



Mayor's Message

With Easter behind us for another year, we welcome the month of May, and one of the coldest starts to the year in history. Snow has already fallen and what

a spectacular sight we have seen at some of our neighbouring snow fields. So, pull out your woollies and get ready for Winter.

We will celebrate National Volunteer Week from 15 to 20 May 2023. From coaching weekend footy and netball, cooking sausages for community barbecues, and helping deliver many of Council's programs, activities, and events, we are a community with a strong volunteering culture.

Council currently supports 31 volunteer programs and coordinates more than 275 volunteers. Thank you to all of our volunteers, who give up your time so willingly to support activities throughout our community.

Volunteers gain so much out of giving their time: new friends, a sense of purpose, a connection to the community and the satisfaction of helping others.

If you would like to join our passionate and committed team of volunteers, we would love to hear from you – please get in touch.

Stay warm and until next month,



Mayor Cr Bernie Hearn

New Transfer Station now open



Benalla Rural City's new transfer station is now open to the public and with the new facility comes a handful of changes.

Domestic customers no longer uses the same entrance as the commercial and industrial customers. Instead of using the

old entrance, patrons are asked to follow the recently sealed Old Farnley Road to the new Transfer Station.

The upgraded facilities will allow the community to unload waste and recyclables from vehicles in a safer, easier and cleaner way.

Finally, cost is no longer measured by weight, but instead by volume – see below table. Please note, charges are subject to change.

Waste type	Volume of waste	New charge
General	1m3	\$82
General	3/4m3	\$62
General	1/2m3	\$41
General	1/4m3	\$21
General	1/8m3	\$10.50
Orgainc / Green	1m3	\$19
Organic / Green	3/4m3	\$14
Organic / Green	1/2m3	\$9.50
Organic / Green	1/4m3	\$5
Processed timber	1m3	\$23.50
Contaminated fill	1m3	\$115
Concrete / Bricks	1m3	\$71.50
Clean fill	1m3	\$50

Proposed budget on public exhibition

Council has released its *2023/24 Proposed Budget* for public exhibition. The proposed budget highlights the Council's commitment to recovering from the 2022 flood event, delivering essential services while investing in new projects for essential services, such as road maintenance and waste management.

Submissions regarding the proposed budget must be made before 5pm Thursday 18 May 2022 and can be made online at haveyoursay.benalla.vic.gov.au where you can also download a copy of the budget.

Free green waste weekend coming

Get ready to dispose of your domestic green waste for free on May 27 and 28 at the Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre.

To access free green waste disposal, we ask that you make a trip with just organic (green) waste. You can bring up to 300kg per load. Some conditions apply:

- Domestic customers only, no trucks or tippers,
- We can only accept raw timber in its natural form,
- Stumps need to be less than 400mm in diameter and 1000mm in length.

Flood study underway for Winton township

Council, in partnership with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) and Victoria State Emergency Service (SES), has engaged consultancy firm Stantec to undertake a Flood Scoping Study to investigate the impact of floods on the Winton township. Stantec is currently circulating a survey for Winton residents to complete. The study aims to identify historic flood information for Winton to understand and characterise the flood risk for the township of Winton. Contact Council on 5760 2600 for more information.