



Natural Resource Management

Roadside Weeds

The Indigo *Roadside Weed Initiative* is scheduled to begin in mid-August and aims to assist landholders with the control of target weed species. The program complements roadside weed spraying made possible through funding provided by Department

Primary Industries. Funds have been secured for further spraying, which will occur in early Spring and target regrowth of Blackberry, Gorse and Broom.

Indigo Environment Advisory Committee

The June meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee differed from the regular format to welcome invited Councillors. This enabled Councillors to gain a greater insight into the range of business that comes before the Committee, as well as showcase the extent of knowledge and understanding

of its participating members. The Committee has already agreed to establish a Youth working group in an effort to engage youth on environment.

Spring Creek Rehabilitation Works

The machinery works for willow removal along two sections of Spring Creek in Beechworth has been completed. Revegetation of these sections has already commenced, with Beechworth Landcare Group recently hosting a

community tree planting day. Over 4000 indigenous shrubs and trees will be planted throughout these two sections.

Sustainability Awards 2011

Applications for the 2011 program of the Sustainability Awards are open until 26 August. Information has been posted on the website, placed in all

office and service centres and has been coupled with media releases.



Community Planning

Masterplan development for Chiltern and Wahgunyah Recreation Reserves

The Draft Masterplans for Chiltern and Wahgunyah Recreation Reserves have been placed on public exhibition for comment. Any final amendments will be incorporated into the Final Draft which will then be presented to Council for adoption at the October 2011 meeting. All members of the community are invited

to attend launch evenings for each of the plans which will be held:

- **Chiltern**— Tuesday 16 August from 6.30pm – 7.30pm on at the Chiltern Senior Citizens Hall
- **Wahgunyah** – Tuesday 23 August from 6.30pm – 7.30pm at the Wahgunyah Football Club.

Bushfire Youth Response Gift project

Events and activities under the above program will continue throughout the 2011 calendar year including:

- Film workshops and festival
- Radio workshops
- Theatre workshops and festival
- Mittagundi Outdoor Camp
- Valley Homestead Camp (occurred in early June)

- Gertrude Street festival
- Indigo music
- Alpine music
- Cyber bullying and community forums
- Leadership and event management course.

A presentation will be made to a Council Briefing Meeting in late August 2011.

Arts Strategic plan

Council's Arts and Cultural Development Officer is continuing work on the Arts Strategic Plan 2011-2014 with focus areas on:

- Access and participation
- Cultural leadership
- Communication and promotion

- Identity
- Collaboration
- Arts development
- Resources and infrastructure.

It is anticipated that a Draft Plan will be available for broader community comment over the next month or so.

Recreation Capital Works

Funding has been received to complete the following capital works projects throughout 2011 and 2012:

- Baarmutha Park – installation of practice cricket nets
- Kiewa Memorial Park – installation of

new turf wicket

- Barnawartha Recreation Reserve - installation of new turf wicket
- Coulston Park – replace grass bowls green with synthetic surface
- Coulston Park – construction of skate park.



Community Planning

Northeast Transport Connections Project – Phase three

A Steering Committee has been developed for the Northeast Transport Connections Project which covers the five local government areas of Indigo, Alpine, Wodonga, Towong and Wangaratta. A forum was held in Tallangatta on 21 July, and will be held

in Wodonga on 24 November, to provide more information to the community and stakeholder organisations on the Project's direction over the next two years. An updated Action Plan will be completed by September 2011.

1st Year Medical Student Placements

On 9, 10 and 11 August, three 1st year medical students will be accompanying volunteers on Meals on Wheels deliveries and a Community Based Meal during the

week to gain insight into some of the services provided to Home and Community Care clients in the Shire.

National Meals on Wheels Day

On 31 August, Meals on Wheels clients will receive a placemat with their meals delivery to celebrate the positives of this

valuable service. The placemats have been donated by the Hume Region's Food Services Group.

Seniors Week

Seniors Week runs between 2 October and 9 October. A performance by the Victorian Concert Orchestra and afternoon tea will be held in Rutherglen on Sunday 2 October to celebrate. Other activities organised by the Shire during

the week will include an event in Yackandandah and also in Beechworth (to be confirmed). To further celebrate our seniors, community groups will be encouraged to invite seniors to join other activities of interest.

