

Cr DON FIRTH RETURNED AS MAYOR

Cr Don Firth has been re-elected Mayor for a second year, with Cr Scott Upston being elected Deputy Mayor.

The appointments were made at a Special Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and are for a one year term.



Cr Don Firth
(Mayor)



Cr Scott Upston
(Deputy Mayor)

OPERATING HOURS FOR COUNCIL VENUES

Over the holiday period, Council venues will have different operating hours. Days the venues will be closed are:

Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre
Benalla Community Care Ray Sweeney Centre
Customer Service Centre
BPACC
Benalla Art Gallery
Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre
Visitor Information Centre

25 December 2017
Services will be provided as arranged advance
25 December 2017. Re-opens on 2 January 2018
25 December 2017
25 and 26 December 2017
25, 26 and 31 December 2017, 1 January 2018
25 December 2017

The Customer Service Centre, BPACC, Benalla Art Gallery, Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre and Visitor Information Centre will close at 1pm on Thursday 21 December 2017.



We wish you a

*Merry
Christmas*

and a safe and happy New Year.
From the Mayor, Councillors and staff.



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMUNITY CENTRE REVAMPED

The revamped Senior Citizens Community Centre was officially re-opened last month.

The revamp includes improvements to the multi-functional meeting space and kitchen, new blinds, carpet and digital technology, improved energy efficiency and the purchase of a defibrillator. Funding for the \$58,125 upgrade came from the Council (\$20,000), Benalla U3A (\$20,000) and the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program (\$18,125).



NEXT EDITION - Council News

Thanks for your all your feedback on Council News this year. We have enjoyed publishing it – especially knowing it has been so well read. Council News will have a rest in January 2018. **The next edition will be in your letterbox in February 2018.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Meals on Wheels



The Benalla Meals on Wheels service is in need of volunteers for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Approximately 60 volunteers deliver more than 11,000 Meals on Wheels across Benalla every year. Providing delivered, nutritious meals helps people to remain living independently.

Volunteers are rostered to deliver meals from the Benalla Hospital to a designated route of between five and 10 homes. The route takes around one hour and gives recipients the chance to have a quick chat and a daily visitor to their door.

If you can spare an hour on any day of the week or month to help, please contact the Council Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2600.

OUTDOOR CINEMA

Outdoor cinema will be at the Lake Benalla Foreshore from 18 – 21 January 2018.

Four movies will be shown.

- Thursday 18 January – Big Hero 6
- Friday 19 January – Pitch Perfect
- Saturday 20 January – Inside Out
- Sunday 21 January – Red Dog

Food trucks, frozen drinks, popcorn and a bar will be available. Gates open at 6pm.

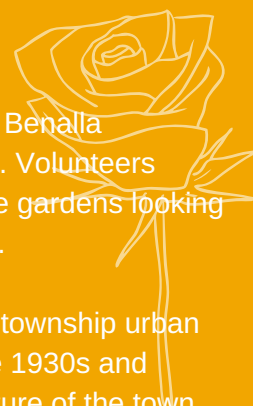
Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the gate or free when booking online at www.cinemapopup.com.au.

The cinema is supported by the Council, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), Benalla Mansfield Toyota and Prime Super.



DID YOU KNOW?

- There are approximately 1,000 rose bushes in the Benalla Botanical Garden, which were established in 1959. Volunteers prune the spent roses twice each week to keep the gardens looking their best and to extend the flowering of the plants.
- More than 8,900 street trees make up the Benalla township urban forest. Many of the street trees were planted in the 1930s and 1940s, including the various Elms which are a feature of the town.



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