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## Community Planning

### Masterplan Development for Chiltern and Wahgunyah

It is intended to present Draft Master Plans for Chiltern and Wahgunyah Recreation Reserves to the July Council meeting with a recommendation to place the Plans on

public exhibition for comment. Any final amendments will be incorporated into the Final Draft which can then be presented to Council for adoption.

### 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 took place 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 on 5 July 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 in July.

### Access and Inclusion Plan and Proposed New Committee

The Indigo Shire Access and Inclusion Plan was adopted by Council earlier this year. One of the key recommendations was to develop an Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee which would replace

the existing Indigo Disability Advisory Committee to assist in the delivery of the Plan. It is intended to have the new Committee ready for appointment at a Council meeting later this year.



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## Community Strengthening Project update

### Indigo Valley

A community meeting is organised for 28 June to have the Indigo Valley Community Plan formally adopted. At this meeting, working parties will be established to action key priorities which were:

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

### Yackandandah

The Yackandandah Community Plan will go to the Council Briefing on 28 June for endorsement. Working parties have been established and are meeting regularly for key priorities:

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

### Kiewa-Tangambalanga

A Priority Meeting was held 27 April, and a Draft Plan was finalised 10 June. A meeting, walk and inspection with Parklands Albury-Wodonga was held on 29 May, and a community meeting will be held tomorrow, 15 June. Working parties are being established for key priorities:

- Access to Kiewa River
- walking and cycling trail through to Huon
- a community newspaper.

### Beechworth

A number of projects are in the works. The Men's Shed is well underway, with members of the Steering Committee attending fortnightly meetings, and Council

has offered financial support of up to \$4,000.

A letter will be sent to Community Groups before 17 June seeking feedback on existing projects that require further support.

The team has been approached by the Montessori School for a Christmas Community Event to include Schools, Businesses, Sporting and Arts/Cultural Communities.

### Wahgunyah

A Priority Meeting was held on 16 May and a Draft Plan will be finalised by 17 June. Working parties are being established for key priorities:

- Walking and cycling trail to Lake Moodemere— A meeting will be organised for mid July for Dan Wilkinson and Brad Dinsdale to meet with working party.
- Clean up and beautify vacant recreational areas and town entrances
- Rail Trail Rest Stop (similar to Bowser, Tarrawingee etc).

### Chiltern, Stanley, Bruarong, Barnawartha

The Chiltern Plan was reviewed in April, and the other three plans will be reviewed between July and August.

### Other plans

Rutherglen and Wooragee – Consultations will commence in June, with letters out by 17 June.

Kergunyah/Gundowring North, Sandy Creek, Cornishtown, Allans Flat, Osbornes Flat and Staghorn Flat -

These communities will have a simplified process, with planning sessions being held from July to October.



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## Recreation Capital Works

Funding has been received to complete the following capital works project 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.

## Northeast Transport Connections Project – Phase 3

A Steering Committee is currently being developed for the Northeast Transport Connections Project which covers the five local government areas of Indigo, Alpine, Wodonga, Towong and Wangaratta.

Forums will be held in Tallangatta on 21 July and 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 Action Plan will be completed by August 2011.



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## Natural Resource Management

### Roadside Weeds

The follow up spraying of roadside weeds was finished in April. The funding was received from DPI for follow up spraying of Blackberry, Gorse and Broom in the Beechworth, Stanley and Yackandandah

areas. New areas that were treated this season included Chiltern and Sandy Creek. Further funding for Spring has been requested.

### Indigo Environment Advisory Committee

The April meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee covered business items of being a plastic bag-free shire and charge points for electric vehicles. Updates were provided on a number of projects including Sustainability Awards

and the update of the Roadside Conservation Management Plan. The June meeting was held on 8 June, where the Strategy groups made presentations to Councillors.

### Roadside Conservation Management Plan Update

The final Roadside Conservation Management Plan was adopted by Council at the May meeting. This Plan was amended in response to 28 public submissions, which were grouped into 10 themes. In association with this Plan,

Council has agreed to develop a Local Law to streamline permission for operating within the roadside, thereby encouraging proactive works to look after these linear reserves.

### Good Build Toolkits

In association with the Greenhouse and Energy Strategy Group, the development of the first two Good Build Guides is well underway. These are the new residential and retrofit residential publications, which

aim to help people build in ways that reduce operating costs and increase their comfort levels. These publications are anticipated to be released towards the end of 2011.

