

Council NEWS

September 2019

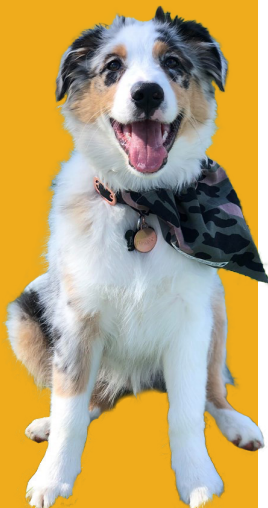
NEW DOG DISPENSERS INSTALLED

We recently installed dog bag dispensers at:

- The baseball oval at the Benalla Racecourse, attached to the shelter
- The Benalla Botanical Gardens, at the entry near the toilet block closest to the Benalla Art Gallery
- The camping area near Jaycee Island
- Near the bridge to Jaycee Island on the Lake Benalla Walking Track at the end of Tower Road
- The gate from Arundel Street to the Showground Recreation Reserve Arundel Street Oval
- On the bins along the Lake Benalla Walking Track at the Showground Recreation Reserve Arundel Street Oval
- The entry to the Benalla Botanical Gardens from Wedge Street
- The entry to Churchill Reserve through the gate from Clarke Street.

These new dispensers are in addition to the existing dispensers at:

- Churchill Reserve, left of the main gates on Waller Street
- Lake Benalla Walking Track near the end of Benalla Street
- Lake Benalla Walking Track near the end of Deas Street
- Lake Benalla Walking Track near Parkview Parade
- Lake Benalla Walking Track near Arundel Street



FREE GARDEN WASTE WEEKENDS

You can dispose of your garden waste for free at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre on 5-6 and 12-13 October.

Garden waste includes lawn and garden clippings, prunings, shrubbery and tree limbs and branches. It doesn't include processed timber or wood products like weatherboard, pallets or treated pine.

The offer is for residents who live in Benalla Rural City and does not include commercial clients.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED



Representatives from Benalla P-12's Us Mob with Mayor, Cr Scott Upston

Students from schools across the Rural City were recognised for their volunteering efforts on Tuesday 3 September.

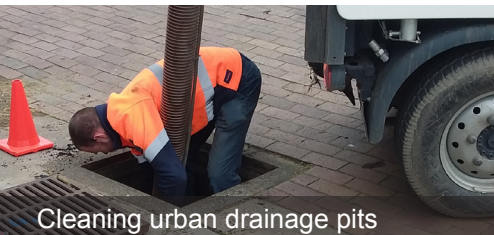
The students volunteered with the CFA, visited residents in aged care facilities, participated in environmental projects and sporting and social activities.

Student groups, including the Benalla FReeZA Committee, the Benalla Live4Life Crew and Benalla P-12 College's Us Mob were also recognised for their contribution over the past year.

If you're a young person and would like to volunteer, contact the Council's Customer Service Centre or visit www.benalla.vic.gov.au



Major patching on Gaskin Street

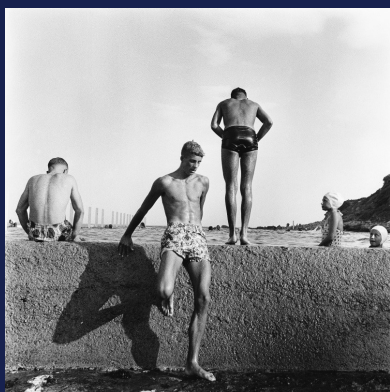


Cleaning urban drainage pits



Grading near Lurg

ART GALLERY RECEIVES ICONIC PHOTOGRAPH



Max Dupain (1911 - 1992),
At Newport 1952, silver gelatin
photograph, Gift of Dr Peter &
Mrs Jill Heath, 2019. Benalla Art
Gallery Collection

The Benalla Art Gallery has been
gifted an iconic photograph by Max
Dupain, one of Australia's most
revered photographers.

Peter and Jill Heath recently
donated this important artwork to
the Benalla Art Gallery.

The work, *At Newport (1952)*, is an
iconic representation of Australian
beach culture. Peter Heath is the
central figure in the photo.

WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY

Major road patching has been completed
near bus stops on Faithfull Street and
Gaskin Street.

We inspected and cleaned urban drainage
pits (pictured), which is important for
water drainage from the street.

We have replaced footpaths in Church
Street, The Culdesac and Jensen Court.

The grader has been working on:

- Reef Hills Road, Benalla
- Baines Lane, Benalla
- Firth Road, Benalla
- Golden Vale Road, Benalla
- Link Road, Benalla
- Greta Road, Lurg
- Embling Road, Lurg
- Greta Lurg Road, Lurg

DID YOU KNOW? COUNCIL AUDITING REQUIREMENTS

Councils are audited in the context of
accountability for ratepayer funds. Our
financial practices may be reviewed
by an Audit Advisory Committee, the
Local Government Investigations
and Compliance Inspectorate and
the Independent Broad-based Anti-
corruption Commission.

2018/19 AUDIT UNDERWAY

Each year our financial statements and
operations are audited by the Victorian
Auditor-General's Office as required
under the *Local Government Act 1989*.
This comprehensive audit ensures a
high standard of financial reporting,
compliance with laws and regulations
and identifies financial and other risks.

The Victorian local government sector
includes 79 councils, 10 regional
library corporations and 16 associated
entities. All are subject to the same
audit process.

All areas of the Council are scrutinised,
including forward financial and asset
replacement plans.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR LANDHOLDERS TO CONTROL WEEDS AND PESTS

Funding is available to
landholders for weed and pest
control across Benalla Rural City.

The funding is available for:

- weed control
- rabbit control
- Agriculture Chemical User
Permit (ACUP) training
- on-farm biosecurity training

This project is funded by the
Australian Government under the
Communities Combating
Pests and Weed Impacts During
Drought Program.

For more information,
including how to apply, go to
www.benalla.vic.gov.au



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