

# Council NEWS

July 2019

BENALLA  
RURAL CITY

## COUNCIL ADOPTS 2019/20 BUDGET

The cost of managing waste and waste infrastructure and the continued impact of rate capping are important parts of the 2019/20 Council Budget, which was adopted on 26 June 2019.

The 2019/20 Budget includes:

- \$3.1M on road renewal and improvements
- \$915,000 on waste infrastructure at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre.

- \$800,000 on a Splash Park
- \$600,000 on improvements to the Arundel Street Sports Precinct.
- \$38,000 on Aquatic Centre improvements
- \$50,000 on repairing the windows and roof of the Benalla Art Gallery
- \$40,000 on improving technology at the Benalla Library

Visit [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au) to download the 2019/20 Budget.



Road renewals and improvements continue in the 2019/20 budget.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EXHIBITION



A new exhibition of works by local Aboriginal artist Chris Thorne is on display at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library).

The exhibition was created to encourage community conversation about mental health, suicide prevention and resilience.

The exhibition is presented by Murray PHN and the Central Hume Primary Care Partnership, as part of the Benalla place-based suicide prevention trial.

Benalla is one of 12 locations taking part in Victorian Government trials to develop local strategies to prevent suicide.



## DID YOU KNOW? LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Membership at the Benalla Library is free and there is no minimum age to being a member.

Members can:

- borrow up to 20 library resources at any one time, including books, DVDs, audiobooks, large print books and magazines
- download eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines
- borrow, reserve and renew resources online, in the Branch or by phone
- return items to any High Country Library branch either during opening hours or by placing them in the after-hours return chute

For more information on becoming a member, contact the Library on 03 5762 2069 or [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)





## WORKS AROUND THE RURAL CITY

We cleaned culverts and drains in Lurg after a storm event in June.

We pruned roadside vegetation in Tatong, Moorngag and Swanpool to improve road safety.

We replaced more than 200 metres of concrete footpaths in Goodwin Street, Arundel Street, Fraser Street, Monash Drive, Wedge Street and Monds Avenue.



The street sweeper has been cleaning kerbs and channels in Benalla, reducing the risk of drains being blocked by fallen leaves during wet weather.



## GRADER

Wet weather has kept the grader busy this month. We have been working in:

**Chesney Vale**  
Chesney Vale Road, Ashmead Road, Cherry Tree Lane, Farnley Road

**Devenish**  
Love Road

**Tatong**  
Evans Lane, Lewis Road, Colehurst Road, Moorngag Road, Old Tatong Road, Tiger Hill Road, Daly Lane, Coghill Road, Mitchell Road

# TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A BETTER PLACE

From 1 July 2019, e-waste (electronic waste) can no longer be disposed of in a red-lid bin. This is so the hazardous and valuable materials that can be recovered from it is diverted from landfill.

E-waste includes all items with a plug, battery or power cord such as televisions, computers, mobile phones, kitchen appliances, white goods, many children's toys and more.

The Victorian Government has banned e-waste from all Victorian landfill from 1 July 2019 and has changed the regulations on how e-waste is managed.

The Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre will continue to accept e-waste, where it will be recycled for precious non-renewable resources.

For those unable to get to the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre, small items such as toasters, kettles, light globes, batteries, drills, saws, laptops, game consoles and similar sized electrical items can be disposed of at the Council's Customer Service Centre.

For more information about the disposal of e-waste visit [www.benalla.vic.gov.au/ewaste](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au/ewaste)

## SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT



Dedicated volunteer drivers offer transport to eligible older people who are unable to drive and who would otherwise be unable to get to important one-off or regular appointments.

During 2018/19, volunteers drivers assisted 75 clients to get to

medical appointments in Wangaratta, Shepparton, Melbourne and Albury.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with this important service.

If you can drive and have some time to spare at least once a fortnight, contact the Council's Customer Service Centre to discuss how you can help people get to medical appointments.

