# Community Connect



### **Benalla Art Gallery**

Exhibition: Looking But Not Seeing Until 4 November 2018

Exhibition: Samantha Heriz: **Initial Suspicions** Until 21 October 2018 Visit the website for the full range of school holiday activities.

Bookings on 03 5760 2619 www.benallaartgallery.com.au

#### Sir Edward 'Weary' **Dunlop Learning Centre**

Sit & Knit Every Wednesday 2pm Story Time Every Friday 10.30am Make your own plant head 4 October 10am On the Page Book Club 8 October 1.30pm Bookspace 9 October 10am & 23 October 10am Book Chat 18 October 11am Home Library Service 22 & 23 October Water Wise 23 October 11am Writers' Corner 31 October 5pm

Visit or contact the Benalla Library on 03 5762 2069 for more details.

#### **BPACC / Benalla Cinema**

The Men in Black Tour Friday 5 October 8pm All the World's a Stage with Silvie Paladino - 'A Tribute to Cumo' Sunday 7 October 2pm Benalla Migrant Camp Short Film Premiere Sunday 4 November 3pm 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

Council Meeting Wednesday 10 October 2018 Planning and Development Committee 31 October 2018

Special Meeting of Finance and **Operations Committee** 31 October 2018

Finance and Operations Committee and Special Meeting of Council 7 October 2018

Council Meeting and Special Meeting of Council 14 November 2018

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# **Acting Mayor's Message**

It's a great time to be the Acting Mayor of Benalla Rural City.

On 25 September, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan opened the first round of the State Government's \$100 million Fixing Country Roads Program.

As a Council, we are committed to advocating for our Rural City's share of the available funding to upgrade local infrastructure.

#### SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR RURAL COMMUNITY

This prolonged period of ongoing dry weather is a challenge for our rural community.

The Council's Rural Outreach Program aims to support the health and wellbeing of people in our community.

Ivan Lister, Council's Rural Outreach Worker, visits rural residents in their homes or elsewhere and talks about issues and challenges and can provide avenues for assistance, such as referrals to support services.

At this time, as much as ever, the support provided by the Rural Outreach Program is important and necessary.

If you or someone you know would like to find out more, you can contact lvan directly on 0474 501 406.

#### **IS YOUR PROPERTY FIRE READY?**

It is the responsibility of property owners to ensure their property is prepared and ready for fire and heat.

Council staff will conduct regular inspections from October to check if properties are safe and ready for the upcoming fire season.

Recommendations include:

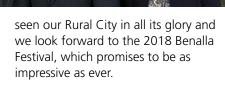
- Grass should be less than 70mm high Rake up dry grass, leaves and other debris
- Keep gutters clear of leaf litter
- Store flammable liquids and
- woodpiles away from your house

The CFA declares the fire danger period, which may start earlier than usual this year due to the dry weather.



Fires can start any time so be prepared.

For more information, contact the Council's Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2600 or visit www.benalla.vic.gov.au



- Cr Peter Davis **Acting Mayor** 

#### LAWN CLIPPINGS ARE HARMFUL TO STREET TREES

Do you stack grass clippings at the base of trees in your garden or on the streets?

Some gardeners do this to create a layer of mulch, but unless the clippings have dried out or have begun breaking down. piled green lawn clippings are harmful to trees.

Green lawn clippings can impact the health of the tree and make it susceptible to unwanted microorganisms that can cause diseases.

Large grass piles can also lead to anaerobic conditions, where a lack of oxygen can make the mulch acidic and harmful.

After mowing your lawns, put your clippings in your green organic waste bin. Please do not place lawn clippings around the base of the street trees.



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In addition, the new country roads body,

Regional Roads Victoria, starts work this

month on a major road rebuild on the

The Benalla Gold Cup over the long

weekend has drawn visitors who have

Hume Highway, near Winton.

