

FCJ COLLEGE

Benalla

Newsletter

Term 4 - 18 October



2019

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Principal's Reflection - Joanne Rock



Welcome back to Term 4! I hope each one of you had some quality family and holiday time over the break. Speaking with a number of our Year 12 students, it would appear that many of them made the most of the break to really get stuck into their revision as they enter the final phase of their secondary schooling. The Year 12 students certainly hit the ground running with practice exams, revision and feedback from their teachers. We are emphasizing to them that this part of the journey is all about persistence, resilience, retaining some balance in their lives and pacing themselves to ensure they do not burn out before the real exams begin.

On Thursday 11 October, we held a very significant assembly with the theme, Community, where we thanked and acknowledged all the work the 2019 Student Leaders have done over the course of the year, and we then announced our 2020 Student Leadership team. All of the current student leaders gave us an insight into their role as leaders and it was marvelous to hear them talk about their highlights and achievements over the year.

It is with great pleasure I introduce to you our 2020 Student Leaders:

- *College Captains:* Lia Greenhalgh and Tim Buykx
- *College Vice-Captains:* Sophie Humphries and Nathan Tolliday
- *Social Justice and Environment Co-Captains:* Meg Walsh and Malachi Anderson
- *Sport Co-Captains:* Samantha Pritchard and Holly Morrison
- *Art/ Music Co-Captains:* Maggie Powell and Taryn Schulz



I am confident that these fine young people will work hard to leave a positive legacy from their time as leaders in our Learning Community.

This weekend, Ms Donna Willcock has the pleasure of taking the 2020 student leaders to Canberra where they will meet our



local MP Dr Helen Haines, Independent MP for Indi, at Parliament House for a tour, a talk about Leadership and a chance to see democracy at work during Parliament question time. The students will do a number of other things as well, and a couple of them will provide their reflections on the trip in the next edition of the newsletter.

There is building excitement and anticipation for the Let's Find Our Voice concert that is coming up on Tuesday 22 October. The combined FCJ College and Coinda choir are busy rehearsing their songs, memoirs have been written and the top-secret lip sync video is under production. Tickets are on sale now for this wonderful annual event that never fails to warm the heart and bring lots of smiles to those involved and the audience.

Students and staff have started off the term with real purpose and enthusiasm. Perhaps they can all see that light at the end of the tunnel – our year is fast approaching its end! I too, am looking forward to a productive and positive final term. We have much to celebrate at FCJ College. Already we have had the Athletics team represent us in the Hume Regional Athletics day. There were a number of very good personal best results, and the team represented the College extremely well.

Our Year 12 students had a wonderful day of celebration yesterday that culminated in their farewell Mass and Valedictory dinner last night. They are now into full-time revision and study for those all-important final examinations that start on 30 October. Please keep them in your prayers. If you are wandering around the Benalla Show today or tomorrow, look out for a number of entries from our students in the cooking, art, photography and textiles sections, and have a look at the FCJ College display. Life is never dull at FCJ College.

Take care.

Joanne Rock
Principal



Calendar

OCTOBER

- 21 Summer uniform compulsory
- 28 Central Australia Trip 2020 Information Evening
- 30 Year 12 VCAA Exams commence

NOVEMBER

- 4 STUDENT FREE DAY - Mid-term break
- 5 STUDENT FREE DAY - Melbourne Cup Day
- 9 Youth Mass
- 11 Remembrance Day Service
- 11 Full School Assembly
- 14 Grade 5 Leadership Day
- 26-29 Year 11 Exams

DECEMBER

- 2 Year 11 Feedback Day
- 3-6 Year 12 Heads Up Program
- 4-6 Year 7-10 Exams
- 6 Year 11 Students Final Day
- 6 End of school year Mass
- 9 Awards for Excellence evening
- 10 Year 7-10 Students Final Day
- 11 Grade 6s - 2020 Orientation/ Transition day
- 17 Teachers' final day
- 19 College office closes

JANUARY 2020

- 20 College office opens
- 28 Staff return
- 30-31 Year 12 Retreat
- 31 Year 7 students commence

FEBRUARY 2020

- 3 Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 students commence
- 5-7 Year 7 Camp

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During Term 3, preparation is put into place for the students to participate in work experience. Before heading out to work experience, students have a session with Glenn Irvine (Business Coach), where they look at likes and dislikes, apply their character traits to questions to finally arrive at a list of possible future options.

