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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE SAMBELL - THIS SUNDAY

The Lake Sambell Committee of Management is holding a Clean Up Australia Day activity this Sunday 6 March 2011. Volunteers can meet at Sandy Beach, Lake Sambell at 10am. For more information, please contact Iris Mannik from the Committee on phone 03 5728 2774.

FREE WASTE DISPOSAL

If you are part of a group that is registered with Clean Up Australia, Council will provide free waste disposal. Please contact 02 6028 1100 before Friday 4 March to arrange collection.

MEETING FOR STANLEY RESIDENTS TONIGHT

Stanley residents are encouraged to attend a meeting to be held at the Stanley Recreation Reserve **tonight Wednesday 2 March** from 7pm – 8pm to discuss the draft Stanley Recreation reserve Masterplan.

Council is calling for public comment on the following :

Draft Roadside Management Plan

Submissions close this Monday 7 March 2011.

Review of Business Signage

The closing date Friday 11 March.

The Draft Rating Strategy

Comments in writing must be received by Tuesday 15 March.

Stanley Recreation Reserve and Coulston Park Draft masterplans

Comments in writing are encouraged until 5pm on Monday 21 March.

Heritage awards calling for nominations

Nominations are open until Monday 21 March. Nominations should be sent to Chairman, Indigo Shire Heritage Advisory Committee, c/o Katie Rizzuto, Manager Planning and Sustainable Development, PO Box 75, Yackandandah, 3749.

Information on any of these awards or plans is available on Council's new website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au in the Council Updates section on the home page or by contacting 03 5728 8000. A copy of the plans can be viewed at Indigo Shire Council Service Centres at Beechworth, Yackandandah, Rutherglen and Chiltern during normal business hours. Comments should be addressed to Indigo Shire Council, PO Box 28, Beechworth 3747 or indigoshire@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER

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 analog 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 201 013 or visit www.digitalready.gov.au



MAINTAINING CROSSOVERS

There is some confusion in the Indigo community about maintenance of driveway crossovers. A crossover is the pipe underneath the entrance to your home or property. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the crossover. The pipe or 'bridge' should be kept free of leaf litter and any silt build-up should be removed from the entry, exit and the length of the drainage pipe to ensure storm water can flow freely through it. Guideposts should be maintained either side of the crossover. This applies to both rural and urban locations.

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY WELLNESS VOUCHER

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund has announced the Bushfire Recovery Wellness Voucher Program that aims to assist people directly affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires. The program provides access to allied health or complementary therapy sessions and successful applicants will be provided with four vouchers of \$50 that can be used to see an eligible treatment provider of their choice. The program runs from 14 February 2011 until 10 August 2011 and vouchers can be used anytime during this period. Information for applicants and providers is available by phoning 1800 180 213 or visiting www.dhs.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal/wellnessvouchers.

COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMUNITY FORUM 2011 SCHEDULE

Date	Venue	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 8 March	Yackandandah Sports Park, Yackandandah	Council Meeting	3pm
Tuesday 8 March	Yackandandah Sports Park, Yackandandah	Community Forum (light supper provided)	6.30pm



Individuals and members of Community groups are encouraged to bring their ideas to the annual Rural Summit – Ideas on the March, which will be held at All Saints Estate in Rutherglen on Wednesday and Thursday, 23 and 24 March.

As well as guest speakers and workshops, the summit features local business and industry tours and group discussions so that local action can be facilitated. For more information or to register, please go to the QUICK LINKS of Council's new website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au or phone Leanne Bussell 5728 8030.



Chiltern's Rosalie Kirwin and Matt Williams will be talking about last year's community-driven Chiltern Open Day at the Summit.