



Mayor's Message

I'm so excited that the fantastic first weekend of the Benalla Festival

went off without a hitch! It's great to see our community join with visitors and come together for this wonderful event.

We turn up the energy this weekend, as hundreds of people converge on the foreshore on Saturday evening for the Benalla by the Lake event. It will be packed full of entertainment, food and fun, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display over Lake Benalla.

More than 34 events across our Rural City are part of the 2023 Benalla Festival and putting on such a large and complex festival takes a great deal of planning and work. Thank you to the organisers and to the many volunteers who are giving their time and energy to make it a success.

Events like the Benalla Festival help to showcase what is special and unique about Benalla Rural City. I encourage you to participate in the festival and sample the best of what our community has to offer in one of the many activities and events still to come.



Mayor Cr Bernie Hearn

Nominations open for 2024 Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Australia Day Awards.

The awards celebrate achievements and contributions individuals and community groups have made to the community.

Categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event or Project of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- District Achiever of the Year

Nominations close Friday 1 December 2023.

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Australia Day, Saturday 26 January 2024.



Nomination forms are available from www.benalla.vic.gov.au

Keep your pets safe during fireworks



The Benalla Festival Fireworks display will be held at Lake Benalla on Saturday 11 November between 9pm and 9.15pm (subject to weather conditions), for a duration of approximately 10 minutes.

Pet owners are advised

to lock up, restrain or let their pets into the house for this short period of time.

Road closures

Temporary road closures will be in place for the Festival on Saturday 11 November.

For details visit www.benallafestival.com.au

New surface for Jaycee Island Playground

The playground at Jaycee Island, adjacent to the Lake Benalla walking track, now has new and improved safety features, with Council recently installing a rubber safety ground surface that is wheelchair and pram accessible, anti-slip and shock-absorbent.

Drainage maintenance

Kerb and channel works have been completed in Dunlop Place, helping to improve road drainage and reduce road maintenance problems.

CDS Benalla now open

Benalla is becoming greener, one container at a time, with the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic) now officially open in Benalla.

Residents can return eligible containers at the Foot Waste depot, located at 22 Irwin Road, Benalla to receive a 10¢ refund.

The Container Deposit Scheme helps cut landfill waste, while also supporting the environment. Eligible containers include glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and liquid paperboard (that are empty, with lids on).

Visit <https://cdsvic.org.au> for more information.

Splash Park open

The Benalla Splash Park is now open, as we enjoy warmer days in the lead up to summer. With free entry, it is open every day from 9am to 8pm.

Please use bags for textile recycling.

Council wishes to remind residents that when depositing pre-loved clothing in the textile disposal units at the Landfill, to place items in plastic bags to avoid cross contamination. Benalla's textile recycling service helps discarded textile items from ending up in landfill.