Children's Week

Children's week runs from 22 October until 30 October. Council is celebrating Children's Week 2011 with a number of reading sessions and activities held at the Rutherglen, Chiltern and Beechworth

Libraries. It is proposed that a variety of books will be purchased for the libraries to boost the reading materials for the 0 – 8 years old in these communities.



Community Planning

Portsea Camp

The Portsea Camp runs from 2 January until 9 January. Up to 20 places will be available for children from Indigo Shire aged 9 – 12 years to attend the camp for a week of activities at Portsea. For this camp two volunteers will be recruited by the Shire to assist in the supervision of the children. A number of children from the Alpine Shire will be sharing the bus

with the Indigo contingent, bringing the number of children attending to approx. 50.

Information will be distributed to all local primary schools and registrations for Indigo Shire children will be administered by our Community Services department.

Indigo Shire Emergency Information Toolkit

Council has received a small amount of funding to develop an all-purpose emergency information toolkit specific for the Indigo Shire communities. The Toolkit will be developed in conjunction with all emergency agencies (eg. CFA,

SES etc.) and will be 'launched' later in the year with a series of community information sessions. The project will also see a more comprehensive 'Emergency Information' link on Council's website.



Community Strengthening Project

Indigo Valley

A plan will be formally adopted by the Community at meetings with the CFA and School Council. At these meetings we plan to establish working parties to action key priorities, including:

- Solar flashing speed limit zone lights
- School as community hub for interest groups/hobbies
- A community newsletter.

Yackandandah

The Community Plan went to Council Briefing Meeting for endorsement on 2 August. Working parties have been established and are meeting regularly for key priorities including:

- Sustainable local food program
- Integrated walking, cycling and horse riding trails
- Promotional plan for town.

Kiewa-Tangambalanga

A Draft Plan is to be prepared and working parties are being established for key priorities including :

- **Access to the Kiewa River** - A meeting is being held at the Tangambalanga Community Centre

this evening

- **Walking and cycling trail through to Huon**—A meeting was held on Sunday 7 August
- **Community newspaper**—The first edition is due out mid-August.

Beechworth

Beechworth's Men's Shed is now incorporated and officers have been attending Committee meetings (ex-officio).

A letter is going out to Community Groups seeking feedback on **existing projects** that require further support.

An approach has come from the Montessori for a Christmas Community Event to include schools, businesses, sporting and arts/cultural communities. Work with this group is underway to develop the concept and gauge community support.

Stanley, Bruarong, Chiltern, Barnawartha

Chiltern's Plan was reviewed on 19 April, and the other three plans will be reviewed later this month.



Community Strengthening Project

Wahgunyah

A Draft Plan is to be prepared and a letter is going out to Community Groups seeking confirmation on priorities identified to date.

A working party has been established for the key priority— A walking and cycling trail to Lake Moodemere. A meeting was held last week where Dan Wilkinson and Brad Dinsdale met with the working party.

Working parties are still to be established for other key priorities including:

- Rail Trail Rest Stop (similar to Bowser, Tarrawingee etc)
- Clean up and beautify vacant recreational areas and town entrances.

Other plans - simplified processes for these communities

Rutherglen – Consultations have commenced, and will continue until the end of September. A priority meeting is likely to be held in late October.

Wooragee – Consultations will commence in August or September and a priority meeting is planned for October.

Kergunyah/Gundowring North – Consultations will commence in August

or September and a priority meeting is planned for October.

Sandy Creek – Consultation and a priority meeting is planned for September.

Cornishtown and Osbornes Flat— Planning sessions will be held in November.

Volunteer Expo

The Volunteer Expo is scheduled for 13 November at Tuileries Function Centre in Rutherglen. A Steering Committee has been established comprising Community Health, Neighbourhood

Houses, Information Centres and various Council Departments. They meet monthly at rotating venues throughout Shire.



