Council NEWS

July 2020

BENALLA RURAL CITY

Council venues reopening

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

Days open: Weekdays

Hours: Midday – 5pm

Maximum number of patrons: 20, with a 15 minute stay per patron.

We now have RFID borrowing. This means you can borrow multiple items in a contactless, quick and easy way. Our team is always available to assist.

The reopening is for borrowing only. For all other services and enquiries, please contact the Library on 5762 2069.

Customer Service Centre

Days open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Hours: 9am – 1pm

Maximum number of customers: 3

The reopening is for payments only. Please pay by card where possible.

For all other services and enquiries, please contact the Council on 5760 2600.
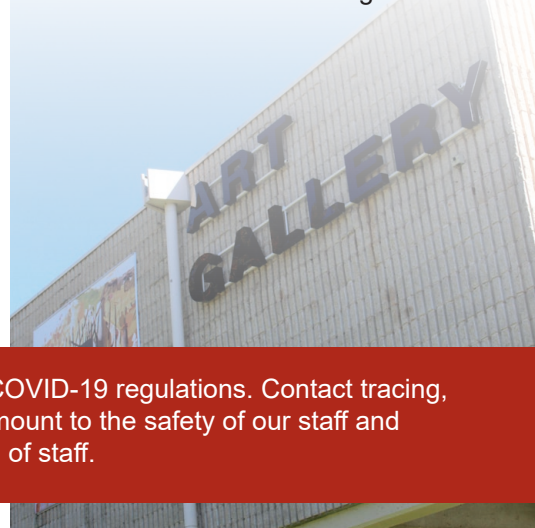
Benalla Art Gallery

Planned reopening from 10 July

Days: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

Hours: 10am – 3pm

Maximum number of patrons: 20 per gallery space.

The Munro & Sargeant Gallery Cafe will remain closed at this stage.

Strict conditions of entry are required in line with the ongoing COVID-19 regulations. Contact tracing, social distancing and staying home if you feel unwell are paramount to the safety of our staff and community. While in these venues, please follow the directions of staff.

Annual rose prune at the Benalla Botanical Gardens

Collect free rose prunings and get free gardening advice from Council's horticulture staff at the Benalla Botanical Gardens.

14 – 24 July 2020
8am – 3pm, Tuesday – Friday

Social distancing requirements apply.

Gutters and Outdoor Open Spaces included in the Council Plan

The 2017 - 2021 Council Plan (2020 Review) was adopted by the Council on Wednesday 24 June.

There are two important inclusions in the 2020 Review. An Open Space Strategic Plan will guide how we develop our valuable open spaces, such as playgrounds, landscaping and walking tracks into the future. A Central Business District Gutter Strategy will determine what work can be done to modify our deep gutters to address safety and drainage issues.

Works around Benalla Rural City

We've completed routine bridge maintenance across our rural townships and repaired drains and culverts.

We've been removing leaves and debris from Benalla's streets. We've also been working on footpath maintenance on Goomalibee Street and Cowan Street. We've installed new flushing mechanisms in the Denny Street toilets and completed works on the Benalla Airport, sealing cracks and respraying markings on the runways.

Culvert repair,
Upper Lurg Road, Lurg

Aquatic Centre refreshed

Since the Benalla Aquatic Centre closed on 23 March, we've used this time to repair and repaint the walls inside the venue and to retile and finish the changerooms.

We are also retiling the shell of the 25m pool and doing important maintenance work to the outdoor pool.

The pool will reopen once we complete this work and we receive advice that it is safe to do so in accordance with the COVID-19 restrictions.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

As the Australian and Victorian governments continue to make funding available to help the economy recover from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we're working hard to ensure Benalla Rural City benefits as much as possible. Only projects that meet grant criteria are eligible for funding, which is mostly around job creation and economic stimulus.

What we have confirmed so far:

Project	Drought Funding	Building Works	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	Visitor Information Centre and Museum upgrade
Funding Source	$1M Australian Government	$2M Victorian Government $500k Council	$975k Australian Government	$500k Victorian Government $1M Council
	Community Projects Fund Mental Health Events Swanpool toilet refurbishment Boweya septic upgrade	Streetscape of Bridge Street Lake Benalla sculpture walk Fawkner Drive upgrade Mair Street footpath upgrade	Ackerly Avenue road reseal Samaria Road stabilisation Drill Hall roof repairs	Upgrade of Visitor Information Centre and museum Relocation of Benalla Cinema Cafe
Forecast Completion	June 2021	June 2021	June 2021	December 2021