



Benalla Visitor Information Centre Redevelopment

The Benalla Visitor Information Centre will be redeveloped to modernise the facility, improve the visitor experience and provide a home for a centralised, modern Benalla Cinema.

The \$1.524M redevelopment of this prime location is scheduled to be complete by December 2021 and has received \$500,000 from the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund with the balance from Council.

Having a Benalla Cinema that is the right size and in the right location will ensure the long-term financial sustainability of a cinema for Benalla. Moving the cinema out of BPACC means the Council, GOTAFE and the Victorian Government can work together to develop an appropriate future for the current education precinct, which the BPACC building is part of.

Congratulations to the community groups and event organisers that received grants worth \$89,367 in the Council's Community Support Program. There were many applications which demonstrated how our community is willing to take the initiative to put together projects and events that benefit our Rural City.

PROJECTS AND GRANT FUNDING

In response to the impact COVID-19 restrictions have had on local communities, the Australian and Victorian governments have made available grant and project funding to re-activate local economies.

We've worked hard to ensure Benalla Rural City gets maximum benefit from these opportunities, both in the immediate term from a construction perspective and longer term from infrastructure development to stimulate the local and visitor economies.

This table shows the confirmed projects. These projects include dedicated funds for inclusions, such as upgrades and repairs to roads and footpaths, the development of a boulder park and interpretive trail for Lake Benalla and direct community funding as part of the Drought Funding project.

As more projects are confirmed, we'll tell you about them. We'll keep you up to date on the progress of these projects as they are delivered.

Project	Drought Funding	Building Works	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	Visitor Information Centre and Museum upgrade
Funding Source	\$1M Australian Government	\$2M Victorian Government \$500k Council	\$975k Australian Government	\$500k Victorian Government \$1M Council
Forecast Completion	June 2021	June 2021	June 2021	December 2021



SPLASH PARK

The construction of Benalla's splash park is now complete, with the concrete poured, water-play equipment installed and the pipework and services connected.

The splash park has been funded by the Victorian Government.

Landscaping of the splash park site will take place after the cool winter months and in time for the park to be ready for full use by next summer.

DROUGHT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Do you have an idea for a community infrastructure project? In response to Benalla Rural City being declared drought affected, funding is available for projects that will:

- create employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought
- provide social benefit
- stimulate local spending
- provide a long-lasting benefit to communities or to agricultural industry

The Council has received \$1M in Drought Funding from the Australian Government's Drought Communities Program. Of this, \$335,000 is being allocated as a Community Fund, meaning eligible community groups can apply to the Council for up to \$20,000 for each project.

Go to benalla.vic.gov.au for more information and to apply.

SWIMMING POOL REGISTRATIONS

The deadline to register your pool is now 1 November 2020.

If you own a property with a pool or spa, it's your responsibility to register with the Council. This is a new State Government law. All pools or spas capable of containing water deeper than 300mm (30cm) need to be registered.

Go to benalla.vic.gov.au for more information about how to register.



WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY

After the massive rain event on 29 April, our team had a lot of work to do to get our Rural City cleaned up, including making sure trees were safe, clearing drains and repairing damaged paths and roads.

We have repaired Kilfeera Road after part of it washed away.

GRADER

Our grader has been working around Goorambat and Lurg on Benalla Boundary Road, Love Road, Chesney Road, Hooper Road, Granite Road, Green Road and Greta Lurg Road.



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