

Council NEWS

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BENALLA
RURAL CITY

WINTON-LURG ROAD SHOULDER WIDENING COMPLETE

The Council has completed stage one of the Winton-Lurg Road shoulder widening and sealing project.

Widening and sealing the road shoulder helps with safety and efficiency for road users, especially heavy vehicle users. Each day an average of 421 vehicles use this road, with 33% of use being by heavy vehicle traffic. Three local businesses use this road for heavy vehicle access.

Previously the road had a narrow seal with wide gravel shoulders, making it more difficult for drivers to pull over safely and increasing the risk from dust hazards.

The shoulder has been widened by 1.5 metres and is now sealed from Winton Glenrowan Road for a distance of 3.26 kilometres. It is anticipated that stage two of the project will bring the total widening and sealing to 6.1 kilometres, finishing at Old Lurg Road.

The Council received \$508,000 funding from the Victorian Government's Fixing Country Roads Program for stage one of this project and has received \$400,000 for stage two of the project.

The Council has also received \$700,000 from the Victorian Government for the upgrading and widening of Williams Road, Lima South.



BENALLA LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE CELL 2 COMPLETE



The Council has completed Cell 2 at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre and received approval from the EPA for it to be used.

The Cell was constructed in two stages, with the first being the excavation of the Cell hole and constructing the necessary roads, crossings and drains. The second stage was lining the cell.

The cell lining is regulated by the EPA and includes a one-meter thick layer of compacted clay, a high-density

polyethylene geomembrane which is a synthetic liner barrier with very low permeability, a cushion geotextile which protects the geomembrane from tearing or puncturing and a leachate collection system. Leachate is liquid from rainfall and the natural decomposition of waste that is filtered through the leachate collection system. This system includes sumps and filtering and ensures the leachate is properly removed from the Cell.

Cell 1 was complete in 2015.

COUNCIL PURCHASES STREET SWEEPER



The Council has purchased a street sweeper under its plant replacement and renewal program.

Street sweeping was previously done with hired equipment. The new sweeper travels faster between jobs and is capable of cleaning footpaths, kerbs and channels. It has a suction hose that allows further reach and is more efficient in areas with obstructions.

The adjustable fan speed means that the sweeper can operate quietly early in the morning, extending the range of operational hours.

WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY

This month, works around Benalla Rural City include:

- Replaced the decking on the Evans Road Bridge in Tatong
- Cleaned culverts and table drains
- Resealed footpaths in Gillies Street
- Replaced sections of kerb and channel in Noonan Street, Shultze Street, Swanlea Avenue and Neil Avenue
- Cleaned gutters in Ryan Street, Tomkins Parade, Barc Avenue and Gray Street, Benalla
- Replaced concrete footpaths in Harold Street and Oak Avenue



Bridge repair works at Evans Road, Tatong



Cleaning table drains - Olivers Road, Benalla



Traffic management for Anzac Day



New tourism signs installed for silo art



This month, the grader has been busy around Samaria on Smith Road, Knights Road, Webster Road, Old Lurg Road and Kennedy Lane. The grader has also been around Stewarton on Dicker Road, Ballantine Road and Benalla Boundary Road.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT SOCIAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

Volunteers with the Social Support Activity Program assist community members, who are at risk of becoming socially isolated, participate in excursions such as to special luncheons, visits to places of interest and tia chi, as well as activities at the Benalla Community Care Centre.

Activities increase participation in the community and social interaction and enable people to maintain quality of life in their own homes.

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

Contact the Council's Customer Service Centre for more information on 03 5760 2600.



The Social Support Activity Program recently visited Devenish to see the silo art.



IDAHOBIT CELEBRATED



The Council raised the rainbow flag on Friday 17 May to celebrate IDAHOBIT - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia.

Young people helped raise the flag and spoke about their lived experience as part of the LGBTIQ+ community.

The event demonstrated that Benalla is a welcoming, diverse and safe place.

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