Tomorrow Today organise a local careers day based at the Glasshouse, where students have the opportunity to visit workplaces such as Primal Health, Benalla Vets, Schneider Electric, D&R Henderson, Benalla Health, just to name a few. After the workplace visits, the students participate in speedy talks with staff and employers from a range of possible career choices. The day concludes with students choosing a session to attend such as Getting ready for Uni, Job ready, Police and the emergency services.



Ben Cooke – plumber with C&S Plumbing

The last week of term was set aside for work experience, with nearly every student participating (others at an alternative time to suit the employers). Some students found their own placement while others were assisted by Mrs Richardson. The workplaces that students went to were: Benalla Health, Wangaratta Health, Educational settings (St Joseph's, Benalla P-12 College, St Mary's Mansfield, St John's Euroa and Ride Avenue kinda), childcare centres, hair and beauty salons and building and construction groups (this required those students to complete a CI Card prior to going out on placement). Some of the different workplaces where students have been able to secure placements are the Commonwealth Bank, Living Here Real Estate, The Mansfield Zoo, Sydney Airport and on a sheep farm.



Ryan Glen – plumber with Bowditch Plumbing

This year students were very fortunate to be accepted into some workplaces that had never taken work experience students before and from all accounts, both the employers and students enjoyed the experience.

Matthieu Porte (exchange student from France) reported on his experience

The week before the school holidays, I participated in my work experience. I wanted to do it on a farm because it's an environment I didn't know much about and one that I wanted to discover. So I went to a sheep farm, which belonged to Peter Holmes.

And indeed, my experience was radically different from what I had imagined. It was really stressful! First I had to dig holes to get pipes through, then I had to help bring sheep back to the farm, then we treated them and brought them back to their meadows. We did this over and over again throughout the week.

I was happy to finish my week even though I learned a lot, especially when the dogs put the sheep in order and gave them instructions.

Joshua Cui was at Transient Computer Service -Wangaratta

In those two days, I felt very excited and learned lots of new knowledge. My work location was Wangaratta at a small company called Transient Computer Service. When I saw the company at first time, there weren't any products to sell, except at the reception. The manager was very enthusiastic. Under his guidance, I now know nearly everything about this company. For example, how the company operates and what everyone does.

To my surprise, on the first day I repaired a customer's tablet, even though no-one taught me. I think they were just testing my true ability and level. It was a Microsoft surface tablet which I hadn't seen before. So, at first, when I did that by myself, I had some trouble. Then I searched the question online and found the answer. Finally, I repaired it successfully. When I returned it to the manager, he said I was clever because he hadn't found a way to solve the problem. I was very happy to hear that. He then taught me new skills. Their products are mainly Apple products. I think Apple products are special because they have their own hardware and system. So, for me, all the things are new. Originally, he told me how to reinstall the system by using the Apple service. Then, how to check the fault, how to replace the hardware and put them together as a whole. So, the next day, I repaired a customer's MacBook Pro by myself. In general, I have already repaired 20 products perfectly, which is a great challenge for me. In the future, my goal is to be a computer programmer. So, from now on, I yearn for learning more skills and knowledge. The people who work there were really friendly to me. I really enjoyed it there!

Student of the Term Awards - Term 3

YEAR 7 - LILY MEEHAN



Lily is an extremely loyal, honest, kind and caring friend to her peers. She is looked up to by her classmates and is a member of the Student Representative Council.

She is hardworking, she strives to do her best in all subjects and challenges herself to ensure she is rewarded with the highest of marks. Lily embraces the opportunities that we have on offer here at FCJ College and has represented FCJ College in numerous events including netball, cricket and the regional swimming carnival.

Lily was a positive advocate for FCJ College in her visit to St John's Primary School to talk to all the Grade 6 students about how wonderful our school really is. She was also a part of the Wizard of Oz school production and is an active participant in the Let's Find Our Voice program with the Cooina residents.

Lily is a delightful student who loves to please and is willing to assist her friends and her teachers in any way she can.

