



Mayor's Message

Welcome to the August edition of Connecting our Rural City, your Council newsletter.

It's been another busy month at Council with the highly anticipated transformation of the Visitor Centre and Costume and Kelly Museum nearing completion.

The project will see a new visitor services area and exhibition space, with views across Benalla's iconic Monash Bridge, and a centrally located cinema and lakeside restaurant.

We are thrilled that the project will also deliver toilets and change room facilities for our magnificent Splash Park. Another exciting development is the construction of an accessible path from Mair Street to the Splash Park and Benalla Lake Trail.

We can't wait to see this project completed and are planning an official opening in mid-September. However, some services are planned to be open to the public by the end of August.

Keep an eye out on our socials for more updates and sign up to our new Benalla E-Connect e-newsletter!

Until next month,

Cr Bernie Hearn
Mayor



Garden safety illuminated

Pathways linking the Bridge Street Art Gallery entrance to Wedge Street in the Benalla Botanical Gardens are once again lit up, with the installation of 12 LED lights. The new lights have replaced old infrastructure that was previously damaged by vandalism.

The LED light works were funded by the State Government and are included in the Lighting the Lake project that will see more lighting installed around Benalla's iconic lake walk.

These grants are part of the State Government's Building Safer Communities program, which aims to support Victorian communities to address the causes of crime and enhance community safety.



New signage for lake walk installed

New signage has recently been installed at the Lake Benalla Foreshore, including near the Benalla Library (pictured).

The signage highlights our beautiful lake walking trail, the region's Silo Art Trail, Benalla Street Art offerings and more.

Milestone plinths have also been installed around the lake, to mark the 4.25km trail around the lake starting at the new Visitor Centre.



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Have your say on weeds

Council is currently developing a weed and pest Control Plan for 2023-2026 as part of the Roadside Weeds and Pests Program (RWPP).

The RWPP Control Plan will outline Council's past efforts and future plans for weed and pest management. As the first step in the development of the RWPP Control Plan, we are seeking input from the community on priority weeds, roadsides, or areas for treatment, any community-led weed and pest control activities, and areas where treatment should not occur.

For more information and to have your say visit haveyoursay.benalla.vic.gov.au

Street planting update

Council has recently commenced the annual street tree planting program, planting 71 trees.

Council manages the planting, protection, maintenance, and removal of trees on public land. We manage approximately 9,375 street trees, and undertake tree removal, footpath and roadside vegetation clearance, replanting, watering and tree root management.

Tree maintenance is undertaken by a team of Council outdoor staff, a qualified arborist and various contractors.