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Exciting future flagged in Kiewa-Tangambalanga plan

A community newspaper, a dairy themed festival, access to a recreational area at Kiewa River, more retail shops, walking and cycling trails linking to Huon, a family fun day, a community bus and increased town signage... this is a quick grab of the ideas Kiewa and Tangambalanga residents have come up as the Community Strengthening Project steps up a gear in their towns.

The Community Strengthening Project involves Council working with residents to prepare their own Community Plans and is based on the principle that people willingly support what they create.

With another two weeks of the consultation phase remaining, Community Strengthening Project Officer Scott Landells will be at both the Tangambalanga store and the Kiewa store this Saturday morning April 16, to further explain the project and gather more ideas.

"The Kiewa and Tangambalanga Community are a very proud community and they have come on board with a range of ideas to strengthen their community. They have some beautiful scenery as a backdrop to their towns on either side of the Kiewa River and are within a 15-minute drive to Wodonga," Mr Landells said.

"They are keen to improve their links to Wodonga but equally to the High Country Rail Trail at Huon via cycling and walking trails. They also feel that they are effectively bypassed by so many travellers on the Kiewa Valley Highway with a lack of signage of what is on offer in their towns. They feel their towns' identity could be improved with a festival and due to the large presence of Murray Goulburn and the new Danone Factory, a dairy themed event has been suggested.

"Communication within the community has suffered with the demise recently of a community newspaper, however, there are various ideas around reviving this much valued communication asset."

Mr Landells has spoken to many residents and community groups. In addition to the many ideas so far received, more ideas are coming forward via a recent Business Networking Event held in town and also a roundtable community meeting in February 2009 as part of Indigo Shire's Council Plan process.

Mr Landells will be available to talk to residents about the Community Plan this Saturday morning between 8:45am – 10am in front of the Tangambalanga Store, and 10:15am – 11:30am in front of the Kiewa General Store.

On the evening of Wednesday April 27, a Community Meeting will be held from 7pm at the Tangambalanga Community Centre to determine the Community's Priorities for the Plan.

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