



Mayor's Message

With winter firmly upon us, it's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2023.

Moving into the second half of the year we continue to be busy with many projects on the go and more key projects in the planning stage.

It was great to see the community take advantage of Council's Free Green Waste weekend held on the last weekend of May. Approximately 17 tonnes of green waste was deposited at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre over the two days.

Council will shortly undertake the annual rose prune in the Benalla Botanical Gardens, commencing mid-July. Members of the public wishing to obtain free rose prunings or gardening advice can meet with the Council's horticulture staff onsite.

With school holidays just around the corner, keep an eye on Council's social media for a comprehensive list of what's on this Winter break.

Stay safe and warm,



Mayor Cr Bernie Hearn

Benalla Festival 2023 taking shape



Are you interested in holding an event as part of the 2023 Benalla Festival?

The Benalla Festival Advisory Committee is now taking expressions of interest from interested individuals, groups and organisations to run an event or activity as part of the Benalla Festival program.

A celebration of Benalla Rural City's lifestyle, the Benalla Festival has

been running for more than 50 years.

This year's event commemorates the theme 'Celebrating our Past, Present, Future.'

The festival will be held from Saturday 4 November to Sunday 12 November.

To apply and for more information visit benallafestival.com.au.

Applications close Monday 31 July 2023.

Winter School Holiday program at the Gallery

The Benalla Art Gallery is hosting a range of events these Winter School Holidays.

Tee ReMade

FREE

Wednesday 28 June, 10.30am

Ages 5 – 12 (children under 10 must have a carer present)

Meet and Weave: Ray Brooches with Marion Gaemers

FREE

Wednesday 28 June, 2pm – 4pm

Ages 15+

Block Printing presented by A Fitting Connection

FREE

Thursday 29 June, 10.30am

Ages 8 – 15 (children under 10 must have a carer present)

Creative Creatures with Liz Walker

\$25 members / \$30 non-members

Wednesday 5 July, 10.30am

Ages 5 – 15 (children under 10 must have a carer present)

Shadow-Scapes

\$15 members / \$20 non-members

Thursday 6 July, 10.30am

Ages 5 – 15 (children under 10 must have a carer present)

Little Artists: Shadows, Drawings and Dress Ups

FREE

Friday 7 July, 10.30am

Ages: For pre-schooler children and their parents/carers

Registrations are essential for all School Holiday program events at the Benalla Art Gallery, please call 5760 2619 to secure a spot.

Dog Park construction to start at Churchill Reserve

Following lengthy community and stakeholder consultation by Council, an enclosed off-leash dog park will be constructed at Churchill Reserve, Benalla.

Construction is set to commence shortly.

Council celebrates diversity on IDAHOBIT

The Council raised the pride flag on Friday 17 May to celebrate IDAHOBIT - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia. Young people

helped raise the pride flag and spoke about their lived experience as part of the LGBTIQ+ community in Benalla Rural City.

The event demonstrated that Benalla is a welcoming, diverse and safe place for all.

Climate and Environment Strategy Workshop

Council is holding a series of Climate and Environment Strategy Workshops across Benalla Rural City, starting in Baddaginnie tomorrow evening.

Interested community members are invited to attend and learn more about the work that Council is doing in the Climate and

Environment space.

Attendees will be able to speak directly to Councillors and Council's Environment team to share ideas for Council to include in their Climate and Environment Strategy.

When: Thursday 15 June

Time: 4.30pm – 6pm

Where: Jubilee Hall, 63 Palmerston St, Baddaginnie.

Further community workshops will be held in Swanpool and Gooramab next Tuesday and Thursday respectively. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for details or visit haveyoursay.benalla.vic.gov.au for more information or to get involved.