

Thumbs up for Rail Trail plan



Victorian Government funding of \$12 million was recently announced to develop the North East Victoria Cycle Optimisation project.

The Premier, Daniel Andrews, and Minister for Regional Development, Jaala Pulford, were in Yackandandah on 27 July to view the project plans.

The project will enhance the existing Murray to Mountains Rail Trail with public artworks and digital interpretation. Critical to the project and to Indigo Shire is the funding for the \$6.2 million Stage One extension of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail from Beechworth to Yackandandah and out to Osbornes Flat.

Stage One will link two iconic heritage towns, and provide spectacular cycling and great opportunities for a wide range of users to sample food, wine, cultural, social and heritage experiences and for commercial activation along the route and in Yackandandah and Beechworth.

It will make this region an even more sought-after destination, and a more exciting focus for sporting, business and cultural endeavours.



Tiny School makes a Big Difference

Wooragee Primary School has been named the Hume Region ResourceSmart Primary School of the Year for their fantastic community involvement and the advances they have made on environmental care and concern.

So far the school has saved a total of \$3,121 and prevented 18,171 tonnes of CO2 from entering the atmosphere.

On July 18 pupils and teachers received the award certificate and plaque — and some native plants for the school garden — from Linda Anania from North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group.

A special invitation was extended to the school's immediate past principal, Chris

Varker, in recognition of her inspirational role over many years in making Wooragee Primary School a leader in recycling and environmental awareness and action. Chris retired last term.

Mark Greene, Indigo Shire Council's representative on the North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group also attended and congratulated the school community for their efforts.

CAPTION. In front, school representatives Matilda Pisarek and Kalum Porteous with much-loved former principal Chris Varker. Behind them are teacher Grace Ponjari, teacher's assistant Bec Davis, Mark Greene, Linda Anania and teacher's assistant Megan Daly.

Council's new plan, new vision

Our five themes:

1. Indigo's People and Communities
2. Indigo's Places, Townships and Infrastructure
3. Indigo's Economy
4. Indigo's Environment and Sustainability
5. Indigo's Civic Leadership and Governance.

To bring a sharp focus to the work involved in delivering the projects and initiatives in the Council Plan, Council devised a new Vision:

Indigo: Heritage Shire, Bold Future

The new Council Plan is at www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/councilplan. Have a look, you may find your own suggestions there!

After six months of gathering community input, the new Council Plan 2017-2021 was adopted by Council in June. This is Council's roadmap for the next four years to deliver projects and initiatives to the community.



Customer Service with a Smile

Seventy years of combined Indigo Shire Council knowledge and experience are at your service.

Our friendly expert team, including part-time staff, fields 36,000 phone calls a year and handles 13,000 over-the-counter transactions at Council's Customer Service Centres in Ford Street Beechworth, High Street Yackandandah and High Street Rutherglen.

Coordinator Leah Jones-Davies is especially proud of her team's ability to solve customers' problems on the spot. With their depth of experience and years of training, Customer Service representatives handle more than 50 per cent of queries immediately — they can provide the information themselves, or connect you to an officer who can.



Chris



Robert



Kathy



Penny

This is the key to this team's impressive record — they want to help resolve any and all issues for residents and ratepayers. And remember, team members are residents and ratepayers themselves!

Our people have a passion for living in our unique part of the world, they love the job, and all have more than the usual quota of intellectual curiosity.

Here's what we value, and trust you do too:

Mutual respect

We have real people who communicate in an authentic way. They know that each customer has unique needs and, when given the right information, can make their own decisions.

Problem-solving

Our people genuinely want to help solve the customer's problem. They're not afraid to ask questions to learn exactly what the customer needs, and why they have asked for assistance.

Customer satisfaction is job satisfaction

Our team members know they are representing the entire Council organisation. A great part of their job satisfaction is knowing that they have been of value in resolving a customer's issues.

It's a strong team

Our Customer Service officers treat their colleagues and their customers with the same high level of respect. They lead by example inside and outside the organisation, and offer support and motivation wherever it is needed.

Building relationships

Our Customer Service officers will keep in regular contact with their customers when this is appropriate. They anticipate the next step in your journey, and offer Council's ongoing support along the way.

Good people

Our people are good people, and they know their business. They are here to help you. Come in and say hello.



