



# Progress Bulletin

## October/November 2011

### Major Projects and Programs

#### Jack's Rd—Rutherglen

The upgrading of this road began in the 2010-11 financial year to make the road trafficable for B-double trucks. This project was partly funded under the Roads to Market Grants Program aimed at improving the B-double road access network throughout Victoria. The bulk of the work has been done (\$888,448) with the final seal to be laid in December at a cost of \$84,532.

#### Shade sails for playgrounds

Shade sails have recently been installed over two playgrounds at Sir Isaac Isaacs park in Yackandandah and at Banksia Park in Tangambalanga at a total cost of \$47,300.

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#### Re-sheeting of gravel roads

Gravel re-sheeting on both sides of the shire in the order of \$400,000 has been completed. Over 30 roads were included in this year's re-sheeting program which was finished nine days ahead of schedule.



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#### Wahgunyah river trails sealing

Work is underway on sealing existing trails between John Foord Bridge and Federation Bridge and below the Willows Reserve area on the foreshore. The trail is being extended to the Recreation Reserve. These works should be finished before Christmas. The total cost of this work is \$125,000, grant money.

#### Flood Damaged Roads—upgrades

About \$1.8 million has been spent on works across the shire. Works will continue into the New Year.

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#### Chiltern flood mitigation work

Chiltern flood mitigation work is due to commence, totalling \$470,000. This is made up of \$235,000 in State and Federal Government grants and \$235,000 of Council funds.



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### Community Strengthening Project

#### Volunteer Expo

Re-inVEnt 2011 went ahead on 13 November at Tuileries, Rutherglen. Around 30 representatives from community groups from right across the shire participated. Groups were able to share their challenges and success stories, and attend workshops on designing better meetings, succession planning, social media, and contingency planning for events. The steering committee received lots of positive feedback, and is currently undergoing further evaluation and discussion to make recommendations about how to build on the success of re-inVEnt to support volunteering in the future.

#### Indigo Valley

Several ideas for interest groups were gathered at the recent Middle Indigo Primary School fete, and several existing interest groups in the valley were also identified. These will be built upon over the coming months. Discussion about combining the existing newsletter into a community-wide publication continues.

#### Yackandandah

Up to 25 locals participated in the veggie swap and community meal held on 29 October, which was regarded as a huge success. The swap will now occur monthly on the third Saturday at 9.30am in the Yackandandah Community Education Network courtyard, to raise funds for the community meal which will be staged seasonally.



#### Wooragee

Wooragee held a priority night on 25 October, and voted on four clear priorities as follows:

- purchase five acres beside the Centenary Hall
- improve mobile phone and internet reception
- a permanent 80km/hr zone in Wooragee
- incorporate fire management into roadsides

Feedback from the wider community is sought and a follow up meeting is scheduled for 15 December.

#### Kiewa/Tangambalanga

Working parties for the river access, off road walking paths, and newspaper projects continue to meet. The Kiewa River Gazette has now published three editions, and continues to find new content and advertisers.

## Natural Resource Management

### Roadside Weeds

The majority of roadside weed spraying has been undertaken during the month of November, treating priority weed species Chilean Needle Grass, Serrated Tussock, Blackberry, Gorse and Broom. This work was undertaken by contract spraying teams.

### Better Build guides

Launch of the first two of four *Better Build Toolkits* occurred at the awards ceremony for the Sustainability Awards. The release of *New Home Guide* and the *Renovation Home Guide* focus on improved building efficiency by providing information on climate sensitive design and construction elements. The following two guides, focusing on commercial development and subdivision, will be released mid 2012.



### Sustainability Awards 2011

The winners of Indigo Sustainability Awards for 2011 were announced at the ceremony held on Friday 14 October at the Department of Primary Industry's Rutherglen Research Station. The event was well attended. Guests and nominees enjoyed a sustainable supper that featured local produce, as well as local organic wine and cider. A presentation, *A Meaningful Environment*, by guest speaker Dr Scott Rawlings from the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, was a highlight of the night.

### Indigo Environment Advisory Committee

The October meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee covered strategic planning for wind generation, updates from the Strategy Groups, as well as discussion regarding a new project on mapping local energy potential throughout the Shire.

The last meeting for 2011 was held on Wednesday 7 December and existing members were invited to re-nominate, along with a call for new members.

### Roadside Conservation

In excess of 50 roadsides were recently assessed against the newly updated Roadside Conservation Management Plan for treatment for fire prevention and management. In September this year the CFA District 24 Office submitted to Council a program of proposed roadside fuel reduction works that brigades, in conjunction with Council, intended to undertake prior to the 2011/12 Fire Danger Period.

