



Mayor's Message

While unseasonal weather, unrelenting rain and flooding have challenged our community recently, I

want to acknowledge and thank residents for being resilient, positive, and proactive.

It was unfortunate that many Benalla Festival events were modified, postponed or cancelled; however, on a positive note this means we have many rescheduled events to look forward to in the New Year.

I congratulate the Benalla Festival Committee and Chair Cr Don Firth for working under such ever-changing conditions, managing Festival locations and logistics.

With a three-year hiatus of the Benalla Festival it was lovely to see everyone out enjoying great company, beautiful weather and celebrating living in our amazing town as a community again.

Until next time, stay safe and dry.



Bernie Hearn, Mayor

Benalla Art Gallery's excellence recognised

The Benalla Art Gallery was recently shortlisted for this year's Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards in The Archival Survival Award for Small Organisations (less than \$1 million operational budget) section.

The Awards, now in their 29th year, are held annually to highlight outstanding achievements in the Victorian museum, gallery, and collecting sector.

Benalla Art Gallery Director Eric Nash

congratulated category winner Bendigo's Golden Dragon Museum.

"To stand alongside industry peers such as the Golden Dragon Museum and the Beechworth Burke Museum (highly commended) is a huge achievement and an acknowledgement to the many people across Council and the community who we regularly collaborate with. Without the generous assistance of many, we would not be able to deliver the program we do," he said.



Audio tour brings Benalla's street art to life

Council has partnered with storytelling tech company Storytowns to produce a new audio tour focusing on Benalla's street art offerings.

The Benalla Street Art Tour recognises and celebrates the region's history and people through a series of spectacular murals created by leading international and local artists, including Adnate's 'Burmese Girl' which has been ranked eighth in the world for street art.

The Storytowns app can be downloaded from your device's app store.

This project was made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund.

November Update - Flood Damage Works



Emergency Works underway

Many local roads across Benalla Rural City have been impacted by the weather and flooding causing road damage.

We have been inspecting and assessing roads, bridges and structures across our network and are delivering emergency repairs where they're needed most, however we are aware that significant damage remains on many of our roads.

We are continuing to prioritise and schedule emergency repairs to flood affected roads with further work also



to come on other roads within our municipality.

Go to www.benalla.vic.gov.au for a list of roads identified as being impacted by the October flood event. Works will be carried out over the coming months.

Road to Recovery starts here

Works to improve local roads across Benalla Rural City has commenced through the 2022/23 Road Re-surfacing Program, funded by the Roads to Recovery Program. These works are additional to the Emergency Works mentioned above.



Our team have been working tirelessly to inspect and prioritise roads for re-surfacing.

Below is a list of roads currently identified for works by contractor Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd.

- Ballintine Street, Benalla
- Benalla-Warrenbayne Road, Warrenbayne
- Boweya-St James Road, Boweya
- Davies Road, Warrenbayne
- Esperanto Street, Benalla
- Fawckner Drive, Benalla



- Goorambat-Thoona Road, Goorambat
- Hakea Court, Benalla
- Lowry Place, Benalla
- Mackellar Street, Benalla
- Sessions Road, Warrenbayne
- Waller Street, Benalla
- Warrenbayne Post Office Road, Warrenbayne
- Winton Lurg Road, Lurg

In addition, we are applying for funding from the Australian Government Disaster Recovery to assist in the recovery of our roads.