



BENALLA LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE CELL 2 UPDATE

The Council is constructing a second cell at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre. Each landfill cell serves our community for a number of years, depending on the size of the cell and the amount of waste that is diverted away from the cell by our recycling and organics collections.

Construction of the previous cell was completed in 2015 and will be at its capacity by early 2019.

Work on this second cell will be done in two stages. The first stage is the bulk earthworks, which is digging the hole. This will be completed later in 2018.

The second stage is the fitting of the clay liner and plastics, aggregate and leachate collection systems, which begins at the completion of Stage 1.

EPA audits and approval processes begin after the completion of Stage 2.

The project is being overseen by landfill specialists. This is a big infrastructure project and will cost more than \$1M to complete. This cell is likely to serve the community for two years.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS



The Council runs a Social Support Activities Program through its Community Services department.

Through the program, volunteers run excursions that create opportunities for community participation and social interaction. The program is for older people or younger people (under 65) with a disability.

Can you spare from three to six hours either once a week or fortnight? The program needs volunteers for women's, men's and mixed social groups that meet on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.



ADVOCATING FOR BETTER PASSENGER RAIL

Passenger rail transport is critical in our region. Many members of our community have been inconvenienced and had their travel disrupted by problems with the line due to weather and equipment faults.

The Council is advocating (lobbying) for better passenger rail services through the north east, as part of the Melbourne to Albury Passenger Rail Collaboration.

It has been announced that \$100M is allocated in the Federal Budget for work on the north east network and the Collaboration is working closely with the Federal Government to see exactly what this includes.

The Collaboration is also working with the State Government to ensure the continued upgrade of the rolling stock, which is the actual carriages and trains.

GOORAMBAT THOONA BRIDGE WORKS

The Goorambat Thoona Bridge, which is on the Goorambat Thoona Road, has had the road and shoulders widened and a new concrete deck overlay and guardrails installed.

Regular inspections found the bridge had developed stress fractures, most likely due to increased traffic loads which includes larger trucks.

The new concrete deck overlay will extend the life of the bridge by approximately 50 years. The remaining work is for the widened road and shoulders to be sealed. The bridge is open for traffic.



BENALLA ART GALLERY MEMBERSHIP SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Did you know that you can become a member of the Benalla Art Gallery?

Members receive invitations to special events and workshops that are for adults, families, art experts and beginners.

One member benefit is access to the Free Art School. Now in its fourth year, the Free Art School has classes and workshops in painting, drawing, watercolour, printmaking and other art forms.

Members also receive a 10% discount at the Gallery shop and reciprocal member discounts and benefits at participating Galleries across Victoria.

Membership is for everyone and costs \$30 for singles, \$50 for families and for \$500 you can become a lifetime member.

Contact the Gallery on 03 5760 2619 for more information.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR PET?



Pet registrations are due by 10 April 2018. If you haven't registered your dog or cat before, don't worry - you won't be penalised for doing the right thing and registering now. Pop into the Customer Service Centre or fill in a form on our website www.benalla.vic.gov.au. If your dog or cat is registered and they go missing, it will be easier for us to return it to you.



RURAL TOWNSHIP VISITS

Do you have an event that could provide an opportunity for your community to talk directly with Councillors about the needs, views and priorities of your town?

The Council is keen to visit as many rural communities as possible, so as to provide an opportunity for community members to give feedback and information on local issues and learn more about Council programs.

If you are interested in having Councillors come to your town, please contact the Customer Service Centre on 5760 2600.

DID YOU KNOW? COMMUNICATION ACCESS SYMBOL



The Council's Customer Service Centre, the Benalla Art Gallery and BPACC have been awarded the Communication Access Symbol.

This means that Council staff are trained to assist customers who have communication difficulties. The staff know how to use strategies and resources to support successful communication.

Look out for this sign, which you will find at the Customer Service Centre, Benalla Art Gallery and BPACC indicating that we have met the standards required for communication accessibility.

Read more about the Communication Access Symbol at Scope - www.scopeaust.org.au/communicationaccess

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