Planning & Sustainable Development

Town Planning

Planning applications determined—June 2011

Application No	Locality	Proposed Use	Cost	Decision
PP084325.1	Indigo Valley	Multipurpose Church Building	0	Permit Issued
PP110019	Beechworth	5 Lot Subdivision & Access to Road Zone Category 1	0	Notice of Decision to Issue
PP110032	Tangambalanga	Shed	\$236,000	Permit Issued
PP110034	Tangambalanga	Boundary Adjustment & Remove Easement	0	Permit Issued
PP110040	Beechworth	Residence and Tourist Accommodation	\$500,000	Notice of Decision to Issue
PP110060	Rutherglen	Gold Battery Tourism Development	0	Permit Issued
PP110073	Beechworth	School	0	Permit Issued
PP110075	Chiltern	Dwelling and Shed	\$200,000	Permit Issued
PP110079	Beechworth	Extension to Retail Premises	\$28,000	Permit Issued
PP110080	Yackandandah	Shed Extension, Carport & New Shed	\$29,143	Permit Issued
PP110084	Yackandandah	Colorbond Shed	\$17,000	Permit Issued
PP110085	Beechworth	Bank	\$100,000	Lapsed
PP110087	Kiewa	Shed	\$11,800	Permit Issued
PP110093	Osbornes Flat	Shed	\$6,000	Permit Issued
PP110096	Bruarong	Dwelling	\$43,600	Permit Issued
PP110098	Beechworth	Consolidation	0	No Permit Required
PP110099	Chiltern	Dwelling	\$170,000	Withdrawn
PP110103	Gooramadda	Extensions to Dwelling	\$10,000	Permit Issued
PP110107	Yackandandah	Retirement Village	\$45,000	Permit Issued
PP110109	Tangambalanga	Pool Pavillion	\$100,000	Permit Issued

Total cost: \$1,496,543



Planning & Sustainable Development

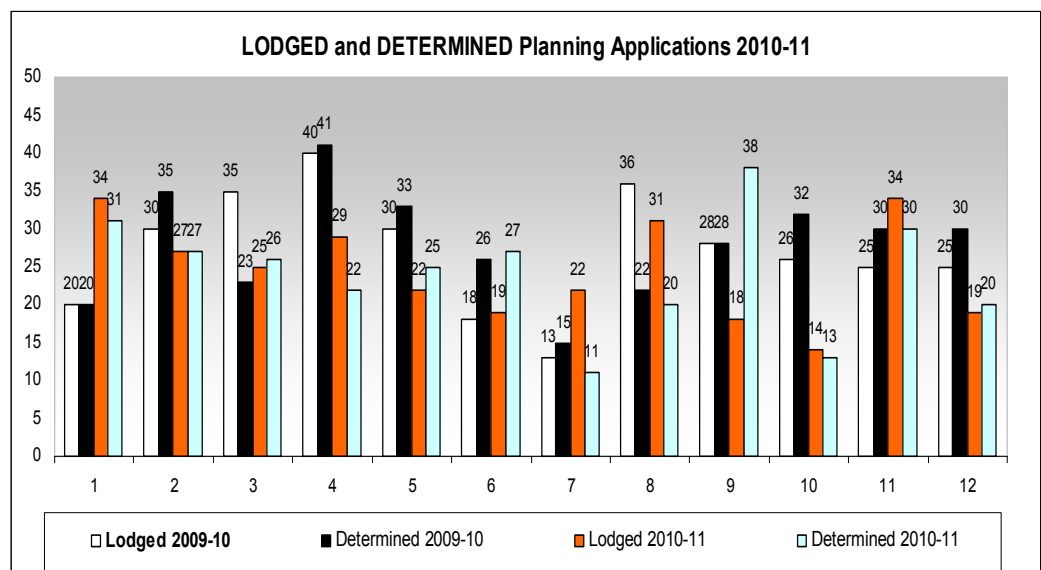
Town Planning cont.

