



# INDIGO CONNECTION

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## 2011 COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM SCHEDULE

MEETING	VENUE	TIME/DATE
Council Meeting	Community Hall Tangambalanga	Tuesday 10 May, 3pm
Community Forum (light supper provided)	Community Hall Tangambalanga	Tuesday 10 May, 6.30pm



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### Wahgunyah Community Plan meeting CHANGE OF DATE

The date for Wahgunyah residents to determine the community's priorities for their Community Plan has been postponed. The meeting will now be held on Monday 16 May from 7pm at the Wahgunyah Primary School. For more information, please call Scott Landells on 02 6028 1147, 0427 671 875 or email [slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au).

### Induction for council contractors

Council wants to ensure a high level of proactive Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare (OHS&W) management during the application of contracts. Council is conducting induction sessions across the Shire for its preferred contractors to inform them of the OHS&W requirements when doing work for the Council. All contractors and their staff must complete two inductions before commencing work on a Council project, a general organisational induction and then a site-specific induction. General induction sessions are being held:

- **Thursday 12 May, 8am - 10am at the Yackandandah Town Hall**
- **Friday 13 May, 3pm - 5pm at the Senior Citizens Hall Chiltern**
- **Monday 16 May, 8am - 10am at the Rutherglen Council Chambers (upstairs)**
- **Thursday 19 May, 3pm - 5pm at the Supper Room of the Beechworth Memorial Hall**

Please contact Lauren Martin on 03 5728 8027 to reserve your place at one of the sessions.

**Free information sessions to help you cut your power bill!**  
**Tonight** Yackandandah Senior Citizens Centre, 7pm - 8.30pm.  
**Thursday 5 May:** Beechworth Town Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm  
**Tuesday 10 May:** Chiltern Senior Citizens Centre, 7pm - 8.30pm  
**Wednesday 11 May:** Rutherglen Senior Citizens, 7pm - 8.30pm  
**Bring a recent electricity bill. Coffee, tea and light supper supplied.**

### Council L2P Program

Council is launching its L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program tomorrow at the Beechworth Youth Centre in Harper Avenue at 10.30am. Victorian law requires learner drivers under 21 years of age to log at least 120 hours of supervised driving before they can sit their probationary license test, and the L2P program gives learner drivers the opportunity to develop safe driving skills and gain the required supervised hours behind the wheel.

Council is looking to recruit 20 volunteer mentor drivers to help at least 20 learner drivers in its first year of operation. If anyone would like to participate in the program they can contact Marc at Central Hume Support Services on 02 6043 7427. For more information, please contact Annette Walton, Council Youth Development Officer 02 6028 1133.

### Comments on updated Council Plan

Council has completed its annual review of the Council Plan, the document that guides its work, and under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, is asking Indigo community members to provide feedback on it.

The current plan was developed in 2009 through a series of community meetings, a survey and input from Council staff and Councillors. The updated Council Plan 2011-14 is on Council's website and copies are available at Customer Service Centres in Beechworth, Yackandandah, Rutherglen and Chiltern and other sites around the Shire such as stores and some Post Offices.

Under Section 223 of the Local Government Act a person making a submission on the Council Plan can ask to appear at a Council meeting to speak to their submission. If you want to speak to your submission, just highlight that in your written submission.

Please provide your comments by close of business on Monday 16 May, 2011, to the Chief Executive Officer, Brendan McGrath, at the address above. For any further information please call 03 5728 8000 or 1300 365 003.

### Draft Asset Management Plans - Building and Bridges

Council is seeking public comment from the community on the Draft Building Asset Management Plan and the Draft Bridge Asset Management Plan.

Copies of the Plans are available for viewing at Council offices located at Beechworth, Yackandandah, Rutherglen and Chiltern during normal business hours, the Post Offices at Kergunyah, Wahgunyah and Barnawartha, the interim Post Office at Stanley, the General Stores at Kiewa and Tangambalanga, or from Council's website [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au). Electronic copies are available on request by contacting Di Townsend on 02 6028 1136 or email [dtownsend@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:dtownsend@indigoshire.vic.gov.au). Submissions are to be addressed to the Manager Assets, PO Box 75, Yackandandah 3749 and must be received by close of business on Monday 23 May 2011.



### Digital Switchover is here

The way people receive television in our Shire will change from tomorrow when analogue TV signals are being switched off for good, and all free-to-air TV will be transmitted in digital format only.

Most households in the Shire can currently receive digital TV, but those yet to make the switch will need to get 'digital ready' to keep watching their favourite free-to-air TV shows after tomorrow.

To receive digital TV, you can connect a set top box or digital TV recorder to your existing analogue TV, or upgrade to a digital TV. More information on the options for converting to digital TV are available from the Digital Ready website ([www.digitalready.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.gov.au)) or the Digital Ready information line on 1800 20 10 13.

If you can't receive any digital TV signals for your area because there is no coverage or you live in a reception blackspot, the Government-funded VAST satellite service might be an option to receive all of the free to air digital TV channels. More information on what digital TV services should be available at your house is available from MySwitch on the Digital Ready website. The Government's Household Assistance Scheme is available to help eligible households convert to digital TV.