

Council NEWS

February 2020

BENALLA
RURAL CITY

Mayor's Message

I look forward to 2020 and expect it to be another productive year with a robust outlook for capital and community projects.

We need to count our blessings and be thankful to have been spared the devastation suffered by our neighbours and other Councils across the country

Some of our Council staff have been deployed to the bushfire incident centres and others are on standby to act if the threat increases.



We are a resilient and caring community and I ask everyone to take care of each other in the coming year.

If you have concerns about your friends or neighbours physical or mental health

please talk to them and ask if they require assistance.

Cr Danny Claridge
Mayor

If you have been impacted by the recent bushfires, help is available. Community members should seek help through the Victoria Bushfires Case Support Program on 1800 560 760.

You can also call the Australian Psychological Society Referral Service on 1800 333 497. If your health has been impacted, see your doctor and counsellor or psychologist.

Visit benalla.vic.gov.au to stay up-to-date as more support resources become available.

NEW SWIMMING POOL AND SPA REGULATIONS

On 1 December 2019, new laws came into effect in Victoria to improve swimming pool and spa safety.

Owners are now required to register their pool and spa with their local Council and have their safety barrier inspected once every four years.

This applies to all pools and spas capable of containing water deeper than 300mm (30cm).

If you own a property with a swimming pool or spa, it is your responsibility to ensure your pool is registered with the Council by 1 June 2020. We won't be sending formal notifications in the mail.

Contact us to register your pool. There is a once-off fee of \$79.08. Once you've registered, we'll send you a letter confirming the next steps for you to lodge the required safety barrier inspection certificate.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Does your community group have a great idea for a local event or to improve facilities and services for the local community?

The Council's 2020 Community Grants Program is now open until 25 March 2020.

The program allocates funding in four categories:

- Community grants up to \$2,500
- Major Event Funding up to \$1,500
- Youth Participation Grants up to \$1,000
- Community Sponsorship, allocated monthly in amounts of up to \$500.

Find out more by visiting benalla.vic.gov.au

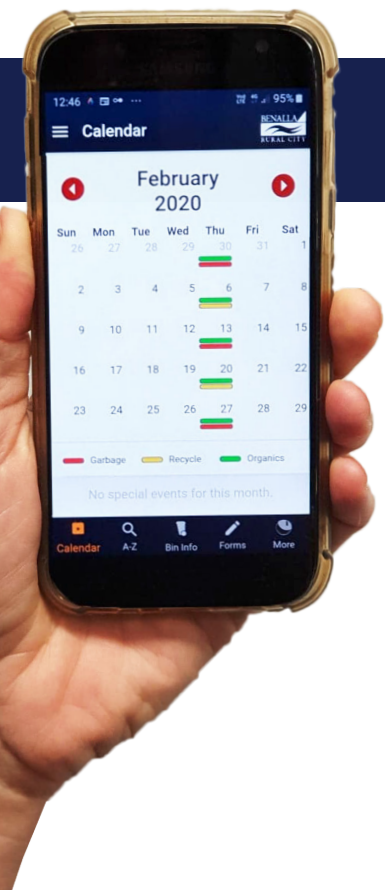


AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES REVIEW

Expressions of interest are currently being sought from organisations with capacity to deliver aged and disability services currently provided by Benalla Rural City Council.

Based on responses and potential providers' ability to meet key selection criteria, the Council will decide in May 2020 if it continues to provide these services or it recommends to the Australian Government that an alternative provider be contracted.

For more information go to benalla.vic.gov.au



DID YOU KNOW? WASTE AND RECYCLING IS EASIER WITH THE NEW COUNCIL WASTE APP

Which bin should go out tonight? Red lid or yellow? Can I put this in the green bin? You'll never have to guess again with a new app that helps keep track of when to put your bins out, how to recycle correctly and how to dispose of less common items.

The Waste App has:

- a personalised waste calendar for your address
- the ability to set up collection reminders
- a guide to help determine what goes in which bin
- an A-Z list of items and how to dispose of them
- forms for common issues, including damaged bins and reporting illegal dumping.

Download the BRCC Waste App the the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Over the next few weeks you may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services. They're conducting a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Councils across Victoria. Your details and individual responses are confidential. The overall results are shared with the Council. We value the feedback you provide in this survey.

GRADER



The grader has been in the Swanpool area on Swanpool Road, Nillahcootie Track, Warnock Road, Martins Road and in Chesney Vale on Chesney Vale Road, Burston Road, Goudie Road and McGann Hill Road.

WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY

We completed these works over the summer period:

Replaced 40 fire plug posts that had been stolen. Fire plug posts are used by the CFA to indicate where in-ground fire hydrants are located.

Completed major road patching in Cook Street, Benalla.

Repainted directional arrows in Denny Street, Benalla

Cleaned table drains in Maude Street, Benalla.

Continued our work resheeting roads as part of our Capital Projects Program, including:

- 2.47 km on Glenrowan Boweya Road, Glenrowan
- 3.05 km on Goorambat Dookie College Road, Goorambat
- 3.65 km on Devenish Road, Devenish
- 1.6 km on Sharpe Road, Broken Creek
- 1.2 km on Old Thoona Road, Benalla



Replacing fire plug posts in Benalla



Major road patching works in Cook Street



Resheeting - Devenish Road, Devenish



Clearing table drains in Maude Street

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