strategy can be obtained from the Indigo Shire Council Service Centres located at Beechworth, Yackandandah, Rutherglen and Chiltern during normal business hours, or from the Council's website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

In accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, any person may make a submission on the proposed Draft Rating Strategy. Submissions must be in writing, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 28, Beechworth, Vic, 3747, and must be received by close of business on or before Tuesday 15 March 2011. A person making a submission is entitled to request in the submission that the person wishes to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting to be heard in support of the submission.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BEECHWORTH HISTORIC PRECINCT

Council is seeking motivated and reliable people with excellent communication and customer service skills to join the Historic Precinct's expanding team of volunteers. The Precinct's historic buildings include the Burke Museum, the historic Courthouse and the Telegraph Station.

The positions are especially suitable for people who have or want to gain experience in the Museum or Tourism Industry. It is desirable that people have experience in customer service and a keen interest in local history or museum practice. Induction and training will be offered to the successful volunteers. For a Volunteer Information Kit please visit the Indigo Shire website on www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au and follow the links, or contact Simone Nolan, Museum Assistant / Volunteer Coordinator, the Burke Museum, Beechworth (03) 5728 8067 or email snolan@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS SIGNAGE

Council is reviewing its Business Signage Guidelines. These guidelines are more than just rules to control sign usage and design. They were created to preserve the integrity of historic streetscapes and buildings, aspects that are important to the economic stability of the Shire.

A survey has been developed to help capture people's ideas on this issue. The survey looks at the current understanding of the guidelines and their intent, whether they are appropriate and whether they should be applied equally throughout the Shire. The current guidelines define the size, style, colour of font that can be used, the location of the signage and how much space it can occupy on a building and on shop windows. The guidelines also raise the issue of A frame signs and banners that are used to promote events and activities within the towns for short or long-term periods. A copy of the current Business Signage Guidelines is on Council's new website, along with the survey and a Discussion Paper. Visit www.indigoshire.com.au and click on the item under Council Updates on the Home Page. Alternatively, the survey can be done online directly through Survey Monkey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/VYSMRNG. Paper copies of the survey and Discussion Paper are also available at Council's Customer Service Centres or by phoning (03) 5728 8000 or 1300 365 003. The closing date for the surveys is Friday 11 March, 2011.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - RUTHERGLEN

Rutherglen residents are advised of a request for a temporary road closure for the Tastes of Rutherglen – Dinner on Main Street of Main Street between the roundabout and High Street from 12 noon Friday 11 March until 2.30am on Saturday 12 March 2011. Objections in writing must be forwarded to Therese Crane, Indigo Shire Council, by Wednesday 9 March 2011. For further information contact Therese Crane on (03) 5728 8000 during office hours.

DRAFT ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION - EXTENSION

The date for feedback to Council's Roadside Management Plan has been extended to Monday 7 March 2011. Submissions on the plan can be made in writing. The plan can be viewed at Council service centres and is also available for download at our new website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

Alternatively a hard or electronic copy of the plan can be supplied on request by contacting Team Leader Natural Resources Shay Simpson on 02 6028 1128 or email ssimpson@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

BUSINESS AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Nominations for the Local Business Awards are now open. The awards are designed to acknowledge achievements in business across the shire. They are town based, so entrants will compete against other businesses in their own town rather than against all businesses across the shire. The awards are free to enter and nominations close on Friday 25 February. Any business can enter and customers are also encouraged to nominate a business. The categories of awards are:

- Excellence in Industry
 - Excellence in Retail
 - Excellence in Professional Services and Business (Private Enterprise)
 - Excellence in Tourism and/or Hospitality
 - Excellence in Customer Service.
- Judging is done by an independent panel from outside the shire between Monday 7 March and Friday 25 March, and will be announced at a dinner at Vintara Winery near Rutherglen on Friday 15 April. For more information contact Jamie Boatwood Business Development Officer (03) 5728 8062 jboatwood@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM 2011 SCHEDULE

Date	Venue	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 8 March	Yackandandah Sports Park, Yackandandah	Council Meeting	3pm
Tuesday 8 March	Yackandandah Sports Park, Yackandandah	Community Forum (light supper provided)	6.30pm