

community CONNECT

Benalla Art Gallery

Brett Whiteley:
West of the Divide
Until 7 May 2017

Sidney Nolan:
100 Year Celebration
7 April 2017–21 May 2017

Born on the Street:
A Collector's View
8 April 2017–7 May 2017
(03) 5760 2619

www.benallaartgallery.com.au

Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre

Wednesday 12 April
2pm: Benalla Library: Sit and Knit.

Thursday 13 April
11am: Benalla Library: Film Lovers' Lounge.

Friday 14 April
Benalla Library will be closed due to Public Holiday.

Saturday 15 April
Benalla Library will be closed due to Public Holiday.

Monday 17 April
Benalla Library will be closed due to Public Holiday.

Wednesday 19 April
2pm: Benalla Library: Sit and Knit.

Thursday 20 April
2pm: Benalla Library: Book Chat.

For more information, call the Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library) on (03) 5762 2069.

BPACC/Benalla Cinema

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 Street, Benalla from 6pm.

Agendas are available at the Customer Service Centre or www.benalla.vic.gov.au
Finance and Operations Committee
12 April 2017
Council Meeting **19 April 2017**

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Mayor's message

Wall to Wall Festival 2017

Let's start with how much the Councillors and I are looking forward to one of the best things to happen to Benalla for years and that's the Wall to Wall Street Art Festival 2017. Even before all the fun and art of the Festival was realised, you could feel the buzz in the street. It took me half an hour to walk to the shop and back because people wanted to talk about how much the Festival means to Benalla—and that was last Wednesday! This Festival brings out the best of Benalla. It was great to see everyone engaging with art and enjoying the town.

I can't talk about the Festival without thinking of how this has all been made possible by a few locals getting

together and making it happen. The Festival is the epitome of community, with the Council and business working together to make great things happen for our rural city. I'd like to thank those involved. In particular, well done to the hard working Street Art Committee and

Juddy Roller Inc for the incredible work they do. And to the State and Federal Governments for helping to empower the Committee to bring the Festival to life.

Mayor, Cr Don Firth



Can you help?

The Benalla Visitor Information Centre is open from 9am–5pm 7 days per week, thanks to the work of our volunteers.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Do you have four hours to spare? Volunteering is a great way to gain new skills and meet new people.



Drop in to the Visitor Information Centre or call (03) 5762 1749 if you would like to join our friendly team.

Council Plan 2017–2021

Feedback for the Council Plan 2017–2021 closes tomorrow. So far, more than 200 people have taken the opportunity to have direct input into the development of the Council's priorities over the next four years.

We have collated the feedback received so far, which will inform our direction for the next four years. Over the coming weeks, we will build a

draft Council Plan that incorporates strategies for achieving the community's priorities. The community will have a chance to read the plan, ask questions, and provide feedback.

If you would like more information about the Council Plan or would like to contribute, email council@benalla.vic.gov.au by 5pm on Thursday 15 April 2017.

Request for memorial

On 25 May 2017, the Mayor, Cr Don Firth, with Cr Barbara Alexander and Cr Peter Davis, greeted a delegation from the Indian Sikh community at an event organised by the Australian Indian Historical Society. The commemorative event was held in honour of Mr Siva Singh, who played an important role in Sikh history and was a resident of Benalla from 1915–1955.

The delegation hopes to construct a



memorial to Mr Siva Singh in Benalla. This would make Benalla a key destination for the Sikh community in Australia.