

Council NEWS

October 2021

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Multiple COVID-19 lockdowns and separation from family, friends and loved ones, have had a major impact on many in our community.

Council continues to work closely with state and federal government to access support for the many businesses, we know, are struggling in our municipality.

Our Economic Development Team has been working tirelessly to reach out to as many business operators as possible to assess the level of impact, and importantly, the type of support required in the short, medium and longer term.

Council will continue to advocate to the relevant agencies on behalf of our local community.

Please don't forget to try and buy local and support all our traders.

Take care in these tricky times, check-in with neighbours, colleagues and friends and if you need assistance reach out for help.

Together, we will get there.

Cr Danny Claridge,
Mayor



Winton Wetland's Water Tank

This stunning visual tribute to three local volunteer firefighters, was created during the 2016 Wall to Wall Festival, by renowned street artist Guido Van Helten. If, you haven't had the chance, it is well worth popping out for a look and spending a day or two visiting the amazing Silo Art Trail on our doorstep!

BUSINESS SURVEY COVID IMPACTS

Benalla Rural City Council's Economic Development Team will be contacting up to 1000 businesses about the impacts of COVID-19 on their operations.

Phone calls and face to face visits will take place from 21 September to 17 November 2021.

If you own a business and have not yet heard from us or require urgent help, please visit our website or phone customer service for an appointment.

OUTDOOR DINING PODS

New street furniture has been installed for residents and visitors to use in the warmer spring and summer months. Located in key locations including the Thomas Street shops and Lake Benalla foreshore, the nine dining pods will be the perfect place to meet family, friends and colleagues to enjoy a takeaway coffee, lunch or dinner in our beautiful city.





INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

GRADER

During the warmer spring days, you may have seen the grader out on the following rural roads:

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| Taminick area | Stewarton area |
| • Booth Road | • Love Road |
| • Upper Taminick Road | • Berger Road |
| • Rowan Lane | • Webb Road |
| • Ashmead Road | • Dicker Road |

NEW CBD CARPARK

You may also have noticed the new Mair Street carpark is now complete and offers free parking with easy access to Benalla's gallery, lake, parks, gardens, walking tracks.

COUNCIL KEY PROJECTS

We are committed to ensuring all residents are up-to-date with the latest upcoming Council initiatives and community engagement opportunities. For further details on key projects please visit Council's website or phone Customer Service.

ARTC PLANS FOR BENALLA STATION

We encourage all residents to have their say on the design concepts for alterations to Benalla Station as part of the Inland Rail Project.

For more information visit inlandrail.com.au/benalla-map-marker or phone 1800 732 761.

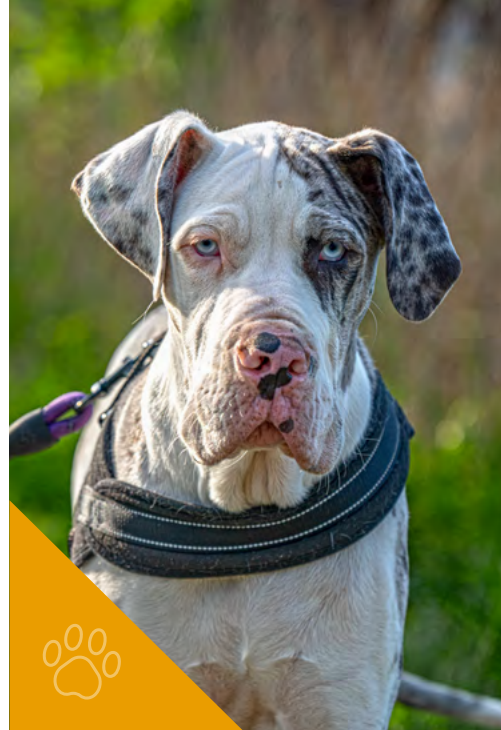
PETS

The 2021-2025 Domestic Animal Management Plan is currently open for community input.

If you have an interest in the safety and management of cats and dogs in our rural city, we would love your input.

For more information visit our website, phone or pop into the Customer Service Centre and ask to speak with one of our Compliance Team members.

A reminder that snakes are on the move, so please keep our four legged friends safe, be alert and always aware when out and about.



AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Do you know a person, community group, event or project deserving of recognition?

Nominations are open for the Australia Day awards. Categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year and Community Event or Project of the Year. District achiever categories will also be awarded.

Nominations close on Wednesday 1 December 2021.

Additional information is available on Council's website.

Photo: Our 2021 Young Citizen of the Year Lia Greenhalgh pictured with Cr Claridge and Cr Hearn.

BENALLA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE



If you have visiting friends and relatives or wish to learn more about all the wonderful things to see and do in our backyard, please pop in and say hello!

The new, temporary location for the VIC from mid October is:

3 Church Street Benalla

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FREE GREEN WASTE WEEKEND



Mark your calendar!

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October

Middy until 3.45pm

For all the details please see Council's website or phone customer service.



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