Kate



Mary-Ann



Sam



Gretel



Dianne



Dawn



Briana



Anna

A new beginning for young families



ABOVE: Architect's impression of the Children's Hub extensions. BELOW: Victoria's Minister for Children and Families, Jenny Mikakos, with the Mayor, Cr Jenny O'Connor, at the official launch of the project in Chiltern last month.

Indigo Shire Council, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Training and Community Early Years Childcare, will upgrade the Chiltern Municipal building located opposite the existing Chiltern Kindergarten.

The upgrade will include the extension and refurbishment of the existing building to create a Chiltern Early Years Hub to be operated by Community Early Years Childcare. The new facility will increase the provision of high quality early learning programs in Chiltern to enable a capacity for 33 children.

This is a key strategic project identified in the Chiltern Placemaking and Structure Plan. It will provide long day care in Chiltern for children from six weeks to kindergarten age.

The new centre will make Chiltern a more attractive option for young families looking for a friendly and welcoming Indigo Shire town to call home.

The project will refurbish the existing municipal building and extend it to the east. The new building will have two children's rooms, one sleep room, four child toilets, an adult/disabled toilet and shower, and a laundry. It will also have a new covered outdoor play area, new fencing and gates, and upgraded Maternal Child Health Nurse facilities.

For enrolments and enquiries please contact Albury-Wodonga Community College, Community Early Years



Childcare on 02 6056 4399, or email info@ceyc.com.au. Further upgrades are proposed for the facility as funding becomes available.

NOTE: From Tuesday 29 August, the Maternal Child Health Nurse will operate from the Indigo North Health building in Main Street as work on the project proceeds.

Indigo's Libraries kicking goals

The libraries continue to grow and attract great support from their communities. Overall almost 98,000 people visited the branches during the last financial year. Loans were up, with a total of 101,344 items borrowed and there was an overall increase in the number of members using the library's eResources.

Almost 7,000 people attended programs run at the library branches, 5,500 of those being children. Some of the exciting programs offered included

author visits with Rosalie Ham and Jenn J McLeod.

Children enjoyed the new STEAM activities introduced to the school holiday programs in July, while the regular weekly story time sessions are being well attended by preschool children and their carers.

The 1000 Books Before School program has a total of 130 preschool children enrolled with a tally of over 750 that have been recorded as read -- a great



effort by families who are active in this program.

The libraries provide a safe and welcoming environment for community members to connect and enjoy the wide array of services available to them. Membership is free and gives state-wide access to information and recreation resources. Public access computers and free internet access is available at all branches. Why not visit today and see what your library can do for you?

Capital Works New Projects by town for 2017-18

Barnawartha

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| Footpath, Stanley Street | \$40,000 |
| Urban Sealing, Palmerston Street | \$38,000 |

Beechworth

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| Senior Citizens Club Rooms renewal | \$35,000 |
| Beechworth Preschool Building renewal | \$9,000 |
| Beechworth Historic Precinct [Various Buildings] renewal | \$18,000 |
| Old Council Chambers & Hall Complex Building renewal | \$140,000 |
| Burke Museum Disability Access ramp | \$40,000 |
| Urban Sealing, Wood Street, Sydney Rd to Frederick St. | \$40,000 |
| Drainage Improvements. | \$50,000 |

Chiltern

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| Lake Anderson Reserve Toilet Block renewal | \$10,000 |
| Industrial Precinct (Subject to Grant funding) | \$291,000 |
| Childrens Hub | \$390,000 |
| Chiltern pool, New Storage Shed. | \$3,000 |
| Chiltern Connectivity Project. | \$100,000 |
| Urban sealing, Gibson Street | \$28,000 |
| Urban Sealing, Cathro Street | \$9,000 |
| Town Centre Activation (subject to Grant Funding) | \$44,000 |
| Drainage Improvements. | \$180,000 |
| Caravan Park Infrastructure Renewals | \$30,700 |
| Senior Citizens Club Rooms renewal | \$25,000 |

Gooramadda

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| Up River Road/Gooramadda Road Safety Improvements | \$74,000 |
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Kergunyah

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| Kergunyah Hall upgrade | \$210,000 |
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Rutherglen

