

# community CONNECT

## Benalla Art Gallery

**Prue Acton: The Excitement of Colour**  
Until 26 November, 2017.

**Exhibition: Erewhon**  
Until 26 November, 2017.

**Exhibition: The Botany of Desire**  
Until 4 March 2018

For more details phone the gallery on:  
**(03) 5760 2619**  
[www.benallaartgallery.com.au](http://www.benallaartgallery.com.au)

## Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre

**Wednesday 1 November**  
2 pm: Sit and Knit.

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7 pm: *Memories in my Luggage* exhibition launch.

**Friday 3 November**  
10.30 am: Story Time.

**Wednesday 8 November**  
12 pm: Vicky the Truck – a virtual reality experience featuring stories of Victorians who have made positive contributions.

**Wednesday 8 November**  
2 pm: Sit and Knit.

**Thursday 9 November**  
6 pm: Festival Writing and Colouring Competition Award Presentations.

**Friday 10 November**  
3 pm–5 pm: Book Launch: *Outdoor Games for Today's Kids* by Helen Topor.

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

## BPACC/Benalla Cinema

Check website for cinema screenings  
(03) 5762 5515  
[www.bpacc.com.au](http://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 6 pm.

Agendas are available at the Customer Service Centre or  
[www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

**Planning and Development Committee**  
1 November 2017

**Finance and Operations Committee**  
8 November 2017

**Special Meeting of Council / Council Meeting**  
15 November 2017

**Wednesday 22 November 2017**  
No meeting.

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[www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

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## Mayor's Message



As I drive around the municipality, this time of year always reminds me of how lucky we all are to live in such a beautiful place. The Benalla Botanical Gardens and our parklands are at their best. The Rural City is also home to some stunning domestic gardens – and full credit to all the gardeners - they too are part of the splendour of where we all live.

Out of town, the farmland is also a sight to behold, the paddocks look great with the spring growth.

Summer is coming and forecasts tell us it is going to be hot and dry. But until then, it's a good time for us all to pause and enjoy what Benalla Rural City provides to us at this time of year.

You may have noticed that we've taken advantage of the recent dry weather to make significant progress on the construction of the 1.3 kilometre section of the Winton Wetlands shared pathway along Sydney Road to the inlet channel car park.

This bike path is part of a much larger project across the whole of north-east Victoria that will provide bike paths and a cycle network that will eventually go all the way from the Murray to the Mountains.

The link from the Mokoan Hub to Glenrowan will be an important addition for Benalla and Wangaratta.



This new section of bike path beside Sydney Road is being developed in partnership with the Winton Wetlands Committee of Management and will eventually go all the way to the Wetlands entrance on Nelson Road.

This bike path is part of a much larger project across the whole of north-east Victoria that will provide bike paths and a cycle network that will eventually link to the Murray to the Mountains pathway. The bike path will also be great for families and local people who choose to ride, rather than drive out to the Wetlands.

**Cr Don Firth**  
Mayor

## Benalla Festival Fireworks

A fireworks display will be held on Saturday 11 November as part of the Village by the Lake entertainment program on the Lake Benalla foreshore. Subject to weather conditions the release time will be between 9 pm and 9.15 pm with a duration of approximately 10 minutes.

Pet owners are advised to lock up, restrain or let their pets into the house for this short period of time.

### Road Closures

To facilitate Festival events on Saturday 11 November temporary road closures will be in place. See the Benalla Festival wrap around in this newspaper for details or visit [www.benallafestival.com.au](http://www.benallafestival.com.au)



## Community Hero nominations



Ashley Day was a 2017 Australia Day award recipient.

Know someone great? Nominate your community hero for a 2018 Australia Day Award.

The Australia Day awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations who have made a valuable and notable contribution to the community over the past 12 months.

There are six award categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- District achiever award: Citizen
- District achiever award: Youth

Nominations close 4 December, 2017.

For further information visit  
[www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

## Council Services on Melbourne Cup Day

Here is how Council services will be affected on Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 7 November:

**BPACC** will be open from 7 pm to 10 pm for the 7.30 pm movie screening. BPACC is open as normal for cinema screenings on Monday 6 November.

**Personal Care and Meals on Wheels** services as normal. All other services have been rescheduled.

**The Visitor Information Centre** is open from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre** is open as normal from 12 pm to 4 pm. Rubbish, recycling and green waste bins will be collected as normal.

**Benalla Aquatic Centre** will be open from 10 am to 6 pm. Swimming lessons will not be held.

**The Benalla Art Gallery** will be closed.

**The Council's Customer Service Centre** will be closed.

**The Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library)** will be closed.

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