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EXCITING NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP IN BEECHWORTH

Indigo FM has been appointed as lead tenant for the former Beechworth Child and Maternal Health Building. Our local volunteer run radio station recently submitted what turned out to be a successful joint Expression of Interest with BULS - Beechworth Urban Landcare and Sustainability - and along with Beechworth Women's Shed, the three organisations will partner in the running of the facility.

Indigo FM President Scott Landells is very keen to see a strong, healthy partnership between each of the organisations and is also keen to ensure an inclusive community based approach to running the facility.

"We are aware that there are a lot of groups in Beechworth who could use a regular space to meet each month, and we envisage a couple of meeting space options in this facility, so we are hoping to provide a solution for community groups", Landells said.

"There will be a workshop space to hire and, importantly for Indigo FM, we will have a studio in the building. We are very excited to be partnering with both BULS and the Women's Shed. Both groups are very community oriented and provide unique programs. We also believe that each organisation is uniquely different from each of the other two, but importantly share similar values, so there are excellent opportunities to value-add to one another's programs.

"We wish to thank Indigo Shire Staff and Councillors for running what we felt was a very professional, fair and transparent process. And we also wish to thank each of the unsuccessful applicants for their co-operation during the EOI phase and reassure them that they will be welcome as users of this facility.

"We also owe a huge thanks to our own members, volunteers and the community of Beechworth in general, especially our members based in Beechworth who identified this facility as suitable when it first became available and initiated and drove our Expression of Interest.

"Finally we wish to thank Beechworth Secondary College, our Beechworth home for the past four and a half years. They have enabled us to establish a strong base, which has allowed us to gather the resources and confidence to be ambitious. When we first moved there we had 2 or 3 regular programs being broadcast and now we have around 15. That growth was largely due to feeling like we had a true home base.

"The hard work now begins for each of the 3 partnering groups to physically set up the facility and establish partnering guidelines and we look forward to that occurring with the support of Indigo Shire Council.

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