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| Rutherglen Youth Centre and Community Radio Room | \$40,000 |
| Rutherglen Pool, Hazardous Chemical Removal and fitout of old gardeners shed | \$3,000 |
| Footpath, Church Street to High Street. | \$13,000 |
| Kerb and Channel, Church St | \$30,000 |
| Urban Sealing, Lemin Street | \$32,000 |
| Urban Selaing, King Street | \$20,800 |
| Urban Selaing, Reeve Street | \$20,000 |
| Main St Revitalisation. | \$250,000 |
| Drainage Improvements. | \$30,000 |
| Power Upgrade, Lions Park | \$40,000 |
| Barkly Park Building upgrade | \$186,000 |
| Lake King refurbishment | \$816,000 |

Stanley

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| Kerb and Channel, Myrtleford-Stanley Road | \$18,000 |
| Athenaeum Access Improvement works | \$30,000 |

Tangambalanga

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| Coulston Park Football Club Rooms/Hall | \$33,000 |
| Tangambalanga Pool renewal | \$17,000 |
| Reconstruction of Huon-Kiewa Road | \$74,000 |
| Drainage improvements. | \$50,000 |
| Coulston Park Lighting Upgrade | \$131,500 |

Wahgunyah

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| Wahgunyah Trail Construction, Stage 1 | \$200,000 |
| Kerb and Channel, Elizabeth Street. | \$50,000 |

Wooragee

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| Wooragee Hall | \$9,000 |
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Yackandandah

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| Wellsford Cottage | \$25,000 |
| Public Hall, Map Case | \$17,000 |
| Pool safety and security improvements | \$7,000 |
| Installation of Static Water Supply Tank for Twist Creek Road. | \$8,225 |
| Caravan Park Water Main Renewal | \$28,000 |
| Skate Park construction | \$255,000 |
| Beechworth to Osbornes Flat Rail Trail stage 1 (Subject to Grant funding) | \$3,000,000 |

Shire Wide

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| Lighting and Water Reuse improvements for Public Toilets | \$26,000 |
| Installation of Solar Facilities at Beechworth and Yackandandah Swimming Pools. | \$100,000 |
| Pool signage compliance and renewal project. | \$30,000 |
| Energy Efficiency improvement program | \$27,000 |
| Battery Storage Revolution | \$15,000 |
| Street and Park furniture renewal. | \$25,000 |
| Play equipment replacement. | \$35,000 |
| Library Book Stock | \$60,000 |
| Library Book Stock, Premier Reading Challenge. | \$6,601 |
| Library Book Stock, eResources. | \$22,656 |
| Bridge level 3 condition assessments | \$35,000 |
| Guard Rail Renewal Program | \$22,000 |
| Bridge Renewal | \$40,000 |
| Final Seals Program. | \$100,000 |
| Roads Major Patching. | \$50,000 |
| Resealing program | \$380,000 |
| Road Design and Planning for Future Capital Works | \$65,000 |
| Sealed Pavement Rehabilitation | \$126,111 |
| Gravel Resheeting. | \$600,000 |
| Urban Road Shoulder Sealing | \$40,000 |
| Water bubblers installation | \$15,000 |
| Rural Road Drainage improvement. | \$60,000 |
| Irrigation system upgrades, various locations | \$16,000 |

Miscellaneous

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| Computer replacement program. | \$20,000 |
| Fleet Replacement | \$85,000 |
| Plant Replacement | \$10,000 |
| Drain Inspection CCTV Camera | \$15,000 |
| IT Strategy implementation | \$169,000 |



Yackandandah skate park upgrade

The project has a budget of \$255,000 (\$100,000 from Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and \$155,000 from council), and is scheduled for completion by June next year. For project updates, see www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/yackskate.



Rail Trail Bridge Replacement

ABOVE: An artist's impression of the new bridge. **RIGHT:** A historic photo of the branch line, which operated from the early 1890s until 1954.



Indigo Shire Council will replace the pedestrian bridge on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail near Albert Road in Beechworth.

The existing structure, which overlooks the Chinese Gardens, was completed in January 2001 and modelled on the original railway timber trestle style structure which was dismantled in the 1950s and 1960s.

The replacement bridge is designed to sympathetically replicate the character and appearance of the original bridge, enhance its safety and have a much longer life. Engineers estimate the bridge will be closed for up to eight weeks during construction, to commence in the Spring.

