

community CONNECT

Benalla Art Gallery

Exhibition: Squatters and Savages – Peter Waples-Crowe and Megan Evans
Until 5 August 2018

Exhibition: Ornament and Subject
Until 30 September 2018

Exhibition: Sea HER Land
Until 26 August 2018

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Street Art (Stencil Art) all ages

Little Artists Preschool Program

Tie-dye Workshop under 12s

Making a Mobile Workshop 5-12 years

Portrait Workshop 12-18 years

Bookings: 03 5760 2619

www.benallaartgallery.com.au

Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre

Every Wednesday 2pm: Sit and Knit

Every Friday 10.30am: Story Time

5pm Wednesday 25 July:

Writers' Corner

Monday 16 July 11am:

Free Hearing Tests

Be Connected Tech Sessions: throughout the month

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

What's the Joke Show with Andy Jones

2.30pm 3 July

School Holiday Lego Challenge

9.30am-6pm 5 July

The Lion King movie screening

2.30pm 10 July

For more details call the Benalla Library on 03 5762 2069

BPACC / Benalla Cinema

Check website for cinema screenings
03 5762 5515

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

Planning and Development Committee
Wednesday 18 July 2018

Finance and Operations Committee
Wednesday 25 July 2018

Council Meeting
Wednesday 1 August 2018

Meet our Councillors by visiting
www.benalla.vic.gov.au

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Mayor's Message - visit to Canberra

On Sunday 17 June, Cr Barbara Alexander, CEO Tony McIlroy and I travelled to Canberra for the Australian Local Government Association 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government, which brings together representatives from 546 councils across Australia. The Assembly provides a unique opportunity for our Council to advocate on behalf of the community. This year, we reported to the Department of Regional Development and Infrastructure the finalisation of the airport redevelopment project and secured a further payment, discussed future funding opportunities and were able to develop relationships with Ministers at a federal level. Our good

record as a grant funding recipient is based on this kind of advocacy. A highlight of our discussions includes talking to Bruce Mills, senior adviser to the Hon Dr John McVeigh MP, Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, where we put forward our case that decentralisation plans should be based on the strengths of local communities, and were able to promote Benalla Rural City as a place with great foundations for growth. We also met with Professor Tillman Ruff AM, an Australian physician and Nobel Peace Laureate 2017, pictured with wife, Charlotte, Cr Barbara Alexander and I. The conference was hugely informative and was a great



opportunity for us to promote Benalla Rural City to all levels of government.

- Mayor, Cr Don Firth.

Join our NAIDOC Week celebration



NAIDOC Week is held nationally from 8-15 July 2018 as a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year's theme, *Because of Her, We Can*, celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and the contributions they make to our communities, our families and our history.

Join us for story time and craft activities to suit all ages on Thursday 12 July 2018 from 2pm-4pm at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library). Bookings essential on 03 5762 2069.

12 licences through L2P



12 young people have obtained their licence through our L2P learner driver mentoring program in 2018.

The program recently received a new Toyota Corolla, sponsored by Benalla Toyota with support from Winton Motor Raceway and the Benalla Auto Club. The vehicle allows the L2P Program to keep running in Benalla Rural City, so learner drivers can gain supervised driving hours with support from volunteer mentors.

Congratulations to all the recent graduates and thank you to the volunteer mentors. Pictured: Andrew with mentor Rod celebrating his new licence.

Be Connected

The Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library) is hosting a program to help seniors gain confidence using technology in small group tutorials. Courses suit all levels from beginner to more advanced users. Contact the Library on 03 5762 2069.

