

community CONNECT

Benalla Art Gallery

Exhibition:

Jazmina Cininas: Enter the Lair
Until 28 January, 2018

Exhibition: Rona Green: Champagne Taste and Lemonade Pockets
Until 4 March, 2018

Exhibition: The Botany of Desire
Until 18 March, 2018

For more details phone the gallery on
(03) 5760 2619
www.benallaartgallery.com.au

Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre

Wednesday 6 December
2pm: Sit and Knit.

Friday 8 December
10.30am: Story Time.

Wednesday 13 December
2pm: Sit and Knit.

Wednesday 13 December
Ralph the Shelf Elf Christmas Countdown begins

Friday 15 December
10.30am: Christmas Story Time.

For more details phone the
Benalla Library on 03 5762 2069.

BPACC/Benalla Cinema

Stage on Screen: The Australian Ballet presents Sleeping Beauty
11am, Wednesday 6 December, 2017

Surprise Christmas Show: A Gaslight Christmas
11am, Wednesday 13 December, 2017

Check website for cinema screenings
(03) 5762 5515
www.bpacc.com.au

Council meetings

Council meetings are open to the public.
Meetings are held in the Civic Centre, 13 Mair St, Benalla from 6pm.

Agendas are available at the Customer Service Centre or
www.benalla.vic.gov.au

Planning and Development Committee
Wednesday 6 December, 2017

Finance and Operations Committee
Wednesday 13 December, 2017

Council Meeting
Wednesday 20 December, 2017

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Mayor's Message



The festive season is upon us and this time of year means many different things to people in our community.

The Carols by Candlelight next Sunday, 17 December at the Botanical Gardens is the perfect occasion for the whole community

to come together and celebrate. This event is a partnership between the Lions Club of Benalla and the Council and I acknowledge the wonderful work the Lions Club do in organising the event.

Community celebrations like this help remind us of the good things that we have, and the importance of our community spirit.

The festive season is also time to spare a thought for the people in our community who may not have the company of family and friends, or who struggle to put food on the table or gifts under the tree.

From my family to yours and on behalf of my fellow Councillors, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy new year.

Councillor Don Firth
Mayor



2017/18 Christmas and New Year service arrangements

- The Council's Customer Service Centre will close at 1pm on Thursday 21 December and 5pm on Friday 22 December 2017.
- It reopens at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.
- Benalla Art Gallery is closed on Monday 25 December 2017 and Tuesday 26 December 2017.
- BPACC is closed on Sunday 24 December 2017 and Monday 25 December 2017 and open on Tuesday 26 December 2017.
- The Visitor Information Centre is closed on Monday 25 December 2017.
- The Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library) is closed from Sunday 24 December 2017 to Tuesday 26 December 2017.
- Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre is closed on Monday 25 December 2017 and on Code Red and Total Fire Ban days.

Be ready for hot weather



Heat waves can affect anybody. Illnesses such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be fatal.

People at risk include those aged over 65, people who may have a medical condition or a disability, pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, babies and young children.

Tips to cope with the heat:

- Spend as much time as possible in cool or air-conditioned buildings
- Drink plenty of water
- Stay out of the sun and avoid strenuous activity
- Wear loose fitting clothing and a hat if you are outside
- Never leave children, adults or animals in parked vehicles
- Stay in touch with sick or frail friends, neighbours or relatives

You can escape the heat at BPACC, the Benalla Art Gallery, the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre and the Benalla Aquatic Centre. A fee applies for use of the Aquatic Centre. For more information go to www.benalla.vic.gov.au

If you are experiencing health difficulties due to the heat contact your doctor or Nurse-On-Call on 1300 60 60 24.

For urgent assistance or an emergency, call 000.

Please refer to the Department of Health for further information at:

www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/heatwaves

Community feedback welcomed

Proposed road closure: Bowers Road, Winton

The Council is seeking community input on the proposal to close the Bowers Road connection between the Hume Freeway and Winton Glenrowan Road to address safety concerns.

Proposed rail name: Mokoan Discovery Trail

The Council is proposing to name the shared path from Benalla to the Winton Wetlands the Benalla-Mokoan Discovery Trail.

Further information on both proposals is available at www.benalla.vic.gov.au

Have your say by emailing council@benalla.vic.gov.au or send a letter to the Council, PO Box 227, Benalla VIC 3671 by 5pm on Friday 19 January, 2018.