



MELBOURNE TO ALBURY LINE RECEIVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR UPGRADES

The Melbourne to Albury train line will receive \$135 million for upgrades on top of the original 2017 commitment of \$100 million from the Federation Government.

Across Victoria, \$1.57 billion has been released for the Regional Rail Revival program and work is expected to start later in 2018.

With more reliable services, Benalla will be able to benefit more from its closeness to Melbourne, Wangaratta and Albury / Wodonga.

The funding is the result of lobbying by the Melbourne to Albury Passenger Rail Collaboration, which the Council is part of.



Did you know...

The Council oversees more than 40 accessible (disabled) parking bays across Benalla Rural City.

We are reviewing our parking bays to ensure they comply with the revised Australian Disability Standards. We always consult with the community when we need to make changes to accessible parking bays.

You can find where the accessible parking bays are in Benalla on our Mobility Map. It also shows accessible toilets, scooter recharge points and public seating. Visit the Customer Service Centre, Visitor Information Centre or go to www.benalla.vic.gov.au for a copy of the map.

Say yes to VOLUNTEERING

Every day, thousands of you, our community members assist in activities that enrich our community.

You help provide a meal, a conversation, a ride and advice.

You run cultural, educational and community events, assist in emergencies and look after our environment.

If you don't currently, consider saying 'yes' to volunteering.



VOLUNTEERING AT THE SIR EDWARD WEARY DUNLOP LEARNING CENTRE

Do you love books and reading? Do you love the library? The library is looking for volunteers. It's a great place to meet people and to see how libraries work.

Kay (pictured), works at the library.

'What more could anyone want than being surrounded by books and people who love books?' Kay says.

Contact the Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2600 to find out more.





GRADING

Over the past couple of weeks, our graders have been working in Swanpool, Samaria, Goomalibee and Tarnook.



ODEA ROAD MOLYULLAH

Edging and shoulder replacement

We've been doing repair work on Odea Road, Molyullah, to the road edging and shoulder. We filled the

edges with crushed rock, creating a wider, hard-wearing, weather-resistant running surface.

BENALLA LIVE4LIFE PROGRAM 2018 LAUNCH



More than 130 Year 8 Benalla students were part of the official launch of the 2018 Benalla Live4Life program at the Drill Hall Community Activity Centre on 26 March.

Live4Life is a mental health education and youth suicide prevention program.

The program, now in its second year, has trained more than 160 students and 50 adults in Mental Health First Aid.

The program is led by the Live4Life Crew who are student volunteers that coordinate activities and events to promote mental health in Benalla throughout the year.

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEWS?



Council News is now in its 14th edition. Thank you for your positive feedback about it.

From time to time we like to check on your preferred method of receiving information and updates from us.

- Council News (delivered to you)
- www.benalla.vic.gov.au
- Community Connect (in the *Benalla Ensign*)
- Social media

You can give your feedback to the Customer Service Centre in person, by emailing council@benalla.vic.gov.au or by calling 03 5760 2600.

WALL TO WALL FESTIVAL

9- 12 MARCH 2018

Congratulations to the Wall to Wall Street Art Committee on yet another incredible Wall to Wall Festival for 2018.

Thank you to the artists, the Street Art Committee, the volunteers and everyone who made this such a great success for our town.



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