

# Council NEWS

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## Volunteering in Benalla Rural City

In the lead up to National Volunteer Week from 8-14 May, we take a moment to recognise the contribution of volunteers in Benalla Rural City.

Benalla Rural City Council is fortunate to have more than 450 volunteers participating in varied roles across a broad range of programs and services and without this volunteer contribution, many of Council's programs, events and activities could not effectively operate.

Volunteers contribute to making our community stronger and more resilient. Benalla has a strong culture of volunteerism with people from all types of backgrounds who donate various amounts of time.

If you have special skills or a spare hour to invest in our community, please contact us at the Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2260 or email [council@benalla.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@benalla.vic.gov.au)

## Strong half year financial result

The Council has realised a \$442,000 favourable operating result for the half year to 31 December 2016.

The result includes a \$285,000 saving in employee costs after the 2016 staff restructure. This comes from an internally driven strategy of reducing overheads and staff numbers, realising a \$1.1M reduction in operating costs.

## Parking in Benalla Rural City

Benalla Rural City is fortunate to have ample parking. Please remember that it is an offence to double park. Even if you are stopped for a brief period, those who double park risk receiving a fine.

Be safe and courteous when driving and parking in Benalla Rural City.



## FAST FACTS Volunteers in 2016

Volunteers delivered 11,090 meals.

The 'Litter Gatherers' each collect on average 140 litres of litter per week.

L2P volunteers travelled 50,000 km, and helped 18 young people to get their licence in 2016.

Volunteers at BPACC ushered 15,575 patrons.

More than 12,000 visitors were helped by volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre to make the most of their visit.



**Know your Councillors** - check out our website to find about more about the Council and our Councillors, including their participation on Committees and how to contact them - [www.benalla.vic.gov.au](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)

The Council's Capital Works Program 2016/17 includes the following works:

#### Shoulder re-sheeting

Approximate value - \$220,000

##### Roads include:

Bungeet Road  
Sayers Road  
Swanpool Road  
Trewin Road

#### Gravel road re-sheeting

Approximate value - \$270,000

##### Roads include:

Arnott Road  
Hayes Road  
Hunter Lane  
Moylan Road  
Peck Road  
Glenrowan Boweya Road

#### Asphalt regulation and stabilisation

Approximate value - \$400,000

##### Roads include:

Saleyards Road  
Carrier Street  
Coish Avenue  
Glenrowan Boweya Road  
Bourke Drive  
Evan James Drive  
Winton Glenrowan Road

#### Road re-sealing

Approximate value - \$450,000

##### Roads include:

Cowan Street  
Glenrowan Boweya Road  
Goorambat Dookie College Road  
Goorambat Thoona Road  
Olivers Road  
Roe Street  
Sharpe Road  
Church Street

#### Culverts

Approximate value - \$50,000

Webbs Road

## Council Plan 2017-2021: next steps

Thank you to everyone who contributed their thoughts, ideas and suggestions to the Council Plan 2017-2021.

Many people who have an interest in Benalla Rural City contributed to the development of the Council's priorities.

We are now focused on developing a draft of the Council Plan 2017-2021.

The draft will incorporate strategies for achieving the community's priorities.

The community will have a chance to read the plan, ask questions and provide feedback.

If you have any questions about the Council Plan or feedback in general, please email [council@benalla.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@benalla.vic.gov.au).

## Unregistered pet?

The *Domestic Animals Act 1994* requires all dogs and cats over three months old to be microchipped and registered with the Council.

Registrations are an annual charge and must be renewed by 10 April each year. You can still register your pet if you have missed the deadline, but don't delay - unregistered pets may result in a fine. If you have a new animal to register please ensure you have the microchip details available.

Call or visit the Council's Customer Service Centre on 03 5760 2600 for more information.



# CHOOVIE



Skip the queues - the Benalla Cinema at BPACC is selling movie tickets online through a new app called **Choovie**.

The app allows patrons to book and pay for tickets online, with tickets scanned from your phone at the cinema door.

Tickets are currently available for \$11 to **Choovie** users.

You can download the free app in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

Check out the latest movie session times at [www.bpacc.com.au](http://www.bpacc.com.au).



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