



## Mayor's Message

Welcome to the first edition of *Connecting our Rural City*.

With winter firmly upon us, it's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2022.

Moving into the second half of the year we continue to be busy with several projects and asset improvements in the planning stage.

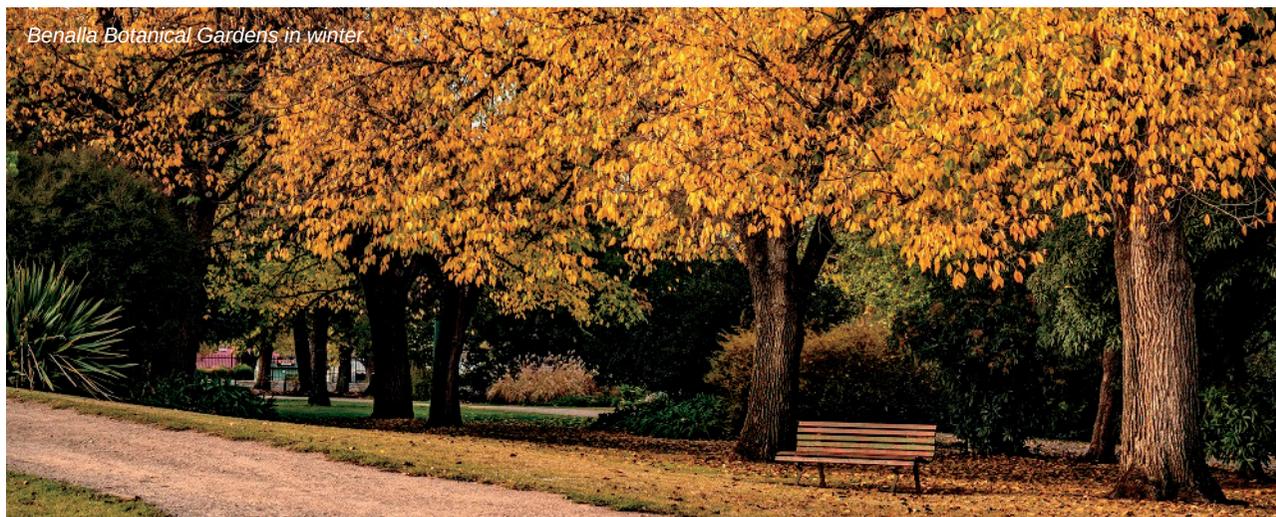
As we approach the end of the financial year, we look forward to the Council adopting the *Proposed 2022-23 Budget and Draft Financial Plan 2023-2032* on 29 June 2022.

As announced previously, Council is exiting Aged and Disability Care services in Benalla Rural City. We will work closely with all stakeholders and the new providers to ensure a smooth transition from 1 July.

We will and continue to be a strong advocate for older people and people with a disability in our community.

Stay safe and warm.

Cr Bernie Hearn  
Mayor



## Road works and maintenance



Council has completed planned works and maintenance across the municipality, including:

- grading in the Lima and Four Mile Road area
- drainage works in Saleyards Road, Sydney Road and within the Lima area
- stabilisation works and pot hole patching on Murray Road and Ackerly Avenue
- major repair works to a timber bridge on Evans Lane
- replacement of concrete footpaths in Salisbury Street and Fawckner Drive
- 17 metres of kerb replacement in Esperanto Street
- bulk leaf collection.



## Benalla Festival 2022

The much-loved Benalla Festival is set to return for 2022 after COVID-19 restrictions saw the community event cancelled in 2020 and 2021.

The festival will run from 29 October to 6 November and will be centred around the theme, *Our Community, Our Future*. It is a chance to reimagine, reconnect and celebrate.

To hold an event as part of the festival, visit [benallafestival.com.au](http://benallafestival.com.au)

## Art Gallery Redevelopment Project



Award-winning heritage architects, Williams Boag Architects have commenced work on the Benalla Art Gallery redevelopment.

The architects recently visited the gallery and are now developing a project brief to go out for community engagement.

## Winter School Holiday program at the Art Gallery

Soft Sculpture: Thursday 30 June  
10.30am - 12pm (free)

Make a mixed-media sculpture using wire, beads, fabric and more.

Animal Pinch Pots: Friday 1 July, 10am  
Create fun, animal inspired pinch pots out of air-dry clay.

Registration essential, call 5760 2619.

## Green Waste Weekend

More than 20 tonnes of green waste was deposited at the Benalla Resource and Recovery Centre over the weekend of 28 - 29 May as part of Council's Free Green Waste weekend. It is great to see the community taking advantage of this initiative.

Embling Road re-sheeting and culvert repairs



## Storm Damage Works

There are ongoing storm damage repair works being carried out across many Council roads.

Under the Disaster Recovery Funding Assessment (DRFA) scheme, Council will receive \$5 million to undertake repairs and reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by the significant storm event of 26 January 2022.

The Infrastructure and Maintenance teams have recently completed:

- Hooper and Granite Road resheeting
- Peck Road and Old Lurg Road resheeting
- Embling Road resheeting and culvert repairs
- Steep Lane re-grading
- Upper Lurg Road culvert and road embankment repairs
- gravel resheeting in Cherry Tree Lane and Old Thoona Road.