



Litter Gatherers

The Litter Gatherers clean up litter hotspots around Benalla to help keep our city clean. Volunteers enjoy fresh air, exercise, flexibility and knowing that they're doing something worthwhile for their community by contributing as little as an hour a week.

Events and Festivals

Looking for a way to help but can't commit time to weekly activities? Volunteers are vital to the success of annual events such as the Benalla Festival and Australia Day celebrations. Get involved and help run these events while learning new skills.

Youth Programs

Young people can contribute across all of our volunteer activities and programs. There are also youth specific programs, such as FReeZA and the Benalla Live4Life Program.

Community Voices

Volunteers provide valuable input across a range of the Council's special committees. Community representatives provide particular expertise to help the Council make decisions or engage community resources and opinion.

The Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library)

Volunteering roles at the Benalla Library include assisting with the Home Library service and collection maintenance. The Friends of the Benalla Library operate the RedB4 bookshop, open six days a week, which raises valuable funds for the Library and operates solely with volunteer assistance.

Want to know more about volunteering opportunities?

Visit our website: www.benalla.vic.gov.au

Email: council@benalla.vic.gov.au

Contact the Customer Service Centre on **03 5760 2600**



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**BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN THE
BENALLA RURAL CITY**



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Volunteers are the heart of our community. Benalla Rural City has an active volunteer base of more than 450 people. Volunteers help with our community programs, services, events and committees. Volunteers make a real difference to the lives of others. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and have a range of backgrounds, education and skills levels.

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Be actively involved in your community
- Meet new people and develop new friendships
- Develop and utilise new skills
- Be part of a team achieving great outcomes for the community
- Gain valuable experience as a pathway to future study or work

Say 'yes' to volunteering. Help for a day at a special event, be part of a project for a few weeks or make a regular contribution to an ongoing service team.

Aged and Disability Services

Volunteers help our aged and disability clients to live independently in their own homes and communities for longer.

Meals on Wheels volunteers collect and deliver meals to clients and provide social interaction for socially isolated clients. The time commitment can be as little as one hour per week.

Volunteer Transport volunteers drive clients to regular or one-off medical appointments in Wangaratta, Shepparton, Albury/Wodonga and Melbourne.

Social Activities Groups increase clients' social connection with the community. Volunteers contribute two hours a fortnight or more.



L2P Learner Driver Mentors

Young learner drivers are required to achieve 120 hours of driving experience before undertaking the licence test. Mentor drivers help eligible young people with at least one hour per week of supervised driving using the L2P Program vehicle.

Visitor Information Centre

The volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre are ambassadors for the region, helping visitors get the most out of their stay. Volunteers can choose from a range of four hour shifts to suit their availability.

Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre (BPACC)

Ushers assist staff at BPACC across a variety of activities. Volunteering at BPACC is a great way to meet people who have an interest in film, drama, comedy, music or dance. There are a range of shifts available. You can volunteer from as little as one movie session per month.

Benalla Art Gallery

The Benalla Art Gallery is one of regional Victoria's premier art galleries. With thousands of visitors each year, volunteers play a vital role assisting staff with public programs, special events, research, administration and social functions with a range of three hour shifts available.

Benalla Botanical Gardens

Volunteers assist with a range of maintenance projects throughout the year. During rose flowering season, a dedicated team of volunteers meet twice a week to remove the spent blooms from the estimated 1,000 rose specimens planted in the Gardens. You can help with as little as two hours per fortnight.