Beauty plan for Lake King, Rutherglen

The upgrade of Lake King in Rutherglen will commence later this year, to develop and beautify the lake precinct as part of the Rutherglen Revitalisation Project. The work will reinforce the lake wall, repair leaks, beautify the surrounds and make Lake King more visible and accessible.

The Rutherglen Park Committee of Management has worked with Indigo Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning from the beginning of the project. A concept plan has been developed, and the community will be consulted for further ideas and comment.

Meanwhile, the Committee is seeking volunteer labour to help the plan come to fruition and is keen to hear people's ideas for ongoing volunteer maintenance after the major works are completed.

Interested residents have the opportunity to be more closely involved by joining the Committee at its Annual General Meeting in November. The current membership will certainly make you most welcome.

Put up your hand now! Contact Committee President Laurie Thatcher on 0418 294 416 or 02 6032 8824, or Secretary Jo Slattery on 0427 261 644.

Recreation Planning

Thanks to a Sport and Recreation Victoria Grant, Indigo Shire Council will be commencing community consultations between now and December 2017 for our Recreation Plan 2018-24.



This plan will focus on our shire-wide sport and recreation priorities for the next eight years. Keep an eye out for Facebook updates and flyers for your chance to have a say.

Seniors Festival

The 2017 Seniors Festival will be held throughout October with many wonderful events across the Shire including the Victorian Concert Orchestra. Keep your eye on the website, Council's Facebook page and in your local paper for more information! www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival

Indigo Ageing Well

The Indigo Ageing Well project is in full swing with community consultation now done and around 500 surveys completed. Thank you to all who provided input!



The themes that emerged from the consultation cover social activities and inclusion; information, communication and advocacy; transport; health services; facilities and footpaths; and housing.

Council staff are working on a list of priorities and projects that are supported by the above themes to then be approved by our funding body, the Department of Health and Human Services. Keep your eye on the website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/ageing and Facebook for regular updates or call Jess Johnston on 1300 365 003.

Your Rates Notice

Council sends annual rates notices in September each year. This notice is very important and contains a large amount of information. This article explains the different sections of the notice and identifies key information.

If you have specific questions about your notice, property or rates, contact Council's rates department on 1300 365 003 or email rates@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.

Property number. This number is the reference number used by Council. It is not essential to quote this when dealing with Council, but it does help us to locate your property quickly and easily.

Your Property. This area shows the property details including address, size of the property and, importantly, the valuation that Council use for calculation of rates and charges.

- Property details can be checked against your title (www.propertyandlandtitles.vic.gov.au).
- Capital Improved Value** is the value of the land and improvements (buildings, etc.). This is the valuation that is used for the rates calculations.
- Valuation date:** when the last valuation was done. Currently values are updated every two years, as mandated by the State Government.
- Your rates and charges section.** This is the list of charges that apply to your property. These are best explained in groups:
 - Bin charges and Environmental Levy.** These relate to Council's kerbside collection service (bins are listed separately for recycling etc.). The levy is a contribution per property for other services related to managing waste and protecting Indigo's environment (transfer stations etc.).
 - Municipal Charge.** This is a fixed charge per property that contributes to the provision of Council's services. This contributes to the cost of customer service centres, Council's call centre, website and other basic services.
 - Differential rate** (listed as *General, Rural 1, Rural 2, Vacant and Commercial*). This is a variable charge based on the category of property. The rate is multiplied by the Capital Improved Value of the property to calculate the total charge. More detailed information on Council's differential rating system can be found in the Rating Strategy page on Council's website.
 - Fire Service Property Levy (FSPL).** This is a group of charges that go to the State Government to pay for fire services (CFA). Similar to rates, this charge has a fixed component and a variable charge based on the Capital Improved Value of the property. More information on this program can be found at www.firelevy.vic.gov.au.

Instalment information. This shows the dates and amounts for people who choose to pay their rates by instalment, although it is also common to pay the full amount by 30 September. This is the choice of each ratepayer.

And finally, the back of the rates notice contains valuable information, including the process that is available if a ratepayer believes that the property details are incorrect.



ABOVE: Katie Gaston wowed the crowd -- and the judges!

