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Sandy Creek showing community pride

Have you ever noticed that the smaller the town, the bigger the sense of community? This seems to be the case in the Sandy Creek Area, where residents are currently developing a plan for their community through Indigo Shire Council's Community Strengthening Project.

The Sandy Creek Community Plan is not just a plan for Sandy Creek, but also for Charleroi, Upper Sandy Creek, Red Bluff and Huon.

Indigo Shire Council Community Strengthening Officer Scott Landells said that at a recent meeting in the area to develop a Community Plan, over 20 residents from the area attended. "The level of enthusiasm and community pride was impressive. It is a very diverse area, but also very community minded," Mr Landells said.

"Our discussions centred on the area of 'What have they got', 'What works' and 'What is possible.' From this we learned that there are over 20 community assets, including the local CFA, primary school, cemetery, tennis courts, reservoir, hall and more. For such a small community, there is a lot going on including a Monday night exercise class, a number of community groups and the primary schools concert & breakfast," Mr Landells said.

"The wonderful ideas that came from the groups include creating a Community Skills Register, produce swap, pizza oven, improved sporting facilities, amenities and environmental projects at the Reservoir and many more. We are really looking forward to this project, the ideas that will come from it and the potential of this community," Mr Landells said.

A Community Feast will be held on Wednesday evening 23 November. At this get-together, the ideas collected to date will be prioritised. As well as being able to feast on its vision, the community will be fed beforehand.

For more information on Council's Community Strengthening Project, contact Indigo Shire Council's Community Strengthening Officer Scott Landells on 1300 365 003, 02 6028 1100 or slandells@indigoshire.voc.gov.au .

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