Planning applications determined—July 2011

Application No	Locality	Proposed Use	Cost	Decision
PP100075	Rutherglen	Boundary Adjustment	\$2500	Refused
PP110007	Beechworth	4 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110065	Staghorn Flat	Dwelling	0	Permit Issued
PP110071	Barnawartha	Two New Dwellings	\$200,000	Permit Issued
PP110094	Rutherglen	Creation of Easement	0	Permit Issued
PP110095	Beechworth	Solar Panel Installation	\$13,000	Permit Issued
PP110097	Kiewa	Upgrade Vehicle Access to a Category 1 Road	0	Permit Issued
PP110104	Beechworth	Native Vegetation Removal	\$100	Permit Issued
PP110110	Yackandandah	Variation of Restriction	\$75,000	Withdrawn

Total cost: \$290,600

Planning graphs



BI-MONTHLY PROGRESS BULLETIN



Sustainable Communities

Building statistics—June 2011

Glen Colwell. Municipal Building Surveyor			
Stanley	Dwelling	\$267,000	01/06/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$25,000	01/06/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$325,000	02/06/11
Yackandandah	Extension	\$11,000	06/06/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$4820	08/06/11
Rutherglen	Dwelling	\$340,000	08/06/11
Rutherglen	Dwelling	\$424,686	09/06/11
Chiltern	Alteration	\$3000	09/06/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$17,969	10/06/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$11,500	10/06/11
Yackandandah	Re-stump	\$10,200	14/06/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$17,315	14/06/11
Staghorn Flat	New Building	\$11,800	14/06/11
Kiewa	Swimming Pool	\$20,000	14/06/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$7000	20/06/11
Rutherglen	Demolition	\$1000	21/06/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$14,500	22/06/11
Chiltern	Dwelling	\$243,000	23/06/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$5000	24/06/11
Barnawartha	Change of Use	\$9500	24/06/11
Osbornes Flat	Swimming Pool	\$7000	24/06/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$19,286	27/06/11
Yackandandah	Change of Use	\$10,000	27/06/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$8900	28/06/11
Sub-total:			\$1,814,476

External Building Surveyors			
Tangambalanga	Extension	\$2,100,000	Murray Goulburn
Beechworth	New Building	\$8500	20/06/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$1,000,000	Meldrum Street
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$9800	02/06/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$8264	07/06/11
Stanley	Dwelling	\$135,000	14/06/11
Yackandandah	Dwelling	\$255,077	20/06/11
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$265,185	21/06/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$209,694	23/06/11
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$280,000	24/06/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$8327	28/06/11
Sub-total:			\$4,279,847

