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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY FORUM – APRIL 12

The Community Forum on 12 April after the next Council Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall in Beechworth. Among the topics to be discussed will be the impact of the sale of the LaTrobe Beechworth campus on the wider community. Rob Woodward, Acting Director of La Trobe Beechworth will be at the forum to provide an update on the sale process and answer questions.

The annual Community Satisfaction survey, which attracted over 650 responses, will also be discussed. Residents' views are valued and your input helps guide the Council in the work it does for the community in delivering services and maintaining infrastructure such as roads, buildings and amenities such as pools and recreation areas.

Other matters on the agenda include an update on storm damage in Beechworth and where repair work is up to, an update on the review of the Business Signage Survey, which attracted over 100 responses, and the 2030 Long-term Strategy for the Shire. As always, there will be a section for people present to raise matters of concern.

YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING PROJECT

The Draft Yackandandah Community Plan is available for public comment until Friday 1 April. Download a copy off our website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au, or pick up a copy from the Yackandandah Visitor Information Centre, Council office in High Street, Yackandandah, or contact the Community Strengthening Team on 02 6028 1147. Feedback can be submitted to Scott Landells, Community Strengthening Project Officer, Indigo Shire Council, PO Box 75, Yackandandah VIC 3749, or email slandells@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

This is the final opportunity to have a say on the Yackandandah community plan. It is vital that it has the right look and feel and fit for the Yackandandah community.

Working Parties will be formed around key priorities in the plan and initial meetings of these Working Parties will commence in April/May.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR 2011 TIDY TOWNS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Entries are now open for the Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Awards 2011. The Awards recognise and celebrate positive actions by people, groups and organisations who are making a valuable contribution to make their communities more sustainable.

Entering the Awards also provides an avenue to achieve more sustainable communities, increase tourism, civic pride, social participation, public awareness and the conservation of our environment.

There are twelve (12) categories in this year's Awards:

- Community Action
- Cultural Heritage
- Pam Keating Environmental Innovation
- Towards Zero Waste
- Protection of the Environment
- Community Government Partnership
- Water Conservation
- Efficient Energy
- Young Leaders
- Community Leadership (New Category)
- Dame Phyllis Frost Award
- 2010 Victorian Tidy Town of the Year

Townships can enter under one category or as many as they like. Council will co-ordinate all completed entries for the Awards.

For more information about the Awards, the categories and the programs and initiatives that may be eligible, please contact Noni Hemann on 02 6028 1154.

More information about the categories and Awards is available on the Sustainability Victoria website www.sustainability.vic.gov.au.

Please note that completed entries to the Awards need to be sent to nhemann@indigoshire.vic.gov.au by Friday 20 May 2011.

FLOOD REPAIR WORK

Work on Garvey's Road Bridge at Osbornes Flat near Yackandandah is finished. The bridge (below) was severely damaged by floodwater after the December 8 rainstorm. Floodwater ran across the top of the bridge (where the men are standing in the photo). The force of the water damaged the banks of the stream, realigning it by a couple of metres. Last week concrete deck panels were put in place to complete the bridge deck. Council used contractors Murray Valley Piling from Rutherglen to carry out the work. The bridge was opened for traffic last Friday. The cost of the work was \$141,000.



REGIONAL VICTORIA SWITCHING TO DIGITAL TV

On 5 May 2011, analogue signals that have been used for television since its introduction to Australia will be switched off for good. Digital TV provide viewers with better sound and picture quality and greater program choice from more channels. Around four out of five households across regional Victoria are already watching digital television, and on 5 May probably won't even notice the end of analogue transmission. For those who might need some extra practical assistance to make the switch, the Government has introduced the Household Assistance Scheme which provides eligible households with a high definition set top box which is installed by a government contractor, free of charge. Around 120,000 households in regional Victoria are potentially eligible for help through the scheme.

More information on eligibility is available from 1800 20 10 13.

For more information on the digital switchover for regional Victoria, or to contact your local Digital Switchover Liaison Officer, please call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13 or visit www.digitalready.gov.au.



COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM 2011 SCHEDULE

| Date | Venue | Meeting | Time |
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| Tuesday 12 April | Beechworth Memorial Hall Supper Room | Council Meeting | 3pm |
| Tuesday 12 April | Beechworth Memorial Hall Supper Room | Community Forum (light supper provided) | 6.30pm |