

Victorian Seniors Festival a fun celebration

The Victorian Seniors Festival is being celebrated in Benalla Rural City from 7 - 20 October 2017 and celebrates Victorians aged 60 and over and the contribution they make to the community.

The festival includes a range of free and low-cost events and activities including movie screenings, workshops, concerts, open garden tours, exhibitions and more. Public transport is also free for Victorian Seniors Card holders from 8 – 15 October 2017.

#VictorianSeniorsFestival

For more information visit www.benalla.vic.gov.au



2017 Citizen of the Year Vince Branigan and
Young Citizen of the Year Hannah Humphries.

2018 Australia Day Award nominations are now open

Do you know a person, event or community group who deserves recognition for their achievements and contribution to the community?

Anyone can nominate an individual, community group or event for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year, Community Event of the Year or District Achiever.

Nominations close on Monday 4 December 2017. Forms are available at www.benalla.vic.gov.au the Customer Service Centre and the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre.

Awards will be presented to the winners on Australia Day, Friday 26 January 2018 at BPACC.

VOLUNTEER FOCUS Tech Savvy Volunteers giving Tech Help at the Library

Volunteers at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library) can help you with basic computer tasks like setting up an email account, searching the internet, transferring photos and filling out online forms.

The free, one-on-one Tech Help sessions are held at the Library on every second Tuesday from 10 October 2017 between 1pm and 3pm.

Bookings are essential through the Library on 03 5762 2069. Book a library computer or bring your own device.

Please note that the sessions are for helping with tasks, not computer repair.



Tech Help volunteer
Christine Glynn, with
Trevor Banfield at the
Benalla Library.

Volunteers required: If you have good computer skills and would like to be a Tech Help volunteer, please contact the Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2600 or email council@benalla.vic.gov.au. **Find the Benalla Library on Facebook.**



IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARGARET STREET BUS STOP

In the last month we have made drainage improvements to the pedestrian area at the bus stop in Margaret Street, Benalla. The area will now drain quicker, making it safer and easier to access the bus stop.



2017 BENALLA FESTIVAL: 4 – 12 NOVEMBER



The 2017 Benalla Festival will celebrate music and dance with the festival theme, Good Vibrations.

This year the Festival will again feature live music, family attractions, art exhibitions, the annual Street Parade and Saturday by the Lake events plus the Day in the Gardens market.

www.benallafestival.com.au



DID YOU KNOW?

In the 2016/17 year, the Council's **Planning Unit**:

- processed 96% of planning applications within the required 60 statutory days, against the state average of 62%.
- took an average of 21 days to process applications, against the state average of 83 days.

In the 2016/17 year, the Council's **Building Unit**:

- received 189 Building Permits
- received 30 Building Notices and Orders
- conducted 565 building inspections
- oversaw 1 prosecution related to illegal building works

From April to June 2017 **business enquiries** received by the Council more than doubled to 81 compared with same time last year.

Children's Week

Children's Week is held every October to celebrate childhood and showcase children's achievements.

A Children's Week science activity will be held for all ages at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre on Tuesday 24 October from 3.15pm to 5pm.

For bookings and enquiries contact the Benalla Library on 03 5762 2069.



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