

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This month, many of us have been affected by the tragic news of unexpected deaths in our community. As a Council, we extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends who have been directly affected.

We commend the work of organisations that operate in a hands-on way to improve community health. In the school environment, the Live4Life Program is supported by Benalla Rural City Council and has been adopted by Benalla P12 College and FCJ College. As a Council, we are committed to doing what we can to create resilience and improve the mental health of our community, but there is always more work to do.

If you feel like you're not coping, help is available in Benalla, online and by phone. If you need support or if you know someone else who needs help, reach out.

If you have been recently bereaved or impacted by suicide, contact 'StandBy Support After Suicide' for our region on 0439 173 310.

For crisis support, Lifeline is available 24/7 on 13 11 14. Beyond Blue can be reached on 1300 22 4636. In the event of a medical emergency, call 000.



## COUNCIL AWARDS MORE THAN \$76,000 IN GRANTS

Congratulations to the many community organisations and individuals who successfully applied for grant funding under the Council's Community Support Program. More than \$76,000 was awarded across 45 grants, comprised of 32 community grants, three youth participation grants and 10 major event funding grants.

Projects awarded community grants include the Benalla and District Preschool Partnership for the purchase of new educational play equipment for both the Bernard Briggs Kindergarten and Munro Avenue Pre School and the Benalla Bushrangers Cricket Club Inc. for the replacement of the worn cricket pitch surface with synthetic turf at the

Benalla Gardens Oval Cricket nets.

Major event funding recipients include Lake Benalla Triathlon, Winton Historic Vehicle Tour, Moorngag Mower Mania and the Devenish Silo Art Remembrance.





## INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS ACROSS BENALLA RURAL CITY



During autumn and winter the street sweeper vacuums our streets to ensure fallen leaves don't block gutters and drains.



Kerb and channel replacement works have been taking place on Riverview Road.



The footpaths in Church Street have been resealed. Resealing work is continuing on Benalla Street and Mackellar Street.



Drainage clearing works have been carried out behind Ironbark Drive.

The grader has been working in Goomalibee on Basin Road, Burness Road, Carroll Road and Kelleher Road. In the Winton Lurg area we've graded the shoulders on Winton-Lurg Road and we've completed Greta Road, Embling Road and Sudholz Road. In Taminick, we've worked on Upper Taminick Road, Ashmeads Road and Booth Road.

## BE SAFE AT SCHOOL CROSSINGS



We patrol school zones from 8am-9.30am and from 2.30pm-4pm. During these times, speed limits are reduced to 40km/h. Being safe around school crossings means we can increase the safety of children on their way to and from school.

Thanks to the Benalla Police for the photograph.

## DID YOU KNOW?



### SCHOOL CROSSINGS

We have 14 school crossings in Benalla which are controlled by 18 school crossing supervisors.

Under the *Road Safety Road Rules 2017*, whenever the school crossing flags are displayed, it is illegal to stop or park:

- 20 metres before a school crossing
- 10 metres after a school crossing
- within 10 metres of an intersection

If school crossing flags are displayed, you must stop for pedestrians. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

Rules around school crossings are made to keep our roads safe for children.

## MOBILE IMMUNISATION SERVICE

We offer immunisation clinics to the community through a mobile service. Some vaccinations are free to certain groups. For example, the flu shot is free for children under six, pregnant women, people over the age of 65 and other vulnerable people.

The immunisation service usually visits Benalla on the first Monday of the month.

**10am-11.30am**

Benalla Community Care

Ray Sweeney Centre

**45 Coster Street, Benalla**

**12.45pm-1.30pm**

Waminda Neighbourhood House

**19 Ballantine Street, Benalla**

Call 1800 655 360 for more details. Bookings are not required. To ensure your vaccine is available, call two weeks in advance.



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