### Spring Creek Rehabilitation Works

The rehabilitation works along two sections of Spring Creek in Beechworth have started, with the Short –Mellish Street area tackled first, followed by the section next to Lake Sambell Caravan Park. To date machinery operations have removed the

willow along the creekline and subsequent works will include revegetation with indigenous plants. This project is in partnership with the North East Catchment Management Authority and Beechworth Landcare.

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## Sustainability Awards 2011

Applications for the 2011 Sustainability Awards have opened. An additional category of 'education' is available this year, in addition to agriculture, business, community and household. Information has

been posted on the website, placed in all office and service centres and has been coupled with media releases.

## Hip Pocket Heroes

Council conducted a series of four community information workshops, aimed at assisting residents to better understand their electricity bills and employ measures to reduce their energy use. Workshops were well attended and received and created much discussion and interest. Further workshops may be held later in the year as a result of the success of this program.

Below: from left:

- Councillor Peter Croucher
- Bernadette Cudars
- Wal Cameron
- Richard Ashman
- Karen Retra
- Helen Jones, Council Environment Projects Officer at the Yackandandah information session.





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## Capital Works

### Beechworth

#### Baarmutha Park

The new sports facility is now complete with the official opening of the complex held last month. The new carpark has been constructed and sealed with final drainage works underway and landscaping due to commence soon.

#### Flood mitigation work

Flood mitigation works have been carried out in the following locations to reduce the likelihood of future flooding to properties that were affected as a result of storm events in the last eight months.

**Railway Avenue and Gilchrist Avenue**—drainage pits have been 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.

**Camp Street** – installation of new underground drainage and other associated works currently under construction.

**Surrey Lane** – a levee bank is being constructed to divert overland flows away from houses.

**Contractors at work constructing drainage pits at the Camp and Last Street intersection.**





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## Capital Works — cont.

### Chiltern

#### Flood Mitigation works

Park Street culvert upgrade designs have been approved allowing for a contractor to be engaged to commence works. The large concrete culvert pipes for the works are currently being purchased. Another contractor has been engaged to carry out other minor works to allow these works to occur concurrently. Other final designs are

still to be approved for proposed works in 2011-12.

#### Lake Anderson Remedial Works

A contractor has been engaged to undertake the remedial works and they are programmed to commence works in July after they have completed the North Road Retention Basin works.

### Rutherglen

#### Rutherglen Wine Experience

Works have been completed for this project

#### Fig Tree park Toilet Block

Works were completed by 10 June, in time for the Winery Walkabout weekend.

#### High Street cycle and pedestrian path

The cycle path is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in June.

#### Reid Street Kerb and Channel replacement

The kerb and Channel has been constructed with asphalt reinstatement in front of the kerb programmed for the week of 13 June.

### Tangambalanga and Yackandandah

Shade Sails are to be installed over the playgrounds in Banksia Park and also in Isaacs Park in Yackandandah. Quotes are

currently being sought with the sails expected to be installed in July.



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## Town Planning

### Planning Applications Determined—April 2011

Application No	Locality	Proposed Use	Cost	Decision
PP100125	Wahgunyah	Lighting Towers	0	Permit Issued
PP100250	Beechworth	Dwelling and Shed	150,000	Permit Issued
PP100259	Beechworth	Parking Platform and Shed	15,000	Permit Issued
PP110002	Wahgunyah	Alterations to Dwelling	1,500,000	Permit Issued
PP110028	Huon	Dwelling	240,000	Permit Issued
PP110033	Chiltern	Shed	382,606	Permit Issued
PP110035	Beechworth	Shed	27,400	Withdrawn
07044.1	Beechworth	Dwelling	0	Permit Issued
PP110050	Beechworth	Shed	24,300	Permit Issued
PP110053	Beechworth	Relocate & Extend Office	47,000	Permit Issued
PP110056	Yackandandah	Dwelling, Carport & Retaining Wall	0	Permit Issued
PP110057	Indigo Valley	Dwelling	345,645	Permit Issued
PP084426.2	Beechworth	Additions to Dwelling & Garage	10,000	Permit Issued

**Total**

**\$2,741,951**



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## Town Planning—Cont.