These roads were assessed in terms of their fuel loads, strategic fire breaks, traffic management requirements, as well as conservation values.

Many roads proposed for treatment had only low conservation values to consider, with these often presenting extensive growth of exotic grass such as Phalaris. On roadsides where there are high conservation values, conditions are placed on the treatment such as ensuring old large trees and hollows and any natural regeneration are protected and that the burn is cool. This process has the added benefit of ensuring that these values are highlighted and protected during any works that occur in these areas.

Two specific roadsides required onsite consultation, because of their specific high conservation values, in conjunction with CFA District staff and local Brigade personnel, as well as Council and Department of Sustainability and Environment staff. These meetings allowed all parties to communicate the intent of what is trying to be achieved. For example, roadsides that have intact native vegetation ground cover are 'stable' systems that often present less of a fire hazard than areas that have undergone disturbance, which has resulted in the growth of exotic grasses and weeds. Similarly, these discussions also highlighted that treatments along various roads are and will continue to be seasonally dependent, with the recent rains causing excessive grass growth and biomass that will dry and present a fire hazard unless treated.

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### Community Planning

#### Beechworth Youth Response Gift Project

The second of the YBRG funded major events was held on Saturday 26 November in Myrtleford. 'Bright n Loud' went ahead under the very trying conditions of grey skies and torrential rain but still attracted a strong representation from the young people of Indigo and Alpine Shire.

The evening of Sunday 27 November celebrated the culmination of another YBRG event, the 7mins in 7hours movie-making workshop which saw young people work closely with a professional movie maker in the collaboration of their own short films. An awards night screening the works was held at the Bruarong Community Centre with around 40 young people and parents enjoying the spoils of the works.



L to R: Festival Director Amadeo Marquez-Perez, Mason Bonacci, Sandon Allen, Sam Matthews, Annette Walton and Annie Middleton.

## Community Planning

### Recreation Projects

1. Indigo Shire's five pools opened on Saturday 19 November. Despite the on-going wet weather patronage has been good, especially for those keen enough to get down and join the early morning swimmers.
2. Consultation has commenced to develop a major report around Indigo Shire's pools including the standard / life of plant, management and future upgrades to the facilities.
3. The Tangambalanga Skate Park has been recently completed and is receiving high levels of usage from BMX, skaters and scooters alike. The youth of Kiewa / Tangam have commented how delighted they are with the final outcome. Council will now start working with the local Lions club to undertake some landscaping and shade works in the coming weeks. Again despite the wet weather, the Kiewa Valley synthetic bowling green project is well underway with the project nearing completion.
4. The Kiewa Cricket Club are enjoying their brand new turf wicket and basic upgrades to their club rooms which was completed late October. This was funded through some flood recovery funds.
5. Works have commenced on the Barnawartha Turf wicket with the initial site cut undertaken to remove the old pitch.
6. The construction of the Beechworth cricket nets at Baarmutha Park are well underway with the net structures recently concreted in. Again, with weather on their side the project should be completed in the coming weeks.

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### Portsea Camp

Following the huge response from Indigo Shire families wanting their children to have the opportunity to attend the Portsea Camp, Indigo Shire Council was given an extra 20 places for an additional camp to be held 19 – 25 January, 2012. A total of 60 children from the shire will be attending two camps, sharing transport and camp accommodation with others from the Alpine Shire and City of Greater Shepparton. Many parents and some grandparents, having been to the camp themselves, were very excited their children would have the chance to experience this adventure.

### Heatwave information

Heatwave information has been distributed to all recipients of Home and Community Care and will be available at the Shire's Customer Service centres. During times of extreme heat conditions Community Services staff will encourage our more vulnerable residents to drink adequate fluids, stay in a cool environment and to monitor their health carefully.

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### Planning & Sustainable Development

