

## Victorian Seniors Festival October 2018

It's time to celebrate our seniors and to do this, there will be 17 Seniors Week events across Benalla Rural City.

A free concert by The Beatles tribute band Rubber Soul, the month long walking marathon and the Annual Spring Social Dance are just a few events on the calendar.

The Victorian Seniors Festival celebrates Victorians aged 60 and over and the contribution they make to the community. As part of the Festival, public transport is free for Victorian Seniors Card holders between 7 and 14 October.



A full list of events is at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au) or pick up your brochure from the Council's Customer Service Centre, the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library) or the Visitor Information Centre.



## DID YOU KNOW? TOURISM IN BENALLA RURAL CITY

- Over the last year, there were 335,000 visitors
- Those visitors generated \$42m in economic activity
- The single most visited destination is Winton Motor Raceway
- More than 15,000 people visited the Devenish Silo Art from April to August 2018
- In tourism terms, we are part of Victoria's high country, with a unique distinction of arts and culture



## Tourism and Events Strategy 2018-2022

Benalla Rural City's status as the arts and cultural epicentre of Victoria's high country is the highlight of a new tourism and events strategy.

Development of the Strategy has been overseen by representatives of Winton Wetlands, Winton Motor Raceway, Tourism North East and the Council, with input from more than 50 local tourism business operators.

The Strategy seeks to increase the Benalla Rural City annual visitor economy

from \$42m to \$58m per annum and create an extra 58 full-time jobs by 2022.

Some recommendations of the report can be implemented now for an immediate impact. Others are more visionary and long term, such as creating an arts precinct around the Lake.

The Tourism and Events Strategy 2018-2022 is available at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au).

See the art in everything

## FOOTPATH RENEWAL & MAINTENANCE



Footpath renewal works continue in Church Street and Benalla Street (pictured). Footpath maintenance works have recently been completed in Esperanto Street, Benalla.

## PICK UP YOUR DOG POO

Extra dog waste dispensers are being installed around Benalla to make it even easier for you to pick up after your dog.

Picking up your dog's poo is a courtesy and protects the environment from harmful bacteria.



If you don't pick up after your dog or aren't carrying a device to pick up after your dog (such as a bag), you could get a \$200 fine.

Let us know where you think the extra dispensers could be installed at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

## GRADERS



The graders have been working in:

### Lima East

Lima East Road  
Gandini Lane  
Heaney Road  
Tulley Road

### Devenish

Wyllie Road  
Lawson Road  
Woods Road

### Thoona-Boweya

Thoona-Boweya Road  
Irvine Road

### Winton

Wattle Creek Road

## SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS TRANSPORT

Volunteers offer transport to people who are unable to drive and cannot obtain support from family and friends.

The Council provides a vehicle that makes transport available for medical appointments anywhere from Albury to Melbourne and other locations by arrangement.

Thank you to our current volunteers, who enable people to maintain their independence by donating their time.

If you have any time available and would like to volunteer, contact the Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2600.



## CEO RECRUITMENT

The Council has begun the process of advertising the position of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

## PLANNING ON A DEVELOPMENT? HERE'S HOW

If you are planning to develop any land, such as building a new house or commercial enterprise, you'll be required to follow the planning application process.

1. Meet with Council staff and let them know about your plans
2. Submit a Planning Application along with all required supporting documents and drawings
3. Council staff refer your application to the relevant planning authorities
4. If required, your application will be advertised to adjoining properties
5. Objections to the application are received and assessed by Council staff in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, *Sub-Division Act 1988* and *Benalla Planning Scheme*
6. Depending on the type and level of public interest and the scale of the development, the application

is either assessed by Council staff or presented to the Planning and Development Committee to make a recommendation to the Council

### Planning and Development Committee

All seven Councillors are members of the Planning and Development Committee, which operates under strict rules. If a Councillor has a conflict of interest in any matter, the conflict is declared and the Councillor leaves the room.

All Councillors are equally involved in forming the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee to the Council. The seven elected Councillors make up the Council.

If your application requires land to be rezoned, it will go through the Planning Scheme Amendment process which requires input from the State Government.



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