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Feasibility study for Alexandra Community Leisure Centre

Community and user group members have a chance to provide direction for any redevelopment and extension of the Alexandra Community Leisure Centre in Hall Street, Alexandra.

Mayor Peter Beales said Council has engaged @leisure, a company specialising in sport and leisure planning, to prepare a feasibility plan that will assist Council and the Alexandra Secondary College to ensure that any Centre redevelopment is comprehensively planned to better serve the current and future sporting and community needs.

"As part of the project @leisure will undertake comprehensive consultation to review current activities and identify opportunities for the renewal, extension and development of facilities and potential new uses.

"It is about enhancing sporting and community participation and ensuring sustainability of the infrastructure.

"When the study is complete we will have conceptual drawings and business planning recommendations for the redeveloped Centre, showing us a way forward.

"I encourage members of the community to participate in the consultation phase of this project," said Cr Beales.

The project has been supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development's Community Facility Funding Program.

The information being sought from the community includes:

Do you currently use the Alexandra Community Leisure Centre and if so what centre activities to you do participate in?

If you do not use the Centre, why not?

What additional or improved facilities and activities at the Centre would encourage you to use it more?

What do you like most about the Centre? What don't you like about the Centre?

There are a number of options available to have your say. Complete the online survey by following the links on Council's home page, email leisure@jeavons.com.au or visit "@leisure Planners" facebook site.

The closing date for submissions is Monday 12 September, 2011. For further information please contact Charlie Bisset at Murrindindi Shire Council by phone on 03 5772 0364 or email cbisset@murrindindi.vic.gov.au.

BIODIVERSITY MONTH in the GOULBURN BROKEN CATCHMENT

As part of Biodiversity Month in the Goulburn Broken catchment we will be sharing some stories and research on some of the natural values fire recovery projects that DSE and Parks Victoria have been doing since 2009. We will be meeting at Gerraty's Carpark and then taking the short walk up to Echo Flat for a look at regeneration of sub-alpine flora and sites involving surveys and monitoring of the Alpine Tree Frog, Alpine Bog Skink and Leadbeater's Possum to name a few, have taken place. There'll be a chance to see where the tiny Barred Galaxias fish live in the headwaters of a sub alpine stream.

Steve Smith from DSE and other speakers will share information on how these slow-growing environments respond to fire and what we have been learning about them through our conservation and management efforts since 2009.

We are hoping that we might also hear some inspiring stories from someone from the Friends of Leadbeater's Possum team, who has been helping with the winter feeding program for the few Leadbeater's possums that survived the fire at Lake Mountain. Information will be shared about how the fire burnt much of the Possum's habitat and a chance to see some of the nest boxes that were replaced after the fire, which will provide a way to monitor how the local Leadbeater's possum population recovers.

Lunch will be provided. Sturdy walking shoes and wet weather gear and water will be required.

Registrations can be made on 13 1963 or to Steve Smith 57720 221.