



13 March 2024 Mayor's Message

Welcome to Autumn in beautiful Benalla, as the trees begin to change, and so do our walls.

We are delighted to welcome the return of the refreshed Benalla Street Art Festival to our town next week.

Officially opening next Thursday 21 March, 15 talented artists will transform Benalla walls and laneways into a vibrant alfresco gallery.

Supported by a line-up of fringe events, including live music, cinema screenings, and workshops, the Benalla Street Art Festival is a weeklong celebration of arts, culture and creativity.

I look forward to celebrating the return of this much-loved event and seeing locals and visitors enjoying our region, in what will also be a welcome boost for the local economy.

Cr Danny Claridge



Mayor
Benalla Rural City



Artist Lisa King returns to the 2024 Benalla Street Art Festival. (Pictured: Lisa is painting a wall at and Bottle O/Polished Agencies, Benalla).



2024
COMMUNITY
GRANT PROGRAM
APPLY NOW

Council's Community Grants Program now open

Council recently launched its 2024 Community Grants Program, with \$64,000 in total available for local community organisations.

The Community Grants Program is designed to foster projects and activities that contribute to building healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities across Benalla Rural City.

Council will host a community information session at the Benalla Senior Citizens Community Centre tomorrow, Thursday 14 March from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

For more information and assistance in applying, visit benalla.vic.gov.au/community-grants.

Molyullah Easter Sports: Traditional country fun

Following last year's success drawing record crowds, this year's Molyullah Easter Sports returns with the traditional country fun it is known for, but also with new and efficient improvements, including an online entry ticketing system.

Families returning to the Molyullah Easter Sports this year, to be held on Easter Monday, 1 April, can jump the queue by pre-purchasing tickets online beforehand at www.molyullah.com.au, while also qualifying for entry into the lucky gate prize.

To be held at the Molyullah Recreation Reserve from 10am to 4pm, the Easter Sports presents all the novelty favourites including gumboot throwing, egg toss, vintage tractor-pull, three legged races, and guess the weight of the pumpkin.

The free Farm Yard will feature an animal nursery, how to milk a cow, shear a sheep and the ever-popular Dog Jump. How high can your dog jump?

The 2024 Molyullah Easter Sports will be held at the Molyullah Hall and Recreation Reserve, 115 Centre Road, Molyullah, with gates opening from 7.30am for horse events.

Admission to the Molyullah Easter Sports is \$15 for adults, \$40 for a family and \$7.50 for children.

For further information visit www.molyullah.com.au



Family fun:
The Molyullah Easter Sports return on Easter Monday, 1 April 2024.

Works Update

Council crews have been busy working on:

- the Devenish Drainage project
- installing bench seats in Jaycee Island and Cook Street playgrounds, both donated by the Rotary Club of Benalla



- constructing concrete footpaths in Perth Street and Kent Street, Benalla
- completing tree pruning in Bridge Street
- the annual leaf collection.

Opening of new Age Well Information Hub

The Age Well in Benalla Info Hub, located in the Benalla Senior Citizens Community Centre officially opens today, Wednesday 13 March.

Available in the Community Centre every second Wednesday from 10am to 12noon, the Age Well in Benalla Info Hub is a friendly referral service for older people to seek assistance on accessing services, and activities and facilitating information.

For more information visit www.benalla.vic.gov.au or email agewellinfohub@benalla.vic.gov.au