Congratulations Lily! Keep up this wonderful work ethic as you are a positive role model for all.

YEAR 8 - HANNAH KUBEIL

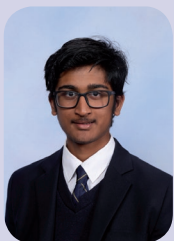


Hannah is a very deserving recipient of the Student of the Term award.

She applies herself fully to her school work and consistently achieves an A or A+ result. Hannah sets herself goals, then diligently and calmly works towards them, often completing tasks beyond what is expected.

She is impeccably polite to teachers, frequently thanking them as she leaves the classroom. Hannah extends kindness. She takes initiative to assist those around her, without having to be asked. She volunteers in assisting with extra duties and responsibilities. Hannah enthusiastically accepts challenges and involves herself with extra-curricular activities, as evidenced in her participation in the school sports day and her role in the school musical production. Congratulations Hannah!

YEAR 9 - AADARSH DEO



Aadarsh is a committed student who always gives his very best. This is evident across all his subjects and has been endorsed by his teachers. Although Aadarsh is a quiet achiever, he has found the confidence to contribute to class discussions and voice his opinions. In our recent novel study groups, Aadarsh was an active participant who read aloud and kept up to date with his literacy work requirements. Aadarsh strives to achieve a positive outcome in all that he does. He also has a great sense of humour and loves to share a joke with his mates.

Aadarsh is always in the correct school uniform and it is worn with pride. In Health and PE, he always brings his sports uniform and participates fully in the activities. On the recent Year 9 Camp, Aadarsh fully embraced the activities offered and made the most of this opportunity to interact with his peers outside of school.

Aadarsh will always lend a hand to assist a peer or teacher when they require assistance. I encourage Aadarsh to continue working with the same positive and focused commitment to his studies.

Congratulations Aadarsh on a fantastic effort this term!

YEAR 10 - EMILY SIMS



Emily has been a leader within all her classes, during sport and recreation lessons, day activities and in PE displaying her high level of ability in demonstrating gymnastics to her peers. She is very dedicated to her course work and makes sure she completes all outcomes on time.

She achieved outstanding results at the recent Southern Ranges Athletics day. She was able to win her 100m event and make up ground in the last leg of the relay to claim victory for her age group.

Well done Emily!

YEAR 11 - TIM BUYKX



Tim is a quiet achiever who volunteers his time constantly. He is very skilled in what he does and is a natural leader. Other students listen to him and offer to help. He is gracious at all times and doesn't seek the limelight.

Tim's list of achievements this term is nothing short of amazing. Tim has given up his own time in order to work as a team member on the Marketing Committee for the Wizard of Oz which involved designing and producing the tickets and posters, filming, editing and directing a video for social media.

He has been heavily involved in designing and producing the tickets for the Presentation Ball and the promotional material for 'Let's Find our Voice'. He has done this at the same time as achieving consistently good marks across all subjects and being a respected and well-liked member of his peer group and across the year level. Well done Tim!

YEAR 12 - OLIVIA ANTONELLO



Olivia has maintained an attentive focus on her Senior VCAL studies. She is organised and disciplined, doing her work independently. She strives to complete her work to a high standard at all times. Olivia has been an enthusiastic, friendly and an outgoing member of the year level. She happily talks with students from other year levels and she makes people feel welcomed and involved.

She has voluntarily helped out with the running of the BBQ at the FCJ College sports days and she is a regular at our youth led masses where she has sung and taken on reading roles. She has been an active participant at the school sports days and was very encouraging of other students' efforts, especially to those in the younger year levels. She has attended a Stronger Rally and readily shown a willingness to be involved in all aspects of school life.

Well done Olivia!

Final Days for Year 12s

The Year 12 students who are sitting their external exams returned this term to practice exams for the first three days. The Year 12 Class of 2019 celebrated their final day at school yesterday, 17 October with a bbq breakfast followed by a special whole school assembly. Later that day, they attended their final mass and Valedictory Dinner.

This is quite a stressful time for them as the reality of exams hits home. They will have their first written exam (English) on Wednesday 30 October. The exam period runs until 20 November. We wish all our students sitting these exams the best of luck.

