



Merry Christmas

December 2024



Mayor's Message

On behalf of Benalla Rural City Council, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Though this season holds different meanings for each of us, it is a time to reflect, reconnect with loved ones, and find some time to reset for the new year.



I acknowledge that Christmas can be a lonely time for some people in our community who may not have the company of family and friends, or who struggle to put food on the table or gifts under the tree. This Christmas, let's take a moment to check on your neighbours, share a smile, and lend a helping hand. Together, we can make this season brighter for everyone.

There is much to look forward to in our Rural City in the New Year, including construction starting on the Benalla Art Gallery redevelopment, delivery of the Fawckner Drive Pump Track, and the redevelopment of the Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre (BIRC).

The Council will be closed for the holiday season. Details of the closures are included in the Christmas closure section. We encourage you to plan ahead and reach out before our closure if you need assistance or have any urgent matters.

For all those heading away this holiday season, please travel safely and take extra care while travelling on our roads.

On behalf of Council staff and my fellow Councillors, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Cr Bernie Hearn

Mayor
Benalla Rural City Council



Christmas Closures

Over the holiday period, many Council venues will have different operating hours:



Customer Service Centre

Closed from 2pm Tuesday 24 December to Wednesday 1 January, reopening 2 January and returning to normal service.

Benalla Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre

Closed Wednesday 25 to Thursday 26 December and Wednesday 1 January

PLEASE NOTE: No kerbside collection on Wednesday 25 December or Wednesday 1 January, collection will be the following day, please put your bins out the night before.

Benalla Cinema

Closed Wednesday 25 December and Wednesday 1 January

Visitor Information Centre

Closed Wednesday 25 December

Benalla Art Gallery

Closed Tuesday 24 December to Thursday 26 December and Tuesday 31 December

Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library)

Closed from 2pm Tuesday 24 December to Wednesday 1 January
(External chute and digital library services available)

Should you need to contact Council for any urgent matters during the Christmas office closure periods, please phone 03 5760 2600.

The Council, management and staff at Benalla Rural City Council wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



The town's cherished nativity scene has been beautifully refurbished and repainted by Dennis Ball and Sonya Casey (pictured) of the Benalla Woodworkers Association.

Now on display at the Benalla Uniting Church, it warmly reflects the spirit of Christmas.

Support local this Christmas

Shop local this Christmas to win! Spend \$25 or more at participating retailers and go in the draw to win weekly prizes. Scan the QR code for details and to enter the draw!



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Summer School Holiday Programs and Activities

There are a range of school holiday programs and activities currently being planned by Council this Summer for you to enjoy.

Keep an eye out on our social media pages, Council's website and in the Benalla Ensign for a calendar of activities to be published soon.