#### Town Planning

##### Planning Applications Determined — October 2011

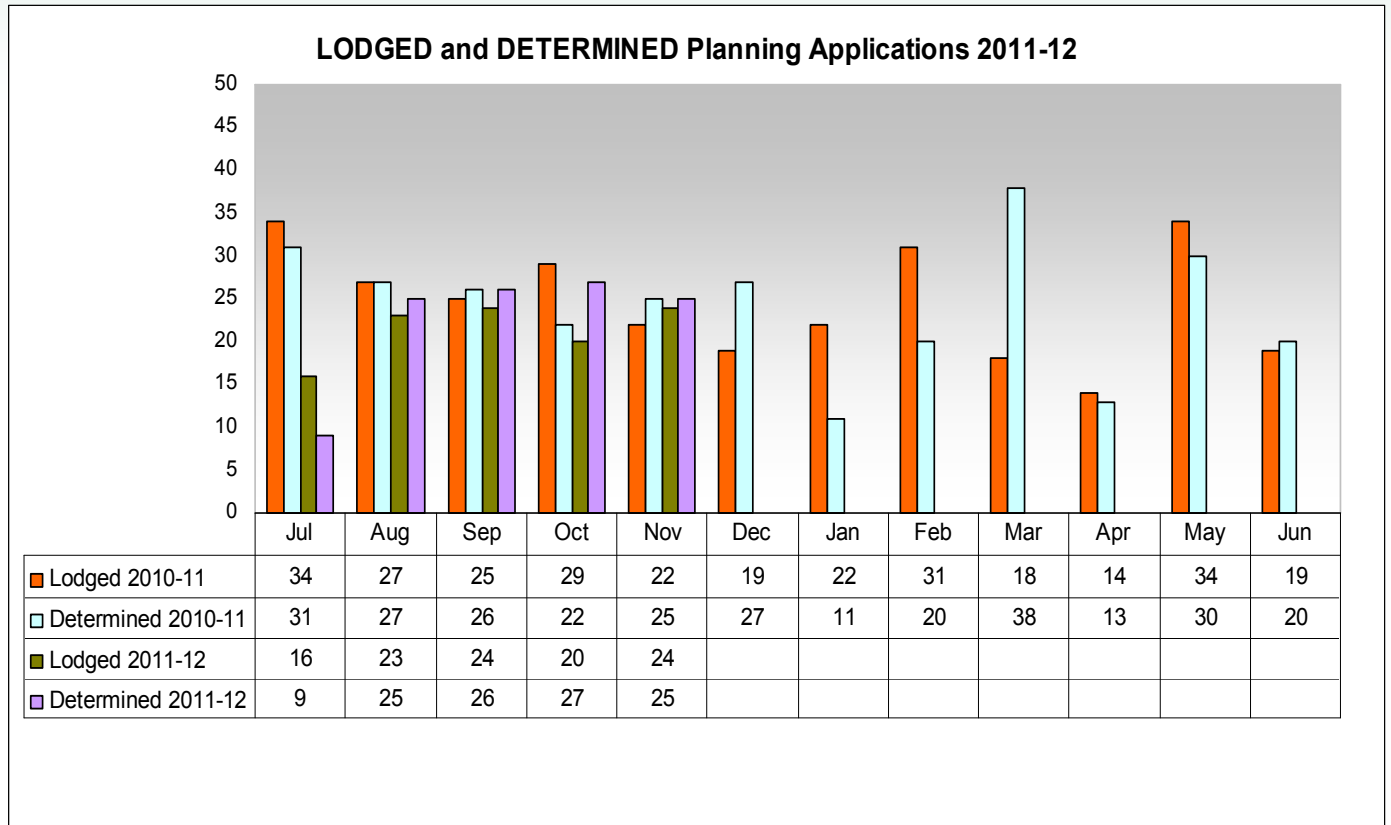
Application No	Locality	Proposed Use	Cost	Decision
PP100176	Chiltern	Market	300,000	Refused
PP110027	Yackandandah	3 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110077	Beechworth	Two Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110083	Rutherglen	10 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110090	Stanley	Shed - Temporary Dwelling, Storage & Workshop	28,000	Permit Issued
PP110101	Yackandandah	Dwelling	240,000	Permit Issued
PP110106	Huon	Shed	125,000	Permit Issued
PP110123	Chiltern	Signage	25	Permit Issued
PP110140	Barnawartha	Place of Assembly and Food & Drink Premises	0	Permit Issued
PP110141	Stanley	Dwelling	240,000	Permit Issued
PP110150	Rutherglen	Shed	10,500	Permit Issued
PP110153	Rutherglen	Liquor Licence Variation - Extension of Trading Hours	250	Lapsed
PP110158	Barnawartha	Dwelling & Shed	120,000	Permit Issued
PP090112.1	Yackandandah	Two (2) Lot Subdivision with Common Access Driveway	0	Permit Issued
PP074090.3	Beechworth	Dwelling	600,000	Permit Issued
PP110173	Beechworth	Signage	250	Permit Issued
PP110178	Tangambalanga	Extension - Pergola	5,000	Permit Issued
PP110047.4	Tangambalanga	Building Extensions	0	No Permit Required
PP110179	Beechworth	Dwelling	0	No Permit Required
PP110180	Gundowring	Agriculture	0	No Permit Required
PP110181	Rutherglen	Workshop/Storage Shed - Industrial	26,000	Permit Issued
PP110185	Osbornes Flat	Dwelling Extension	30,000	Permit Issued
PP110188	Allans Flat	Garage	6,600	Permit Issued
PP110192	Yackandandah	Dwelling - Alterations	85,000	Permit Issued
PP110063.1	Beechworth	Variation of Restricted Liquor Licence	265	Permit Issued
PP110199	Kiewa	Dwelling	250,000	Permit Issued
PP100216.1	Yackandandah	2 lot subdivision boundary adjustment	0	Refused
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,066,890</b>	

