



Mayor's Message

Welcome to March and the beautiful season of autumn. March marks a time when the leaves start to fall,

and the weather becomes a bit cooler. It's been fantastic to see our town full of visitors visiting our magnificent gallery and botanic gardens. It's also great to see paddle boarders and kayakers on the lake, families using the splash park, people out taking a stroll around beautiful Lake Benalla, and visiting our rural towns. What a great time of year.

During this month, we have a busy line-up of events to fill up your calendar. One of the major highlights will be the rescheduled Benalla Airshow which will be held on Saturday 18 March. The Gliding Club of Victoria have arranged the event, so be prepared for the skies over Benalla Airport to roar into life with the thundering sounds and full throttle entertainment of the airshow extravaganza. The day will feature aerobatic displays, historical static exhibits, and a mass hot air balloon launch.

For a full line-up of this and many more local events visit www.enjoybenalla.com.au

While you're out and about enjoying our local and district events, I hope you notice the hard work that our crews have been putting in around our beautiful region with infrastructure improvements, road upgrades, and footpath construction work taking place.

There is still more work to be done.

A big thank you to all volunteers and staff who help make Benalla beautiful.

Until next time,



Cr Bernie Hearn
Mayor



Pet registrations due

If you haven't registered your dog or cat before, don't worry - you won't be penalised for doing the right thing and registering now.

Dogs and cats over the age of three months living within Benalla Rural City must be registered. Registering your pet is the best way to ensure it's returned to you if it goes missing.

Visit the Customer Service Centre or fill in a form online at benalla.vic.gov.au

New picnic shelter

The new picnic shelter adjacent to the Benalla Library is now complete and features a flat roof design, seating at two picnic tables and USB charging ports accessible on each tabletop.

An initiative of the Friends of Benalla Library, the sheltered outdoor space provides year-round protection from inclement weather and extreme heat.

Funding for this project was made available through the Victorian Government's Outdoor Activation Grant while the Benalla Men's Shed assisted with the installation of the shelter.



Footpath Construction Works



Council will carry out footpath construction works on the west side of Benalla this month, with footpath users advised to take care when entering the area.

This work will see the construction of a footpath along:

- Goomalibee Street (between Kent and Deas streets, on the east side of the street)
- Kent Street (between Arundel and Goomalibee streets on the south side of the street).
- Bond Street (between Clarke and Margaret streets on the north side of the street).

Funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, the completed works will help improve connectivity for our community.

Residents may experience some minor construction noise during these works and will be required to seek an alternate walking path during this time.

Council would like to thank residents for their patience while works are carried out.

Council's contractor Spot On Concreting, will be undertaking works in Goomalibee and Kent Street while One Stop Civil will carry out works in Bond Street.