

# Council NEWS

March 2019



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

March is a busy time in Benalla. We have events for visitors, for families and for the community generally.

The Source at the Botanical Gardens, the Thoona Wheelie Bin Championships and the Lakeside Craft and Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale are on 23 March. We have Harmony Day at the Lake Benalla Foreshore, Benalla Country Racing at the Benalla Racecourse and more.

As always, we have events at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre and the Benalla Art Gallery for those who love to read, knit, paint, chat, create and more. Then, just around the corner, from 5 – 7 April, we have the 2019 Wall to Wall Festival.

As the weather cools down from our long hot summer, we can all get out and enjoy all that Benalla Rural City has to offer as a wonderful place to live and play.

## ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS

Due Wednesday 10 April 2019

Are your pet's registration details up to date with the Council? If your cat or dog is registered and gets found, we can see who owns it and get in touch with you. Registrations are due by Wednesday 10 April. Make sure we have your correct address and phone number on record for your pet.

If a cat or dog is found that is not registered or microchipped, it is hard for us to find out who owns it. We hand the animal to the RSCPA in Wangaratta who then need to wait for the owner to get in contact.

The *Domestic Animals Act 1994* requires all dogs and cats over the age of three months living in the municipality to be microchipped and registered with the Council. It is a requirement that the issued registration tag be worn at all times.



Chilean needle grass

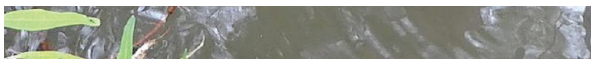
## WEED & PEST MANAGEMENT

The Council has a Roadside Weed and Pest Control Program and a regular weed maintenance program for managing weeds along roadsides, in drains, culverts, road shoulders, along its 2464 kilometers of rural road reserves and for the control of invasive weeds.

The maintenance program includes spraying to keep drains and culverts clear, to allow for the free and unobstructed flow of storm water, reduce fire-prone material, to keep roadways, road shoulders, curb and gutter areas clear of weeds and to look after the assets generally.

The Council's work to control invasive plant species under the Victorian Government's Roadside Weeds and Pests Management Program includes inspecting, mapping and controlling weeds and pests including African love-grass, Artichoke thistle, Bathurst burr, Blackberry, Bridal creeper, Cape broom, Cape tulip (one-leaf), Chilean needle grass, English broom, hawthorn, horehound, Paterson's curse, Prairie ground cherry, Prickly pear, Ragwort, Serrated tussock, St John's wort, Sweet briar, Variegated thistle and Wheel cactus.





## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

On Sunday 3 March the Clean Up Australia movement celebrated it's 30th anniversary. In Benalla, we held the Clean Up for Turtles Day, with people cleaning in and around Lake Benalla.

If you would like to help keep the environment clean, you don't need to wait until Clean Up Australia Day. The Litter Gatherers clean up Benalla every day. Volunteers are equipped with litter pickers and other safety equipment. Contact the Council on 03 5760 2600 to find out more or to register as a Litter Gatherer.



## RESIDENTS HAVE RIPPER RECYCLING RECORD



Benalla Rural City residents are maintaining a good recycling rate, with 61.23% of all material collected in the 2017/18 year diverted from landfill. Only two out of 18 Small Shire Councils across Victoria had a better rate.

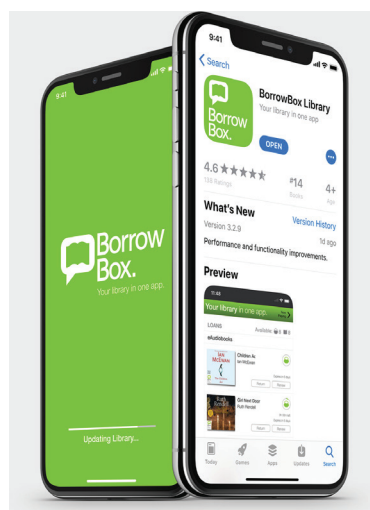
The contents of every yellow lid bin lift is monitored before it enters the collection truck and shows that residents are most often, doing the right thing.

Recycling reduces the impact of waste on the environment. It minimises the amount of waste going into landfill, which increases the useful life of each cell resulting in significant financial savings. It also conserves resources, saves energy and improves our resource recovery rates.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### BORROWBOX GIVES FREE ACCESS TO AUDIOBOOKS

E-books and audio books in the palm of your hand, 24 hours per day? For free? It's available to every member of the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre.



The Benalla Library subscribes to Borrowbox, which is like a digital library branch for members. Every library member gets unique login details, used to logon online, or via the Borrowbox app, and access audio and ebook content.

To find out more, visit the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre or call on 03 5762 2069

## GRADER

The grader has been working in these areas:

### Devenish / Thoona

- Groat Road
- Maxwell Road
- Old Thoona Road

### Winton / Lurg

- Coach Road
- Asbury Road
- Coleman Lane
- Darktown Road



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