

# community CONNECT

## Benalla Art Gallery

Exhibition: **Ornament and Subject**  
Until 30 September 2018

Exhibition: **Looking But Not Seeing**  
Until 4 November 2018

### EVENTS

Little Artists - Wednesday 5 September  
Visit the website for the full range of school holiday activities.

Bookings on 03 5760 2619

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

## Mayor's Message

On 1 September, the Council began its recruitment process for a Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 94(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

The current CEO Contract of Employment is for a four year term expiring on 31 December 2018. These advertising and recruitment processes take quite some time, so it is time for us to begin now before for the expiry of the current contract.

Tony McIlroy has been in the role of



Chief Executive Officer for more than 15 years. He has led the Council operations from the time of deamalgamation, which was operationally and financially very challenging to the stable and sustainable position it is in today.

After 15 years in the role and 42 years in the Local Government sector, Mr McIlroy has indicated he will not be applying for the position.

- Cr Don Firth, Mayor

## Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre

**Sit & Knit** - Every Wednesday 2pm  
**Story Time** - Every Wednesday 10.30am  
**On the Page Book Club**  
10 September 1.30pm  
**Bookspace**  
11 September 10am  
& 25 September 10am  
**Book Chat**  
Thursday 20 September 11am  
**Home Library Service** - 24 & 25 September  
**Writers' Corner**  
Wednesday 26 September 5pm  
**School Holiday Movie**  
Thursday 27 September 10am

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

## CLEARING NATIVE VEGETATION



In Victoria, a permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation in most circumstances.

Native vegetation refers to all plants indigenous to Victoria, including trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses.

The *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* provide three steps for land managers and owners considering vegetation clearing:

1. Is it possible to avoid removing,

destroying or lopping native vegetation?

2. If it can't be avoided, can you minimise the impact of the clearing?
3. Provide an offset to compensate for the impact your clearing has on local biodiversity.

It's your responsibility to find out whether you need a planning permit. Contact us to confirm your requirements.

Legislation and guidelines can be found at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au).

## WORKS ACROSS THE RURAL CITY



We installed new pipes in Peck Road, Goorambat. This allows drainage under the road, so that water doesn't impact on the quality of the road surface.



We regularly clean gutters to maintain our drainage system. Brick drainage clearing has occurred across several locations.



We have replaced wheel stops in Carrier Street, ensuring vehicles can park safely away from the channel.

## 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)

Planning and Development Committee  
Wednesday 26 September 2018

Finance and Operations Committee  
Wednesday 3 October 2018

Council Meeting  
Wednesday 10 October 2018

Meet our Councillors by visiting [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

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## RURAL TOWNSHIP VISITS

We are committed to promoting, supporting and actively engaging with smaller rural communities.

On Friday 31 August, Cr Don Firth (Mayor), Cr Scott Upston, Cr Barbara Alexander, the Chief Executive Officer, Manager Community and the Community Development Coordinator attended Lima South's 50 year celebration of Lake Nillahcootie. On Saturday 8 September Councillors and Council Officers will attend the opening of the Boweya Community Centre.

Pictured - Cr Barbara Alexander with local historian June Mayne and husband Kevin Mayne.



## CALL US FOR CADDY BIN LINERS

Do you need caddy bin liners? We no longer distribute bags to all households as they go to waste and are not used in some households. Instead, we're asking you to let us know whether you would like them. Bags are available for collection from the Council's Customer Service Centre. Contact us if you are unable to collect them and need to make other arrangements.

