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Decision time on Rutherglen community plan

Rutherglen residents will have some important decisions to make next month on projects to develop their community.

With the last few days of the consultation phase remaining, Indigo Shire's Community Strengthening Team is gearing up for a meeting in Rutherglen Memorial Hall on 5 March to assist the Rutherglen community to prioritise their key community projects.

Last Saturday morning Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells spent his third productive session at the Gollings Square kiosk speaking with locals keen to ensure their ideas were recorded for presentation and prioritisation to the community on March 5.

"The beauty of a Community Plan is that the community provides all of the content – they identify the project ideas, the assets they have at their disposal and they will decide their own priority projects and have key input into the outcome of those priority projects," Mr Landells said.

"Our team's role is purely one of facilitation, working with the community to establish an objective and effective framework for the projects to occur."

Through his consultations with over 35 community groups to date Mr Landells has gathered more than 100 project Ideas and still new ones keep being put forward.

"You'd think after many months of consultations and meeting 30 or so community groups that they would have exhausted all the possible ideas, but last week it seemed to kick start again. The CFA alone gave me a whole page of potential projects, many of which were new suggestions. Saturday morning at Gollings Square it was the same again as several people came up with some very worthy new suggestions for projects."

The community meeting will be held on Monday 5 March in the Supper Room of the Rutherglen Memorial Hall commencing 7pm. All community members are encouraged to attend.

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