Youthful talent rules the stage

Our Battle of the Bands at Rutherglen last month was such a hoot! Awesome work by our Youth Event crew volunteers who cruised through their first show, from stage-managing to MC'ing, to doing sound and lights, to cooking the barbecue and briefing security.

We have so many young talented musicians in our Shire. Congrats to charismatic band Squid Doctors for taking out first place; the mesmerising Katie Gaston placed second, and the winner of most original act was Finbar Moody of FAKM.

Huge shout-out to our three amazing judges on the night, Lex, Director from Beechworth Music Festival, Doug Wallen (music writer for the Australian, Rolling Stone and more) and talented Music teacher Carm Hogan.

Our next big music event is with the Beechworth North East Skate Park Series, 12pm-5pm on Sunday 27 August at the Beechworth Skate Park.

If you are a musician who would like to play at some of our events or would like to jump on board one of our event crews, drop Youth Officer Sal Kimber a line at sal.kimber@indigoshire.vic.gov.au, or text 0422 373 542.

Signs of the times



Indigo Shire is recognised for its unique collection of historic towns and villages. It's important that the heritage look and feel is maintained. Signage is a vital part of this heritage look. Council has now refreshed its signage guidelines, which are published on our website, along with a colour chart based on the National Trust guidelines. Visit www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/signage to access the guidelines and colour chart.

Is your family protected?

Free immunisation is available at Indigo Shire Council's Maternal and Child Health Centres, and full details are available on our website at www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/families. Wodonga Council also conducts free and for-fee immunisation clinics for all members of the community. For further information phone 1800 655 360, email immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au, or visit the Wodonga City website.

The name game



BRIDGET JONES

The Burke Museum Research metadata list has more than 20,000 entries and is still growing. There are other databases that feature 44 Boer War enlistees, almost 600 World War I enlistees, nearly 1,000 World War II enlistees and just under 2,500 mines.

Some of the names in our metadata base would be considered famous today so I thought I'd list some.

Bridget Jones

We don't know if Bridget Jones kept a diary or not but we do know that she was the licensee of the National Hotel on the Stanley Road (now the Old Stanley Road) in Deep Creek.

George Harrison

Do you want to know a secret? George Harrison was a butcher at the Nine Mile (Stanley) in 1857. Isn't it a pity that we don't know any more?

Alfred Newman

"What me worry?" What was Alfred's middle initial? If it was "E" then he would share his name with the mascot of "Mad Magazine". Our Alfred Newman was in Spring Creek for the 1850s goldrush.



William Wallace

"Freedom!!!" It's likely that William Wallace, licensee of the Half Moon Hotel at the Lower Nine Mile (Stanley), was named after his famous ancestral uncle. It's unlikely that either of them looked anything like Mel Gibson.

James Brown

"Give it up for the King of Soul ... Jaames Brown!" We don't know how funky our James Browns were but we did have a few of them. James "Scotty" Brown was a charcoal burner and another James Brown was a currier at the tannery in Newtown. Was it too funky at the Victoria Hotel, on the corner of High and Short Streets, Beechworth, when the licensee was yet another James Brown?



— from DANIEL GOONAN, *Walking Tour Guide, Burke Museum and Courthouse*



Regular Events

Beechworth Farmers Market

First Saturday of every month, Ford St Beechworth 0419 236 314 markstephens6@bigpond.com

Beechworth Honey Cooking and Talks

Every day Beechworth Honey, 87 Ford St Beechworth 03 5728 1433

Brewery Tours

Every Saturday Bridge Rd Brewers, Ford St Beechworth 03 5728 2703 info@bridgeroadbrewers.com.au

Chiltern Markets

First Sunday of every month 18 Victoria St Chiltern 03 5726 1590 bpickering1946@gmail.com

Chocolate High Tea

Fourth Sunday of every month Renaissance Chocolates, 507 Boorhaman East Road Norong 02 6035 7216 info@renaissancechocolates.com.au

Dancing Beechworth

Every Thursday Harper Av Beechworth 0429 942 016 djbgnone@gmail.com

Friends of Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park

Field Day First weekend of the month (alternate Saturday and Sun) Friends of Chiltern, Chiltern Post Office 0429 017 229 webstern@netc.net.au

Lions Club of Beechworth Sausage Sizzle

Third Saturday of the month Lions Club of Beechworth, Harper St Beechworth 0413 678 225 beechworthlionsclub@gmail.com

