Council NEWS

June 2021





BENALLA FESTIVAL 30 OCTOBER – 7 NOVEMBER

The much-loved Benalla Festival is set to return for 2021 after COVID-19 restrictions saw the community event cancelled for 2020.

This year, the Festival's theme is *Our Community, Our Future*. It's a chance to reimagine, reconnect and celebrate.

Some elements of the Festival will be changed to accommodate COVIDSafe event requirements. We are looking at these requirements as an opportunity to reimagine how we celebrate our community through the Festival.

The Festival program will highlight our rural communities with events across our townships during the Festival's first weekend from 30 to 31 October. The second weekend will feature events in Benalla from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 November.

We're taking Expressions of Interest from potential event holders. Go to **enjoybenalla.com.au/benalla-festival** to sign up.

TRANSFER STATION CONSTRUCTED AT BENALLA LANDFILL

A new transfer station has been constructed at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre. The project is in its final stages, with works being completed on the access route at Old Farnley Road.

Once the transfer station opens you won't have to drive up to a muddy landfill cell to dispose of waste.

The new sawtooth bin arrangement

(pictured below) makes disposing of waste safer, easier and cleaner. The new layout includes an undercover e-waste and recyclables area.

Every element of the new transfer station has been designed to increase operational efficiences and reduce the carbon footprint of waste disposal in Benalla Rural City.

A volume-based fee system will allow the customer to pay upon entry without having to return to the weighbridge.

The project has received funding from the Victorian Government.
Read more about it on our website at benalla.vic.gov.au

2021 AUSTRALIAN LIVEABILITY CENSUS

More parks or more parking? Playgrounds or night life?

Have your say in the 2021 Australian Liveability Census. The Census provides important feedback about how our community is performing and enables us to compare our community to others across Australia.

The Census is Australia's largest social research project. It's being conducted by Place Score. So far, more than 80,000

Australians have participated in a Place Score research study.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. Participants can go into the draw to win a \$100 shopping voucher. We'll use the results to help understand what our community cares about and how liveable our neighbourhoods are compared to our Australia-wide neighbours.

Survey closes 30 June 2021. Go to **placescore.org/dc**



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WORKS ACROSS BENALLA RURAL CITY





KERB AND CHANNEL REPLACEMENT ACROSS THE RURAL CITY

We've been working on kerb and channel replacements across Benalla. As well as the 300 metres in Waller Street (story below), we are replacing:

- · 12 metres in Russell Street
- 26 metres in Ballintine Street
- 15 metres in Clarke Street
- 20 metres in Hope Street.



CHURCHILL RECREATION RESERVE ENTRANCE

We're installing 300 metres of kerb and channel in Waller Street, from Margaret Street to Clarke Street. The works extend along the Churchill Recreation Reserve side of the street and include a new concrete entrance to the Reserve with underground drainage.

ROAD GRADING



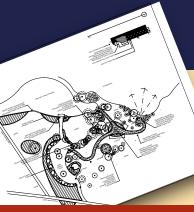
The grader has been working in:

Tatong area

- Mitchell Road
- Mt Joy Road
- Larkin Road
- Stephens Road

Tarnook area

- Basin Road
- Steels Road
 - Four Mile Road



CHECK OUT THE FINALISED DESIGNS FOR THE ABORIGINAL GARDEN

After extensive consultation with the community, we have finalised plans for the Aboriginal Garden.
Construction of the expansion is now underway. The new design is available to view on our website.



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