

Australia Day Award Winners

Congratulations to the Australia Day award winners, who were presented with awards on 26 January 2021.

The award winners are:

- Benalla Rural City Citizen of the Year - June Howard
- Benalla Rural City Young Citizen of the Year – Lia Greenhalgh
- COVID-19 Most Helpful Citizen – Alan Prideaux
- Benalla Rural City Community Group of the Year – Benalla Theatre Company
- Baddaginnie Achiever of the Year – Baddaginnie Opportunity Shop
- Benalla Achiever of the Year – Anna Smith



*Devenish Achiever of the Year
– June Howard*

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- Goorambat Achiever of the Year – Alan Prideaux
- Tatong Achiever of the Year – Pat Manser



*Benalla Rural City Young Citizen of the Year
– Lia Greenhalgh*

- Thoona Achiever of the Year – Thoona Community

Congratulations to all award winners. Thank you for your contribution to your community during 2020.

LAKE DRAWDOWN



Lake Benalla is being drawn down to control the aquatic cabomba weed.

Cabomba smothers native aquatic vegetation, clogs pumps and filters and compromises water quality.

Lowering the water levels dries the weed out and is the most efficient method of control. The timing ensures platypus young are mobile and can safely move to other areas.

Goulburn Broken CMA is working with Benalla Rural City Council, the Australian Platypus Conservancy and Goulburn-Murray Water on the project. For more information visit gbcma.vic.gov.au or phone 5822 7700.

SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINATIONS



Book now for your routine vaccinations by calling 1800 655 360.

Protect yourself and others around you with free vaccinations.

As COVID-19 restrictions lift and people start to increase their contact with others, we need to maintain our immunisation against preventable infections.

Many people missed their regular vaccination during restrictions. With COVID-19 vaccinations expected in 2021, our team is likely to be busy. Schedule your vaccinations now to avoid peak times.

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.

RE-GATHERING BENALLA ART GALLERY

Benalla Art Gallery is presenting Re-gathering, an exhibition informed by the Benalla community's shared experiences of COVID-19 during 2020.

The Gallery asked members of the Benalla community questions relating to their COVID-19 experience and have drawn works from both the Benalla Art Gallery Collection and the RACV Art Collection in response to that survey.

The exhibition provides a lens through which people explore their individual and collective experiences of 2020.

Re-gathering marks a significant new partnership, with this being the first time

RACV has loaned a large body of art works to a regional gallery.

The exhibition is also supported by MPavilion - Australia's leading architecture commission and cultural laboratory – who with RACV are working to support regional communities through art and encourage conversation around social issues impacting Victorians.

For talks, school holiday events and programs relating to Re-gathering, go to benallaartgallery.com.au. Re-gathering is open until 20 June 2021.

Top: George Feather Lawrence, Kings Cross, Sydney 1960, oil on composition board, 33.0 x 43.5 cm, Ledger Gift, 1987, 1987.09, Benalla Art Gallery Collection, © Estate of George Feather Lawrence / Copyright Agency, 2020



Bottom: David Ralph, Indoor Holiday, 2006, oil on canvas, 181 x 135 cm. Courtesy the artist, photographer Christian Capurro, RACV Art Collection.



BASKETBALL HALF COURT COMPLETE

We have built a basketball half court next to the Benalla Skate Park including 3 backboards and rings, each with point arcs and keys. The court

has a coloured concrete surface.

The project was funded through the Australian Government Drought Communities Programme.

BOULDER PARK COMPLETE

We have constructed two bouldering climbing structures – a challenge of concentration, balance and problem solving. The boulder park is located between the Splash Park and Benalla Lake.

The 'Titan' is 2.9m high and 7.8m long. The smaller edge is 2.9m high and 3.6m long.

The boulder park is open all year and was funded by the Victorian Government.



WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY

We've constructed a gravel footpath along Baddaginnie-Benalla Road, from The Culdesac to the school crossing. We've been line marking around intersections and school crossings.

Our road maintenance unit has been performing road maintenance on Waller Street and Boger Street. We've also carried out some drainage cleaning works along Sydney Road.

GRADER

We've been grading shoulders on:

Boweya-St James Road
Glenrowan-Boweya Road
Devenish-Wangaratta Road

Benalla-Warrenbayne Road
Baddaginnie-Warrenbayne Road
Warrenbayne West Road
Whites Road



Line marking



Clearing drains

Road maintenance

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