North East Skate Park Series

First Saturday of every month Indigo Rocks Freeza 02 6028 1133

Rutherglen Brewery Live Music

Every Saturday Rutherglen Brewery, Main Street Rutherglen 02 6032 9765 rutherglenbrewery@gmail.com

Rutherglen Crafters

Last Saturday of each month, rear Freemasons Hall, High St Rutherglen 0411 111 430 deb.stefanides@bigpond.com

Rutherglen Farmers Market

Second Sunday of every month Lions Park Rutherglen 02 6033 6306 info@rutherglenciv.com

Music On The Murray

First Saturday of every month St Leonards Vineyard Wahgunyah 1800 021 621 cellardoor@stleonardswine.com.au

Star Theatre Chiltern

Monthly, usually Third Saturday of the month Main St Chiltern 03 5726 1358 hotson@westnet.com.au

Water Management on the Goldfields

Every Friday and Fourth Saturday of every month Stanley Athenaeum and Public Room, Main St Stanley 03 5728 6702, 0458 606 922 stanleyatheneum@gmail.com

Yack Station Arts

Every Second and Fourth Tuesday of ewch month Spinning and Knitting Group, Turntable Lane Yackandandah 0457 116 163 heather@mullen.com.au

Yackandandah Community Garden Food Swap

Third Saturday of every month Yackandandah Community Garden, William St Yackandandah yackandandahcg@gmail.com

Yackandandah Lions Club Community Markets

Third Sunday of every month, Wellsford St 0418 122 921

Yackandandah Makers Market

First Saturday of every month Yackandandah Station Artspace 0411 029 566 yackmakersmarket@gmail.com

Yackandandah Old Time Dance

Second Saturday of every month 36 High St Yackandandah 02 6027 1266 stan.sutherland@bigpond.com

AUGUST

- **Chiltern Antique Fair** Friday 25 to Sunday 27, 10am-10pm Memorial Hall, Conness Street. Erika Hansen 03 5726 1611, contact@chilternvc.com
- **Winter Beer Soiree** Saturday 26, 50 Ford St Beechworth, Bridge Road Brewery, Eric Bittner 03 5728 2703 venue@bridgeroadbrewers.com.au

SEPTEMBER

- **Barnawartha Business Networking and Community Dinner** Friday 1, 6.30pm ,Barnawartha Community Centre. Nerida Kerr, 0419 899 024, nerida.kerr@agbizassist.org.au
- **Maree Castles Limestone Sculpture Exhibition** Friday 1 to Monday 30, 167 Distillery Road Wahgunyah. Kylie Barton, 02 6033 2805, cellardoor@pfeifferwines.com.au.
- **Beechworth Lost Arts Series** from Saturday 2, Beechworth Honey, Ford Street. Kate Cadet 03 5728 1433, www.lostartsseries.com.au
- **Father's Day Lunch at Jones Winery and Vineyard** Sunday 3, 61 Jones Rd Rutherglen. Jeni Clevers, 02 6032 8496, jones@joneswinery.com.
- **Father's Day at St Leonards Vineyard** Sunday 3, 201 St Leonards Rd Wahgunyah. 1800 021 621, cellardoor@stleonardswine.com.au.
- **Camp Quality 1000s4kids** - Passing through Indigo Shire on Friday 8. Michael Phillips 0409 846 538, michael@mpfp.com.au.
- **Flickside Double Feature, Arts Yackandandah** Saturday 9, 6.30pm Old Courthouse Yackandandah. Frances Higgins, 0417 292 917, iain_frances@bigpond.com, arts.yackandandah.com
- **Yackandandah Old Time Dance Group** Annual Dance Weekend, Saturday 9, Sunday 10, 7.30pm-11.30pm. Yackandandah Public hall. Stan Sutherland, 0439 271 266, stan.sutherland@bigpond.com.
- **Historical Archaeology of Water Management on the Goldfields.** Third Geoff Craig Memorial Lecture, Sunday 10, 2pm Stanley Memorial Hall. Chris Dormer 0458 606 922, chris.dormer@westnet.com.au.
- **Oranges and Lemons Cooking Class** Friday 15 10am-3pm Distillery Rd Wahgunyah The Pickled Sisters Cafe at Cofield Wines. Marion Hansford, 02 6033 2277, cafe@pickledsisters.com.au.
- **Spring Migration Festival** Friday 15 to Sunday 17 Yackandandah. Gaz Haywood, gaz@springmigration.com.au. A gay and lesbian event where everyone is welcome.
- **Sourdough Master Class** Sunday 17, 10am-3pm Yackandandah Organics. Gena Cavini 0497 345 269, yackorganics@gmail.com.
- **Triumph Sports Owners Association Rally** 21-28 September 21-28, Beechworth and surrounds. Barbara Jones 0417 598 171, barb@stirlingexperiences.com.au
- **Pfeiffer Wines Spring Farmers Market** Saturday 23 9am-3pm. Kylie Barton 02 6033 2805, cellardoor@pfeifferwines.com.au.
- **Rutherglen Wine Show** Thursday 28 to Sunday 1 October, Rutherglen Memorial Hall, 150 High Street. Geoff O'Dwyer 02 6032 8044, 0424 161 488, wineagshow@westnet.com.au, www.rutherglenwineshow.com.au.
- **Australian Mechanical Organ Society** Friday 29 to Sunday 1 October, Ford Street Beechworth. Bob Pease, 0419 137 914, ezyzyz@bigpond.net.au.
- **Scarecrows Sausages and Shiraz** Saturday 30 to Sunday 1 October, Pfeiffer Wines Wahgunyah. Kylie Barton 02 6033 2805, cellardoor@pfeifferwines.com.au



