

## Benalla Art Gallery

**Exhibition: A Quivering Brightness**  
Until 6 August 2017

**Exhibition: The Body's Terrain**  
Until 2 July 2017

**Exhibition: Patterns of Connection**  
Until 30 July 2017

Free at the Bennett Gallery  
Bookings: 03 5760 2619

[www.benallaartgallery.com.au](http://www.benallaartgallery.com.au)

## Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre

**Wednesday 5 July**

2pm: Sit and Knit

**Thursday 6 July**

10.30am – 12.30pm: NAIDOC Week Celebrations

**Friday 7 July**

10.30am: Story Time

**Tuesday 11 July**

2.30pm – 3.30pm: School Holiday

Activity: Insect Bots

**Wednesday 12 July**

2pm: Sit and Knit.

**Thursday 13 July**

11am: Film Lovers' Lounge

**Friday 14 July**

4.30pm – 5.30pm: Study Group  
Think Tank, Film Lovers' Lounge

For more details please phone the  
Benalla Library on 03 5762 2069.  
Everyone is welcome.

## BPACC/Benalla Cinema

Check website for cinema screenings

03 5762 5515

[www.bpacc.com.au](http://www.bpacc.com.au)

## Council meetings

Council meetings are open to the public.

Meetings are held in the Civic Centre,  
13 Mair Street, Benalla from 6pm.

Agendas are available at the  
Customer Service Centre or

[www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

**Special Meeting of Finance and  
Operations Committee  
(Hear submissions on Council Plan  
and Budget), 6pm**

19 July 2017

**Planning and Development  
Committee (following the Special  
Finance & Operations Committee  
meeting)**

19 July 2017

**Finance and Operations Committee**  
26 July 2017

Meet our Councillors by visiting

[www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

 [Facebook.com/BenallaRuralCity](https://www.facebook.com/BenallaRuralCity)

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## Feedback invited on Proposed Budget

The Council is calling on the community to provide feedback on the proposed 2017/18 Budget.

The budget's \$5.5 million Capital Projects Program includes:

- \$1.831 million in road works
- \$950,000 of waste management works at the Benalla Landfill and Resource and Recovery Centre - \$500,000 to part construct a new cell and \$450,000 to part fund the building of a transfer station
- \$489,000 to complete Stage 1 of the Benalla Airport Masterplan
- \$480,000 to purchase an additional grader
- \$350,000 in bridge works
- \$100,000 footpath construction.

It is proposed that capital projects will be funded by Council operations (\$3.310 million), external grants (\$1.7 million) and borrowings (\$500,000).

The proposed 2017/18 operating budget forecasts total revenue to be \$27.6m and total expenditure to be \$28.95m, which provides an accounting result of \$1.3m deficit.

This deficit is largely due to the Council receiving early payment of \$1.963m Federal Government Financial Assistance Grant in the 2016/17 financial year, which is allocated for the 2017/18 financial year.

The proposed budget is available at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au) and at the Council's Customer Service Centre.

Feedback can be received until 5pm, Wednesday 12 July 2017.

## Draft Council Plan ready

The Council welcomes community feedback on the draft Council Plan 2017 – 2021.

Every four years councils across Victoria must develop a four year plan that identifies key priorities, projects and the best use of Council resources.

The Council held a number of open house sessions in March and April this year, in which more than 200 people provided comments and suggestions.

Community feedback can be provided by visiting [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au) or at various locations across Benalla Rural City until 5pm, Wednesday 12 July 2017. Community feedback can be received until 5pm, Wednesday 12 July 2017.

## NAIDOC Week 2017 (July 2 - 9)



The Council will host events and activities at the Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre on Thursday 6 July 2017 from 10.30am to 12.30pm as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The 2017 national NAIDOC theme is 'Our Languages Matter'. Story time at the Benalla Library embraces this theme by demonstrating how storytelling is used to link people to Aboriginal history, spirituality and rites.

**To book, phone the Benalla Library on (03) 5762 2069.**

## Tree Removal



### Do you need a permit to remove trees on public or private property?

Under the Planning and Environment Act 1987, a planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation – including roadside vegetation which requires consent from the Council.

The term 'native vegetation' refers to trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses that are indigenous to Victoria.

There are a number of specific exemptions from this permit requirement, including fire protection, emergency works and building maintenance.

For more information on tree removal from public and private land, telephone the Customer Service Centre on 5760 2600.