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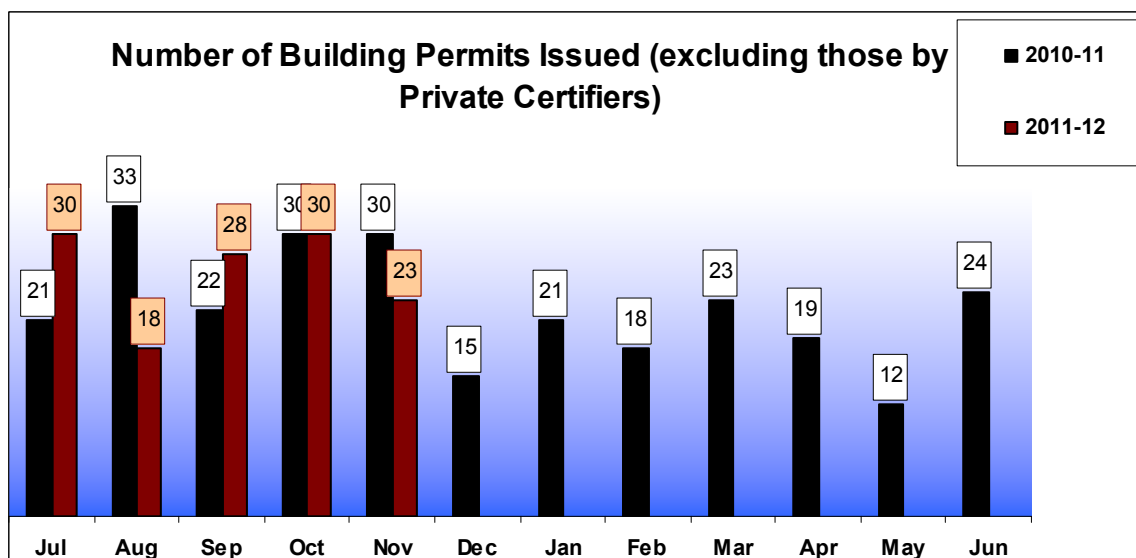
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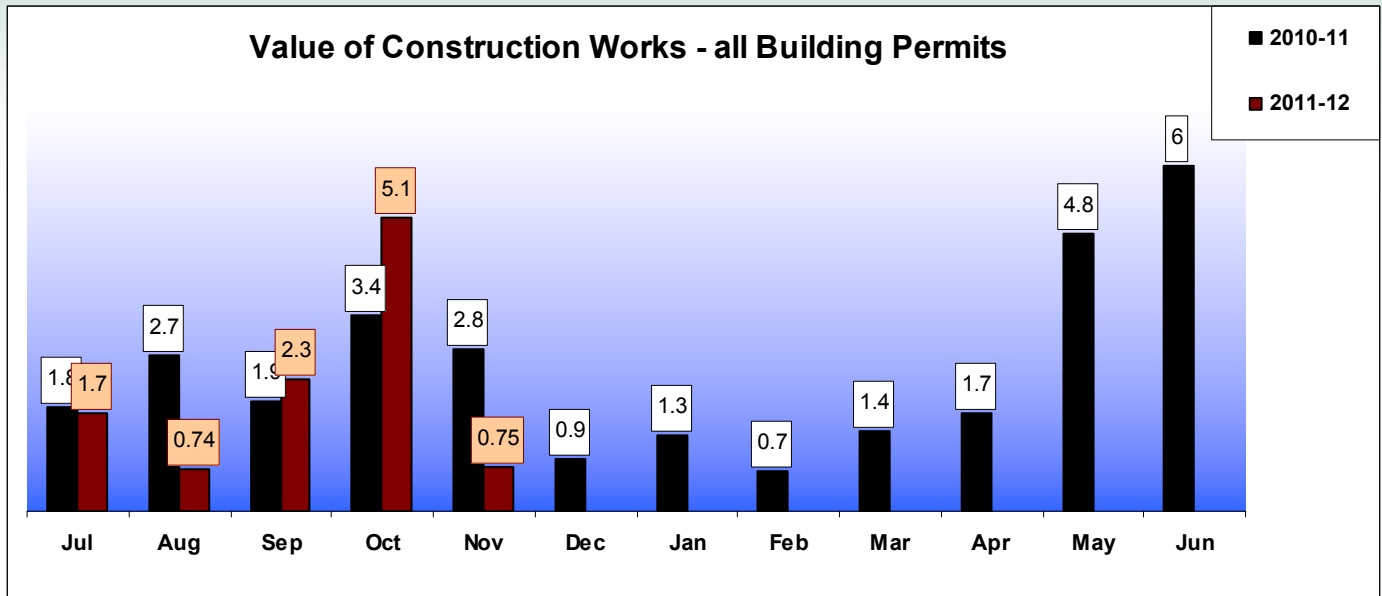
#### Planning Graphs



