

## Mayor's Message

The weather is warming and it's a wonderful time to be in Benalla Rural City. It is also a time that comes with risks that we need to manage as a community.

Remember to prioritise your health and safety in the heat.

Enjoy being outside and stay active but be sure to keep cool during extreme

heat. Drink plenty of water, stay out of the sun and always apply sun protection.

Some people struggle more with the heat than others. Look after one another and be sure to check in on your friends and neighbours. This is especially important for people who are frail, sick or otherwise vulnerable in the heat.

Keep your pets healthy and cool by providing them with plenty of shade and water.

Enjoy Benalla's weather by staying safe and having fun during the summer months.

**Cr Scott Upston**  
Mayor

## HELP MANAGE FRUIT FLY



Do you have an old fruit tree or new veggie patch in your backyard?

Queensland Fruit Fly is a serious risk to our region's horticulture industry, backyard orchards and vegetable gardens. Fruit fly is most active in warmer months. It infests fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

It takes a whole community to stop the spread of the Queensland Fruit Fly. Here are some things you can do to help:

- set traps and monitor them at least weekly
- protect fruit with netting, traps, insecticide and bait spray
- collect and destroy fallen, rotten or unwanted fruit and vegetables
- prune fruit trees or remove host plants altogether if you can't manage them

For more information go to [benalla.vic.gov.au](http://benalla.vic.gov.au)

## DID YOU KNOW? SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

The weather's warming up and it's time to check that your swimming pool safety barrier is compliant. Some tips include:

- Check your gate is self closing and self latching
- Be sure your fence has a clear space of 900mm on the outside and 300mm on the inside, including furniture, plants and pool covers
- Gaps under and between fence rails need to be less than 100mm
- The latch needs to be at least 1500mm above the ground.

### Thinking about an above ground pool this summer?

If the depth of the pool is 300mm or more, you'll need a building permit and a compliant safety barrier.

Inflatable pools are subject to the same regulations under the *Building Act 1993* and the *Building Regulations 2018*.

Swimming pool safety is everyone's responsibility, whether or not you have children living at your home.

For up-to-date information about swimming pool regulations and compliance, go to [benalla.vic.gov.au](http://benalla.vic.gov.au)







## SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS FReeZA COMMITTEE

The FReeZA committee is a group of young people who manage and lead events and activities for young people in our community.

On Friday 11 October, the FReeZA committee hosted 'The Push', an all-ages music event.

More than 300 people filled the Benalla Town Hall to see Baker Boy and Ruby Fields, who are some of Australia's best contemporary artists.

The Benalla FReeZA committee partnered with the FReeZA committees of Alpine Shire Council, Strathbogie Shire Council and Indigo Shire Council to organise the event.

If you are interested in music and events and would like to gain valuable experience through volunteering, visit [benalla.vic.gov.au](http://benalla.vic.gov.au) to find out more about the FReeZA committee and how you can get involved.



## LIVE4LIFE BENALLA 2019 CELEBRATION

On 23 October, Year 8 students from P-12 College and FCJ College came together to celebrate another successful year of Live4Life Benalla.

All Year 8 students had the opportunity to complete teen mental health first aid training and participate in a creative

competition to help promote the theme 'Benalla 3672 we're here for you'.

The Live4Life celebration was organised by the Live4Life Benalla Crew, a group of Year 9 and 10 students who volunteer throughout the year to organise Live4Life events and activities.



## WORKS ACROSS BENALLA RURAL CITY



We have replaced 103 metres of kerb and channel in Monds Avenue, Bourke Drive, Noonan Street, Church Street and First Avenue.

We've replaced 18m<sup>2</sup> of concrete footpath in Shadforth Street, resealed 570m<sup>2</sup> of footpath in Salisbury Street and constructed a disability parking bay and footpath in Church Street that makes it easier for people with disabilities to use. The parking bay is outside the Church Street Surgery.

Getting into the Denny Street car park will now be a whole lot smoother.

We've resurfaced the road and replaced the rubber speed bump.

This new surface should be good for about 20 years.

We have graded the road shoulders in the Warrenbayne, Baddaginnie, Goorambat and Thoona areas on these roads:

- Benalla-Warrenbayne Road
- Baddaginnie-Warrenbayne Road
- Swanpool-Warrenbayne Road

- Goorambat-Thoona Road
- Devenish Road
- Devenish-Wangaratta Road
- Sayers Road

Shoulder grading makes roads safer for drivers and protects the edge of the road from damage.