### Planning Applications Determined—May 2011

Application No	Locality	Proposed Use	Cost	Decision
PP100129	Wahgunyah	2 Lot Subdivision & Dwelling	0	Refused
PP100165	Rutherglen	Shed Additions, and Signage	60,000	Withdrawn
PP090052.1	Beechworth	Dwelling	0	Permit Issued
PP100223	Rutherglen	2 Lot Subdivision	400,000	Lapsed
PP100249	Kiewa	Lot access	0	Permit Issued
PP100256	Yackandandah	24 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110001	Yackandandah	Carport/Bathhouse	10,000	Lapsed
PP110022	Sandy Creek	2 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110029	Beechworth	3 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP100184.1	Sandy Creek	4 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110051	Allans Flat	Repairs to Levee Bank	1,000	Permit Issued
PP110054	Chiltern	Subdivision	30,000	Lapsed
PP110055	Rutherglen	Patio Structure	7,780	Permit Issued
PP110058	Huon	Shed	19,300	Permit Issued
PP110059	Barnawartha	Dwelling and Garage	385,356	Permit Issued
PP110061	Kiewa	3 Lot Subdivision	0	Permit Issued
PP110062	Chiltern	Dwelling	200,000	Permit Issued
PP110063	Beechworth	Liquor Licence	0	Permit Issued
PP110064	Rutherglen	Liquor Licence	0	Lapsed
PP110066	Stanley	Replacement Dwelling	267,000	Permit Issued
PP110067	Beechworth	Dwelling	170,000	Permit Issued
PP110068	Brimin	Replacement Dwelling	215,000	Lapsed
PP110072	Barnawartha	Storage Shed	75,000	Permit Issued
PP110047.1	Tangambalanga	Building Extensions & New Trading Store	6,900,000	Permit Issued
PP110081	Beechworth	Residence and Office after Consolidation	0	No Permit Required
PP110082	Yackandandah	Application for Certification - SPEAR	0	Lapsed
PP110043.1	Osbornes Flat	Shed	0	Permit Issued
PP074133.4	Beechworth	Extension to bed and breakfast accommodation, carport and parking area and fencing	0	Permit Issued
PP110086	Staghorn Flat	Shed	8,000	Permit Issued
PP110089	Allans Flat	Dwelling	100,000	Permit Issued
PP110091	Rutherglen	Consolidation	0	No Permit Required

**Total**

**\$8,857,936**



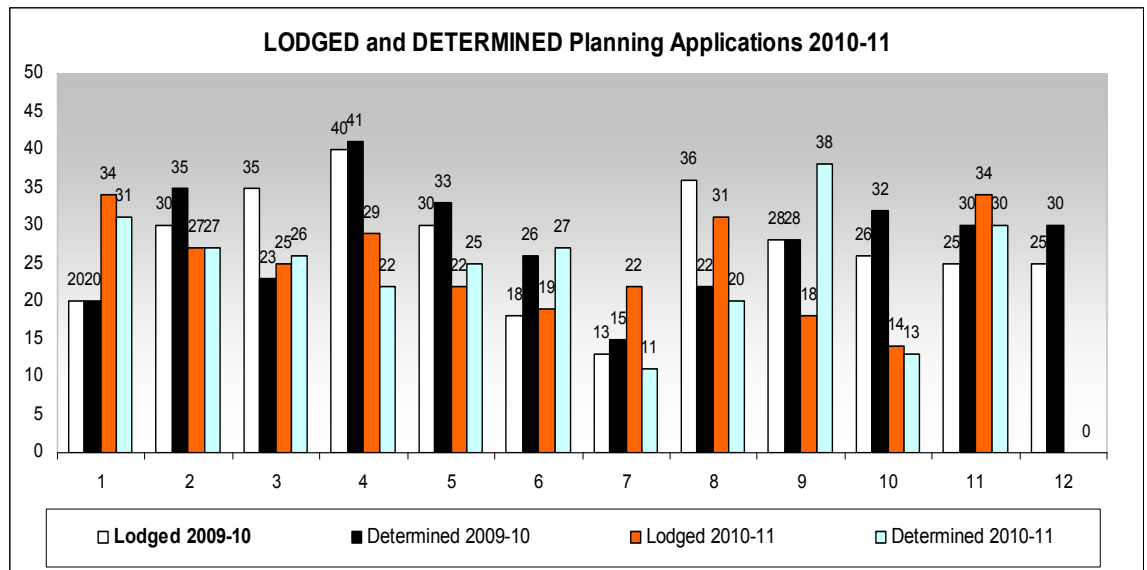
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## Town Planning—Cont.