Total for Shire: \$6,094,323



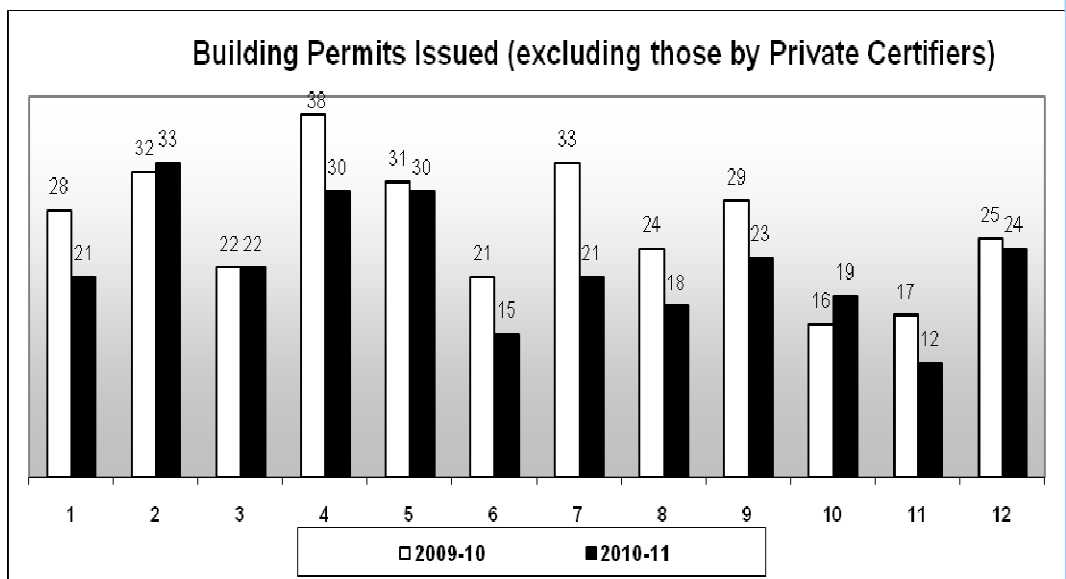
Sustainable Communities

Building statistics—July 2011

Glen Colwell, Municipal Building Surveyor			
Wahgunyah	Swimming Pool	\$35,125	01/07/11
Beechworth	Extension	\$28,000	04/07/11
Barnawartha	Demolition & Extension	\$5000	05/07/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$29,143	05/07/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$30,000	07/07/11
Stanley	New Building	\$25,000	11/07/11
Tangambalanga	New Building	\$25,000	19/07/11
Gooramadda	New Building	\$11,000	21/07/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$21,000	25/07/11
Wooragee	Alteration	\$4000	25/07/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$5680	25/07/11
		Sub-total: \$218,948	

External Building Surveyors			
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$230,500	07/07/11
Beechworth	Re-erect Building	\$22,739	08/07/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$285,000	14/07/11
Allans Flat	Dwelling	\$196,287	18/07/11
Wooragee	Dwelling	\$274,010	18/07/11
Beechworth	Swimming Pool	\$29,900	19/07/11
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$219,750	25/07/11
		Sub-total: \$1,258,186	

Total for Shire: \$1,548,436





Major Projects and Programs

Capital Works

Although major flooding and storm events within Indigo Shire presented a significant challenge to the successful completion of the 2010-2011 Capital

Works Program, Major Projects and Programs achieved the planned completion rate of 90%.

The year ahead - 2011-2012

Projects for bridges, carparks, community centres, recreation facilities, roads/streets, drains, footpaths, bike paths, trails, parks, waste, and post-

flood restoration projects included in this years capital works budget of \$8.2M include:

Project	Project Cost
Bridges	
Safety Issues Harkins Road Bridge	\$158,234
Car Parks	
Road shoulder seals Beechworth	\$10,000
Road shoulder pavements Beechworth	\$50,000
Community Centres	
Solar Hub Project	\$50,000
Floor refurbishment Chinese Protector's Office	\$5,000
Beechworth Community Centre disabled toilet	\$8,000
Beechworth pre-school external painting	\$39,500
Rutherglen library air-conditioning replacement	\$8,000
Chiltern Athenaeum, restump, painting & annex	\$15,000
Beechworth Senior Citizens roof & gutters	\$20,000
Burke Museum roofing and flashing	\$40,000
Chiltern Senior Citizens roofing & gutter	\$40,000
Kiewa-Tangambalanga Early Childhood Centre roofing & gutter	\$25,000
Public toilets throughout shire – painting & tiling	\$32,000
Furniture & Equipment	
Recreation furniture	\$15,000
Recreation facilities	
Playground equipment replacements	\$30,000
Kiewa Bowls Club synthetic green project	\$50,000
Baarmutha Park cricket nets	\$12,420
Coulston Park hydrant booster	\$8,500



Major Projects and Programs

The year ahead - 2011-2012 cont.

Project	Project Cost
Rural roads	
Roads major patching	\$50,000
Annual resealing contract	\$569,356
Road designs and planning for future Capital Works	\$75,000
Asset Management Plans	\$72,000
Annual gravel re-sheeting	
Annual gravel re-sheeting	\$426,080
Stormwater drains	
Chiltern stormwater drainage	\$235,000
Chiltern Brown Street outfall	\$110,000
Federal Standard Printing Works Building drainage	\$5000
Beechworth stormwater drainage	\$299,000
25-27 Hodge Street Beechworth stormwater drainage	\$45,000
Beechworth Childcare Centre drainage	\$6000
Yackandandah Bells Flat Road by-pass drainage	\$30,056
Stanley drainage & maintenance requirements	\$15,000
Urban Streets	
Chiltern-Barnawartha Road – kerb and channel	\$44,550
Chiltern - Barnawartha Road – kerb & channel	\$45,000
Chiltern Barkley Street – kerb & channel	\$40,500
Yackandandah Railway Avenue – kerb & channel	\$18,225
Zwar Avenue/Junction Road – kerb & channel	\$38,475
Kiewa East Road – kerb & channel	\$121,805
Special Charge Schemes design & community consultation	\$50,000
Mills Street construction Wahgunyah (Special Charge Scheme)	\$156,852
Church Street Beechworth	\$228,000
Pavement overlay Dederang Service Road 1284m ²	\$81,000
Pavement overlay lower Stanley Road 392m 1953m ²	\$48,825
Footpath & Bikepaths	
Pedestrian walkway bridge (Yackandandah Historical Society)	\$3000
Beechworth Bridge Road, Short Street to High Street	\$49,950
Chiltern, Conness Street Grants Milk Bar to Town Hall	\$31,725
Yackandandah Wellsford Street, High Street to Hammond Street	\$9900



Major Projects and Programs

The year ahead - 2011-2012 cont.