Wandering stock

Stock on roads pose a serious danger for motorists, especially at night, and landowners are responsible for keeping stock well fed and well fenced.

If you see stock on roads or road reserves, call Council with the name of the road, the nearest crossroad or roadside address, and the type, number and colour of the animals.

After hours, a recorded message will help you report the emergency directly to the Rangers.

Incidents of stock on the loose increase in the colder months -- animals need to increase food intake to cope with the cold, and the colder it gets the less grass grows in the paddocks. Stock push through fences looking for feed and some escape altogether.

Under the Impounding of Livestock Act 1994, Council Rangers are authorised to attend to these issues and follow up with the animals' owners.

Rangers are authorised to deliver warnings, order fencing repairs and issue fines. A fee is payable for the release of impounded stock.



Paint and batteries

Sustainability Victoria has established permanent drop-off facilities for household batteries, fluorescent tubes and paint at the **Wodonga** Transfer Station in Kane Road, and the **Wangaratta** Rural City Works Depot in Newman Street.

Household batteries, fluorescent tubes and paint will be accepted free of charge during normal opening hours. Bookings are not required.

Green Waste

Two free green waste disposal weekends at the Transfer Station will be offered later this year, timed to coincide with CFA Fire Action Week, usually towards the end of October. When dates are confirmed information will be displayed via Council's website, Facebook and other media outlets.

Transfer Station times

- Diffey Road Beechworth, 1pm-5pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday
- Cornishtown Road Rutherglen, 1pm-5pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday



Plastic bags a no-no!

One of the major sources of contamination in recycle bins is plastic bags.

Unfortunately many residents place recyclables in plastic bags, tie off the top, and place in their recycle bin.

At the Materials Recovery Facility staff are not permitted, for health and safety reasons, to open the bags and retrieve the contents — so the bags then have to be sent to landfill.

Please ensure that your recyclables are placed loosely in the recycle bin to ensure that all the contents are then recycled.

More to recycle?

If you are having trouble fitting all your recyclables in your recycle bin you can make more room by squashing containers and flattening cardboard.

You can also upsize your recycle bin from the standard 240 litres to 360 litres for as little as \$17.25 extra per year. Contact Council's Waste Department for further details.



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Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings are 6.30pm-9.30pm, at the Beechworth Council Chambers, 2 Kurrajong Way, Mayday Hills. All members of the community are invited to attend.

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2017 Meeting Calendar

Tuesday 21 February
(Special Council Meeting)

Tuesday 28 February

Tuesday 28 March

Tuesday 2 May

Tuesday 30 May

Tuesday 27 June

Tuesday 25 July

Tuesday 29 August

Tuesday 26 September

Tuesday 31 October

Tuesday 28 November

Tuesday 19 December