### Planning graphs





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## Building Statistics - April 2011

### Indigo Shire Building Surveyor:

Property Locality	Description	Project Value	Approval Date
Rutherglen	Dwelling	\$210,000	01/04/11
Beechworth	Alteration	\$9,500	01/04/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$22,232	04/04/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$20,097	04/04/11
Bruarong	New Building	\$14,000	05/04/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$47,069	07/04/11
Chiltern	New Building	\$38,206	11/04/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$5,400	11/04/11
Beechworth	Demolition	\$30,000	12/04/11
Tangambalanga	New Building	\$8,000	13/04/11
Yackandandah	Other	\$3,000	15/04/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$14,990	18/04/11
Chiltern	New Building	\$3,071	20/04/11
Kiewa	Swimming Pool	\$27,990	27/04/11
Carlyle	Dwelling	\$550,000	27/04/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$24,300	27/04/11
Beechworth	New Building	\$23,500	27/04/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$11,920	28/04/11
Sandy Creek	New Building	\$5,000	29/04/11
<b>Permit Sub-total</b>		<b>\$1,068,275</b>	

### External Building Surveyors:

Property Locality	Description	Project Value	Approval Date
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$284,000	01/04/11
Yackandandah	Dwelling	\$223,867	15/04/11
Chiltern	Change of Use	\$100,000	27/04/11
Sandy Creek	Extension	\$50,000	18/05/11
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$657,867</b>	

**Total Construction in Shire: \$1,726,142**



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## Building Statistics - May 2011

### Indigo Shire Building Surveyor

PropertyLocality	Description	Project Value	Approval Date
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$420,500	02/05/11
Barnawartha	Swimming Pool	\$33,480	09/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$150,000	10/05/11
Huon	New Building	\$19,300	11/05/11
Chiltern	New Building	\$10,000	11/05/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$11,400	17/05/11
Gooramadda	New Building	\$11,900	19/05/11
Wahgunyah	Swimming Pool	\$31,450	23/05/11
Kiewa	New Building	\$10,000	23/05/11
Allans Flat	New Building	\$11,200	24/05/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$8,932	24/05/11
Tangambalanga	New Building	\$200,000	26/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$170,000	26/05/11
Beechworth	Extension	\$282,300	26/05/11
Rutherglen	New Building	\$16,500	31/05/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$75,000	31/05/11
Barnawartha	New Building	\$15,500	31/05/11
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$1,477,462</b>	

### External Building Surveyor

PropertyLocality	Description	Project Value	Approval Date
Beechworth	New Building	\$9,500	14/04/11
Wahgunyah	Dwelling	\$246,870	02/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$150,000	06/05/11
Barnawartha	Dwelling	\$385,357	11/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$209,593	13/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$207,862	18/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$212,307	18/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$209,689	18/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$210,386	18/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$214,316	18/05/11
Beechworth	Dwelling	\$210,386	18/05/11
Wooragee	Dwelling	\$293,651	20/05/11
Rutherglen	Dwelling	\$185,631	20/05/11
Indigo Valley	Dwelling	\$345,645	21/05/11
Yackandandah	New Building	\$26,750	23/05/11
Indigo Valley	Dwelling	\$263,566	23/05/11
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$3,381,509</b>	

**Total Construction in Shire: \$4,858,971**



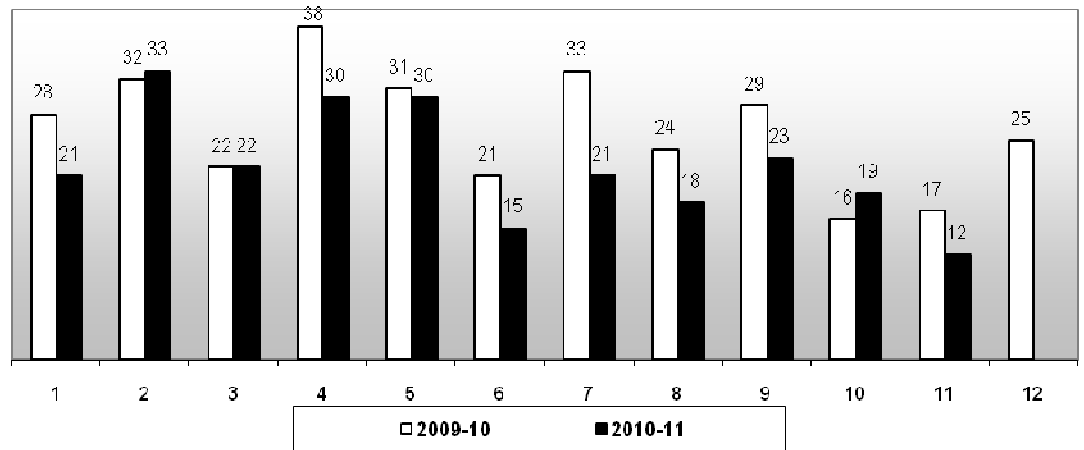
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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

## Building Statistics - Cont.

Building Permits Issued (excluding those by Private Certifiers)



Value of Construction Works - all Building Permits

