

# Council NEWS

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## COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021

The Council is calling on the community to provide feedback on the draft Council Plan 2017-2021. Every four years councils across Victoria must develop a four year plan that identifies key priorities, projects and the best use of Council resources.

The Council held a number of open house sessions in March and April this year, in which more than 200 people provided feedback, gave ideas and suggestions.

You can now provide feedback on the draft Council Plan at [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au). You can also view the draft Council Plan at several locations, including:

- Customer Service Centre
- Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre
- Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre
- Benalla Art Gallery
- Benalla Community Care Centre
- Swanpool General Store & Cinema
- Thoona Pub & General Store
- Tatong Tavern
- Baddaginnie Opp Shop
- Goorambat Hotel & Post Office
- Devenish Store & Hotel
- Waminda Community House
- Mokoan Hub and Café, Winton Wetlands

The Council Plan guides the decisions and actions of the Council for the next four years. Community feedback is critical at this stage of the process.

## 2016/17 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS AWARDED

Congratulations to the many community organisations and individuals who successfully applied for grant funding as part of the Community Support Program.

A total of 51 grants were awarded as part of the program, with 39 community grants, three youth

participation grants and nine major event funding grants awarded. Examples of projects awarded community grants include the Benalla Aquatic Centre water safety and survival program for Grade 5 and 6 students and the Benalla Bushwalking Club for first aid training.

Major event funding recipients include the Austin 7 Club for Historic Winton and the Benalla Migrant Camp Inc. to fund a major reunion.

Every year, these grants provide funds to community groups and event organisers to support projects, activities and events.



The Austin 7 Club received grant funding for Historic Winton.



# ROAD MANAGEMENT

Traffic management, road maintenance and repair work is important. In recent months we have completed the following projects:

- Completed extension of a dangerous culvert at Steep Lane, Lurg
- Replaced 18 lineal metres of kerb and channel in Perth Street, Benalla
- Replaced 64 square metres of concrete footpaths, including in Clarke Street and Bridge Street, Benalla



- 106 box culverts and lids delivered in readiness for the Devenish Drainage project (pictured).
- Grader drainage works completed on Amery Road South, Boweya, Hunter Lane, Benalla and Boweya St James Road, Boweya

## Minor projects completed:

- Daly Lane, Tatong drainage and pavement rehabilitation
- Irvine Road South, Thoona drainage rehabilitation
- Tiger Hill Road, Tatong drainage rehabilitation
- Old Lurg Road, Lurg pavement repair

## NAIDOC Week Celebrations

THURSDAY 6 JULY 2017

NAIDOC Week celebrations at the Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop Learning Centre on Thursday 6 July 2017 will incorporate events and activities designed to help increase understanding of Aboriginal culture. The celebrations are open to everyone and run from 10.30am-12.30pm as part of NAIDOC Week, which is 2-9 July 2017.

Celebrations begin with an acknowledgement to country, followed by story time, short film screenings, boomerang painting and other activities.

The Council is supported by Central Hume Primary Care Partnership

(CHPCP), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), MIND Australia and community volunteers to bring this event together. The Benalla Men's Shed is making wooden boomerangs which will be available for painting on the day. Book at the library on 5762 2069.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Business in Benalla Rural City

These are some of the ways the Council supports business in Benalla Rural City:

- Assistance when setting up or relocating a business - including planning, building, public health and signage permit requirements
- A regular business visitation program to hear what's working, what's not and how we can work together to find solutions
- Monthly free and low cost business seminars and events
- Free mentoring support and referral to appropriate bodies



## Volunteers



Thank you to the Rose Garden Dead Headers, who have finished their dead-heading work. For the past six months they have worked tirelessly to prune more than 1,000 rose bushes.



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