

Council NEWS

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\$440K FOR BENALLA LANDFILL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

The Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre will soon have better facilities for the public to sort their waste and recycling directly from their trailer and new facilities for sorting e-waste.

The Council has received \$440,000 from the Victorian Government, as part of a \$900,000 upgrade for the construction

of a Transfer Station, which includes a covered, elevated sorting area for the public to back their trailer up to and the construction of a shed for sorting e-waste.

The Victorian Government will ban e-waste (electronic waste), which includes televisions, computers, mobile

telephones, kitchen appliances and white goods from going into general waste from 1 July 2019.

The upgrade includes improvement to the internal road structure, so all vehicles will move in a forward circular direction, making the process safer and simpler.

DID YOU KNOW? WASTE IN OUR RURAL CITY

5,521 tonnes of municipal waste is collected from kerbside and street litter bins.

Of this, **38%** (2,078 tonnes) goes to landfill

32% (1,787 tonnes) is recycled

30% (1,656 tonnes) is organic waste

This means **62% is diverted from landfill.**

This is a good result compared to other small rural councils. Alpine Shire divert less than 50% and Mansfield Shire divert less than 35%.

Our organics composting has saved more than **3 million kilograms** of carbon dioxide - the equivalent of **27,210 tanks of petrol**

1,580 tonnes of green waste was processed at our transfer station and used as mulch

300 tyres (5.94 tonnes) were recycled into playground and recreation infrastructure, such as soft fall

334 tonnes of scrap metal was sent for recycling

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 included 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 and his wife, Charlotte (pictured), who own a property at Swanpool. Professor Ruff is an Australian physician and Nobel Peace Laureate 2017.

- Mayor, Cr Don Firth.



KILFEERA ROAD OVERPASS

The road edges of the Kilfeera Road overpass were damaged recently by heavy rain.

The repair work included replacing the existing edging with cement and stabilised crushed rock and a sealing layer of asphalt.

Cracks in the overpass were filled with fine stone and emulsion.

GRADER IN STEWARTON & CHESNEY VALE



On Bowcher Road in Chesney Vale, our grader widened the road, which was very narrow at the crest.

The grader has been working in the Stewarton area on:

- Benalla/Boundary Road
- Love Road
- Ballintine Road
- Dicker Road
- Dookie College Road

And in the Chesney Vale area on:

- Goudie Road
- McGann Hill Road
- Bowcher Road
- Farnley Road
- Glenrowan/Boweya Road

KERB AND CHANNEL REPLACEMENT

Kerb, channel and footpath renewal works have been undertaken in Bridge Street. Thirty linear metres of kerb and channel were replaced between Carrier Street and Smythe Street. The new kerb and channel will ensure water drains away quickly and doesn't pool outside the restaurants and retail stores on that section on Bridge Street.

Twenty-five square metres of footpath were also renewed during the works. This is in addition to 240 metres of new concrete footpath along Bridge Street, ensuring increased accessibility for pedestrians and mobility scooters.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The major event on Benalla Rural City's calendar needs your help. The Benalla Festival is looking for volunteers to help make the 2018 event bigger and better than ever. We need people with all kinds of skills that are willing to get involved and be creative.

This year, the Benalla Festival runs from 3-11 November 2018 on the foreshore of Lake Benalla and around the Rural City. The Festival's theme is 'Our Backyard' and is a celebration of special places and spaces.



PARKING SAFELY IN BENALLA RURAL CITY

Parking regulations are State Laws, which the Council oversees. The laws are designed to maintain safety and allow for a fast turnover of parking spaces in areas where this is needed. Some offences that carry fines include:

- Road Rule 205 - Parked for a period longer than indicated
- Road Rule 211 (2) - not completely within a parking bay
- Road Rule 189 (1) - double parked

Double parking is especially dangerous for pedestrians and other vehicles. The infringement penalty is \$95.

Parking for a period longer than indicated has an infringement penalty of \$95. Be aware of your time limit when parking and avoid receiving an infringement on your windscreen or in the mail.