### Building Services



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#### November Building Permit Approvals

Chiltern	New Building	\$16,900	03/11/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$3,200	08/11/11
Beechworth	Extension	\$35,000	08/11/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$10,900	08/11/11
Tangambalanga	New Building	\$10,218	10/11/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$250,000	14/11/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$9,000	14/11/11
Stanley	Extension	\$35,000	14/11/11
Wahgunyah	New Building	\$7,500	16/11/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$6,765	16/11/11
Beechworth	Swimming Pool	\$37,868	16/11/11
Allans Flat	Alteration	\$5,000	16/11/11
Rutherglen	Extension	\$5,000	17/11/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$9,000	17/11/11
Rutherglen	Other	\$3,000	18/11/11
Beechworth	Extension	\$24,300	22/11/11
Beechworth	Change of Use	\$8,000	23/11/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$7,500	29/11/11
Indigo Valley	Extension	\$7,500	29/11/11
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$491,651</b>	
External Surveyor: True			
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$245,000	
Beechworth	Alteration	\$10,000	24/08/11
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$255,000</b>	
<b>Total November Building Works</b>		<b>\$746,651</b>	

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October Building Permit Approvals			
Property Locality	Description	Project Value	Approval Date
Staghorn Flat	Swimming Pool	\$27,980	02/10/11
Beechworth	Extension	\$88,000	03/10/11
Wahgunyah	Swimming Pool	\$35,200	03/10/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$11,960	05/10/11
Beechworth	Re-stump	\$7,410	05/10/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$298,650	07/10/11
Beechworth	Extension	\$7,000	10/10/11
Yackandandah	Extension	\$10,900	10/10/11
Wahgunyah	New Building	\$8,000	11/10/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$32,450	11/10/11
Rutherglen	Extension	\$56,000	11/10/11
Rutherglen	Dwelling	\$253,000	11/10/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$33,000	12/10/11
Rutherglen	Extension	\$39,864	12/10/11
Wooragee	Extension	\$11,650	12/10/11
Yackandandah	Extension	\$11,982	12/10/11
Tangambalanga	New Building	\$236,000	13/10/11
Rutherglen	Extension	\$20,000	14/10/11
Chiltern	New Building	\$10,000	14/10/11
Yackandandah	Extension	\$7,000	14/10/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$26,557	18/10/11
Wahgunyah	Swimming Pool	\$30,240	18/10/11
Tangambalanga	Extension	\$5,000	19/10/11
Indigo Valley	Dwelling	\$350,000	20/10/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$3,999	21/10/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$8,797	21/10/11
Rutherglen	Alteration	\$500	24/10/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$430,000	25/10/11
Wahgunyah	Alteration	\$400	27/10/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$169,000	27/10/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$14,000	27/10/11
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$2,244,539</b>	

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#### October Building Permit Approvals Continued

<b>Private Building Surveyors</b>			
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$250,000	
Yackandandah	Dwelling	\$317,850	24/08/11
Wooragee (Primary School)	New Building	\$1,000,000	22/09/11
Barnawartha	Dwelling	\$214,600	04/10/11
Allans Flat	Extension	\$100,000	04/10/11
Bruarong	Dwelling	\$43,600	07/10/11
Yackandandah	Extension	\$25,867	12/10/11
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$247,357	18/10/11
Barnawartha	Dwelling	\$200,142	19/10/11
Barnawartha	Re-stump	\$4,000	20/10/11
Barnawartha	Dwelling	\$240,000	24/10/11
Beechworth	Re-stump	\$10,000	25/10/11
Barnawartha	Dwelling	\$211,865	25/10/11
Sub-total		\$2,865,281	
<b>Total October Building Works.</b>		<b>\$5,109,820</b>	