Project	Project Cost
Indigo Gold Trail	
Indigo Gold Trail, Yackandandah Gorge	\$24,000
Indigo Gold Trail development	\$20,000
Parks & Gardens	
Town tree planting all towns	\$20,000
Recreation facilities	
Greening Chiltern Watercourse	\$3000
Swimming Pool facilities	
Painting of Chiltern Pool shell	\$35,000
Pool shell assessments/review	\$35,000
Streetscape works	
Access & Egress alterations	\$90,000
Waste Management	
10 year Waste Management Plan implementation	\$28,000
** Flood damage	
Flood events restoration works - Shire wide	\$3,228,269

Grant Funding

** To date, natural disaster financial assistance totaling \$1.6M has been provided by the State of Victoria to assist with the clean-up and reconstruction of infrastructure

damaged in last years storm and flood events. Restoration works this year will include the repair and reconstruction of gravel roads, shoulders, and culverts across the Shire.

Progress on current projects

Beechworth

Beechworth flood mitigation work

Flood mitigation works carried out in the following locations will reduce the likelihood of future flooding to properties affected in last year's storm events.

- **Railway Avenue** – drainage pits constructed and upgraded to improve inlet capacity
- **Gilchrist Avenue**- drainage pits

constructed and upgraded to improve inlet capacity

- **Bakulis Court** - new drainage pit and pipes installed to allow for high flow outlet at the bottom of the court
- **Sydney Road and Finch Street intersection** – construction of open swale drains to divert overland flows away from houses and upgrade of driveway pipe.



Major Projects and Programs

Progress on current projects cont.

Beechworth cont.

- **Camp Street** – installation of new underground drainage, new pits to redirect stormwater and other associated works currently under construction. Upgrade of the culverts under Wood Street intersection.
- **Surrey Lane** – the levee currently under construction will divert overland flows away from houses.

Further works programmed will improve the drainage system around Beechworth, with properties inundated by stormwater in last year's storm events listed as priority projects.

Chiltern

Chiltern Flood Mitigation.

Works are currently underway in Park Street upgrading the capacity of the culverts under the road. These works are the commencement of the Chiltern flood mitigation works program that will continue throughout the 2011-12 capital works program.

Lake Anderson Remedial Works

Construction is nearing completion on the Lake Anderson remedial works project. Construction will now commence on the North Road Retention Basin and, if weather permits, works will be complete by the end of August.

Tangambalanga and Yackandandah

Shade Sails over playgrounds

Installation of shade sails over the playgrounds in Banksia Park in Tangambalanga is underway, and expected to be in place by the end of August in time for the warmer weather.

Skate Park

The design of the Tangambalanga Skate Park is complete. Tenders will be called for the construction of the new facility at Coulston Park Recreation Reserve.

Rutherglen

Reid Street Kerb and Channel replacement.

The kerb and channel, constructed with asphalt reinstatement in front of the kerb, is now complete.

High Street cycle and pedestrian path.

Members of the public are making good use of the recently completed cycle path.



Major Projects and Programs

Progress on current projects cont.

Rutherglen

Fig Tree park Toilet Block.

The Fig Tree Park toilet is now complete and open to the public. It is a modern low maintenance facility, environmentally sustainable with passive natural lighting, water re-use and dual flush toilet systems. The toilet facility was open during Rutherglen's largest tourist weekend, the Rutherglen Winery Walkabout. Artwork

commissioned from the local Rutherglen schools with the theme 'My Rutherglen' will adorn the external walls.

Below: Fig Tree Park toilet block is a low maintenance, modern and environmentally sustainable facility.

