

Council NEWS

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BENALLA
RURAL CITY



BENALLA - A PLACE TO BE PROUD OF

Benalla is a place of beauty and we are proud to live, work and enjoy Benalla Rural City.

At the Council, we work hard to maintain public places and facilities so they can be enjoyed by our community and our visitors.

Help us to keep Benalla beautiful so it can be a place we can all continue to be proud of.

You can do this by:

- always disposing of your litter in one of our many waste bins or through your domestic waste service
- keeping our public facilities clean and hygienic
- reporting vandalism if you see it as it is occurring by calling 000 and speaking to the police.

It costs a lot to replace the items typically damaged by vandals. Some costs include:

- \$90 for each soap dispenser
- \$205 for each single toilet roll holder
- \$580 for each change table
- \$610 for each standard hand dryer
- \$1760 for each jet hand dryer

It costs at least \$100 to remove graffiti from painted surfaces. Often, we need to paint or repair the surface. When this happens, it costs the Council approximately \$500.

START UP SHAKE UP SUPPORTS NEW BUSINESS



120 people attended 'Pitch Fest', where people pitched their business idea for a share of \$10,000 in prizes.

Start Up Shake Up, an initiative to build a thriving business environment in North East Victoria, has finished a successful first year. The overall aim of the project is to attract entrepreneurs to the area to provide opportunities for economic growth.

More than 30 businesses went through the program. The Council leads the initiative and has partnered with other North East Victorian Councils and local agencies to provide more than 40 workshop events across four municipalities with more than 400 attendees.

The initiative was funded by a \$400,000 grant from LaunchVic.

Find out more about Start Up Shake Up and how we support entrepreneurs by visiting www.benalla.vic.gov.au

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT LITTER GATHERERS

The Benalla Litter Gatherers pick up litter and rubbish to keep our Rural City beautiful.

We currently have 17 people volunteering as regular Litter Gatherers. Many volunteers pick up litter during their daily walk or for specific events such as Benalla Festival and Clean Up Australia Day.

You can volunteer to help clear litter and keep our Rural City beautiful. We provide advice, training and equipment. Contact the Council to get involved.



The HOCUS group with Anne from the Litter Gatherers

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS



Do you know a person, community group or event deserving of recognition?

Nominations are open for the Australia Day awards.

Categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year and Community Event of the Year. District achiever categories will also be awarded.

Nominations close on Monday 2 December 2019. Forms are available from www.benalla.vic.gov.au, the Council's Customer Service Centre and the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre.

ARE YOU READY FOR FIRE AND HEAT?

Long grass, dry leaves, debris and blocked gutters all require attention in advance of the fire and heat season.

It is the responsibility of the owner or occupier to ensure their property is ready for fire and heat, with recommendations including:

- grass being less than 70mm high
- raking up dry grass, leaves and other debris
- keeping gutters clear of leaf litter
- storing flammable liquids and woodpiles away from the house
- storing LPG cylinders upright with the vent pipe facing away from the house
- detailing your Bushfire Survival Plan



The Council is required to remind property owners to prepare for fire and heat under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*, which includes Council officers being authorised to inspect private land and serve Fire Prevention Notices, which direct owners or occupiers of land to take measures against fire hazards.

Fire inspections have commenced and will continue through the warmer months.

WORKS AROUND BENALLA RURAL CITY



Drainage works in Gillies Street



Footpath resealing in Railway Place



Resheeting pathways in Moira Reserve

We have been busy across the Rural City over the past month. Some projects we've completed include:

- placing crushed rock on the shoulders of Racecourse Road to improve driver safety and protect the edge of the bitumen
- resheeting the shared pathways in Moira Reserve so they are smooth and easier to use
- cleaning the drains in Gillies Street and replacing the drainage pipes on Mt Joy Road, Tatong



Before



After

We have been grading in Lima on Lima East Road, Gandini Lane, Tulley Road, Creamery Lane and Yellum Track.

In Devenish, we have graded Berger Road, Hooper Road, Cleary Road, Quinn Road and Manley Road.



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