

Council NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Congratulations everyone and thanks for how you are handling this most unusual time. Please continue to stay at home, exercise social distancing and wash your hands regularly.

Like most organisations, Council has changed the way it works. We're continuing to deliver services, often in new ways. The doors of the Customer Service Centre may be closed but staff are still available to help over the phone or by email. Pet and swimming pool registrations are still due. Building and planning permits are still being issued.



You can continue to lend books from the Library. Order them online then pick them up. The Art Gallery also has some fantastic virtual exhibitions online.

Another great initiative is www.buyfrombenalla.com.au, the online shopping portal. Retailers are

uploading their products onto the website where you can purchase goods and have them delivered to your door.

I urge all retailers to contact us and register your business.

Stay home and stay safe.

Cr Danny Claridge
Mayor

BUY FROM BENALLA

A NEW WAY TO SHOP LOCAL



The COVID-19 social isolation restrictions are keeping us safe, but our local businesses are hurting. Now, you can stay safe at home and support our local businesses by buying local from a new website www.buyfrombenalla.com.au

The online marketplace, which is free for businesses, is open for everyone to shop through.

The initiative was set up in a partnership between the Council, Startup Shakeup, Issimo and Midland Freight.

Access the website at www.buyfrombenalla.com.au

SWIMMING POOL REGISTRATIONS DUE

State Government laws require owners to register any pool or spa on their property by 1 June 2020.

This applies to all pools and spas capable of containing water deeper than 300mm (30cm).

Go to benalla.vic.gov.au to find more information about how to register your pool or spa.



PET REGISTRATIONS NOW DUE

If your dog or cat is registered in Benalla Rural City, gets lost and needs returning to you, we can reunite you with it.

If this happens just once during the year, we'll return your pet for free.

Unregistered dogs and cats that leave their property are much more difficult to reunite with their families. If this happens, you'll need to pay a fee to have your pet returned and a fine for having an unregistered pet.

This year, we're issuing **Lifetime Tags**, so you won't have to get a new tag every year when you register your pet.

There are lots of ways to register your pet. Even though the doors to the Customer Service Centre are closed, you can still pay for your dog or cat registration.

Contact us on 03 5760 2600 to pay over the phone by card. Other options are available. Go to benalla.vic.gov.au to learn more.

WINTON LURG SHOULDER UPGRADE

Winton Lurg Road has had its shoulder widened. The project included widening and sealing road shoulders for a distance of 2.94 kilometres and applying a final seal over the entire road.

The project has improved road safety for users. Now, two cars can pass simultaneously without having to pull aside onto the gravel shoulders.



DID YOU KNOW? BENALLA AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT

The Benalla Airport has had a \$1.6 million upgrade which is now complete. The Council project was made possible with contributions from the State and Federal Governments, Benalla Aviation Museum and Military Air Training Heritage Pty.

Improvements include:

- Installation of modern fuel facility
- A water supply for firefighting purposes
- An extension to the hangar-access tarmac area
- An upgrade to the all-weather access tracks to the hangers
- The installation of signs and a safety fence
- New barriers around the fuel facility that meet Australian standards
- The construction of a longer glider strip
- The replacement of the main underground power supply
- The construction of a Code-A parallel taxiway
- The construction of an amenities building out on the airfield
- Modification and repairs to the storm water retention basins and drainage.

The project brings long-term tourism and business benefits to Benalla Rural City. In 2018-19, more than 3,000 visitors attended the Aviation Museum.

WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY

We've completed drainage works at:

- Goulding Close, Benalla
- Gandini Lane, Lima East
- Tulley Road, Lima East
- Goorambat Chesney Road, Goorambat

We've replaced 75 metres of kerb and channel in Dunn Street, Benalla.

Approximately 70m² of footpath has been replaced across Benalla, including Carrier Street, Bridge Street, Wedge Street and Lowry Place.

We've cleaned drains around town to prepare for wet weather in Cowan Street and Maud Street.



GRADER

Our grader has been busy around Winton and Lurg, working on Greta Road, Sudholz Road, Ross Lane and Embling Road. We've also been grading roads around Tarnook at Goomalibee Road, Terrets Road, Basin Road and Four Mile Road.

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