By now, most students who have chosen to undertake an unscored VCE have finished their studies and are either looking for work or are in work. Similarly, most of the students who are doing their VCAL are close to finishing.

We offer our prayers and good wishes for all students sitting exams and wish all our students the very best for their futures.

Mr Boyle
Year 12 Learning Leader



Archives Update

AGONY IN THE GARDEN - OIL PAINTING 1920

This talented lady, born Edith Bartlett in London on 1 August 1858 was the daughter of Henry & Rose Bartlett.

Henry was a colonel in the British Army and was chosen to go to Australia as Governor of Tasmania. He took his family with him. Edith had a younger sister Dorothy. The girls were educated at an FCJ school with Edith being very gifted in music and art.

Rose, her mother, died very young leaving the two girls with their father. Much against their father's will, Edith and Dorothy became Catholics and Edith joined the FCJ Order, making her final vows on 17 March 1887.

Edith was known as Mother Emelda and could play a variety of instruments, as well as teaching, drawing and painting. There is a large painting of hers "St Michael the Archangel" at Genazzano College in Melbourne.

She painted the "Agony in the Garden" and for many years it hung in the stairwell at FCJ College Benalla. She also painted two sets of the "Way of the Cross" - one for the Richmond Chapel and one which she gave to Dean Davey which is still hanging in St Joseph's Church Benalla today.

Her life story can be found in the Archives along with the oil painting "Agony in the Garden".



OLIVIA ANTONELLO - YR 12

Last week, Olivia Antonello presented her final Senior VCAL project raising community awareness on Road Safety, to around 95 Year 10 and Year 11 students.

This presentation was the culmination of a term's work of research, planning and communicating with external stakeholders and working with the College Management Team to prepare a thought provoking presentation for our students with the assistance of Leading Senior Constable Paula Allen and Natalie Phillips from the local L to P Program.

Olivia should be congratulated on her work ethic and passion to educate her peers on such an important community issue.



HENRY JACKSON - YR 12

On Monday 16 September, Henry Jackson presented his senior VCAL project in the form of holding a Health and PE day at school to raise awareness of the importance of fitness and healthy eating in our day to day life.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to Henry and his team, so the proposed sporting activities that were planned for the day had to be cancelled, however, the team put on a very successful BBQ selling burgers with coleslaw, chicken kebabs and sausages in bread.

The team raised a staggering \$305 profit on the day.

Henry should be very proud of his achievements!



Tyson Cromie - personal success

From 16-19 September, Tyson Comie (Yr 11) participated in the Australian School Super Bowls series at Tweed Heads, playing in the singles and pairs disciplines.

Playing alongside, and with some of the best junior bowlers in the country, Tyson made the Australian Merit side which is made up of the best 12 players from the tournament, receiving a silver medal in the singles and a bronze medal in the pairs.



From 2-4 October, Tyson played in the pairs and four disciplines at the Australian Under18 National Championships in Bendigo, winning 4 of 5 fours games and finishing 5th. In the pairs he lost to a talented Queensland duo in the gold medal match, bringing home a silver medal. Congratulations to Tyson, who during the event played his 50th game for Victoria Under18's.



Hume Athletics by Sam Cullen

On 10 October, 24 students travelled to Albury for the Hume Athletics Carnival. This was a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their athletic abilities at a high standard.

Participation was key at this carnival as every student who was placed in their event participated, which is a fantastic effort. All students worked very hard. Our school finished 9th overall in the rankings.

The 16-year-old girls 4x100m relay team (Mary Franklin, Emily Sims, Isabella Riley & Elisha Kubeil) just missed out on State, finishing 2nd.

There were some very outstanding results from Miller Gilcrist, Sam Pritchard and Olivia Moll.

Miller placed as the Age Champion for the U14 boys and has proceeded on to State Championships for Triple Jump. Sam has proceeded on to the State Championships for 1500m in the 17 Girls.

Olivia has proceeded onto the State Championships for 1500m in the 14 Girls. This is an outstanding achievement.



CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications are now open to eligible families to lodge a claim through the Conveyance Allowance Program. The allowance provides financial assistance towards the cost of:

- travel more than 4.8 km by private car to access a free school bus or
- reside more than 4.8 km by the shortest practical route from school and pay to travel on a city bus
- travel to school on a private bus (FCJ College)

Students travelling by private car for more than 4.8kms to a free country school bus pick up or drop off point should complete the application form for private car travel.

Students travelling on a city bus who reside more than 4.8 km from the school purchase a yearly or half yearly bus pass from Benalla Bus Lines. A copy of the receipt should be attached to the application form for public transport travel.

Students travelling by private FCJ College bus are required to complete an application form to travel on a private bus.

All forms can be obtained from the College Office, school stream app or <http://www.education.vic.gov.au.conveyance>

Camps Sports Excursion Funding

Are you eligible for the \$225.00 annual payment?

On the first day of term one (29 January 2019) or the first day of term two (23 April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- ♦ be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:
 - Veterans Affairs Gold Card
 - Centrelink Health Care Card
 - Pensioner Concession Card
- ♦ OR they must be a temporary foster parent
- ♦ OR the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)
- ♦ AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.docx>

PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM)

Student Medical Information

From the commencement of 2019, PAM accounts will be used to collect and maintain important medical information for your child.

The collection of this information is a legal requirement which allows us to care for your child's medical needs while they are attending classes and school activities. We are requesting families update the information at the beginning of each school year and also during the year as required.

Please access your PAM account using your login details, in the Student Medical Profile section firstly, update your email address and secondly, add medical information for your child.

We do stress urgency for this to occur as a lack of medical information may impact your child's participation in off-site activities.

To access the PAM portal go to web address:
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FCJ College invites you to
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More information about the celebrations will be provided in the new year.

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Our Come and Try sessions have been designed for potential swimmers to "try out" squad swimming. These Come and Try sessions will be held on:

Mon 21 October	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Wed 23 October	4:30pm – 5:30pm

The sessions will be held at the Benalla Aquatic Centre, in the 25m pool and swimmers can choose to attend as many of these sessions as they like. Just mention at the counter that you are here for the Come and Try sessions.

Further information on joining the club and squad training times will be provided at these sessions. If you are keen to learn more, or try swimming with the squad straight away please contact our coach Gary Bowman on 0422 354 371, or visit our website at <http://benalla.swimming.org.au/>

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Blouse	White shaped blouse, UPF 50+	4A - 22A	36.99	--
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Winter Trouser	Dark grey melange trouser	8Y - 17Y	46.95	44.00
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Hat	Navy broadbrim hat with crest	All Sizes	17.95	--
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Sport Short	Navy stretch microfibre	4C - 2XL	29.95	27.00
Track Pant	Navy cotton backed with crest (compulsory)	12C - 2XL	57.99	53.00
Girls Bathers	Plain navy bathers	8G - 22W	From 36.95	--
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Sport Socks	White terry foot, 3 pack	All Sizes	16.99	--
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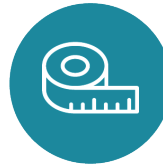
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The 2019 Benalla Festival Writing Competition is now open.

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Writers from Benalla Rural City are invited to enter a poem or short story. Your piece should reflect on the theme.

We look forward to reading your special memories and thoughts on how the community comes together to celebrate.

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Entries close 21 October 2019

www.benallafestival.com.au



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2019 BENALLA FESTIVAL WRITING COMPETITION

As part of the 2019 Benalla Festival, enter a **poem** or a piece of **writing** on the topic '*Fiesta of Festivities*.' This topic is based on this year's Benalla Festival theme which celebrates events and festivals held within Benalla Rural City. Be creative - share your thoughts and memories of a special or favourite event.

Your piece might be about:

- Iconic Benalla Festival events such as the street parade, lakeside entertainment, fireworks, A Day in the Gardens market
- Carols by Candlelight
- Your school Christmas concert
- Christmas Day when it's 35 in the shade
- Waking up on New Year's Day after a big night
- Celebrating Australia Day
- Benalla's Gold Cup
- Molyullah Easter Sports
- ANZAC Day. What does it mean to me?
- Benalla Spring Show – what are your favourite memories?
- The beauty of our street art – Wall to Wall Festival

Rules and Conditions

1. Entry is **free** and participants can have a maximum of two entries. The pieces of prose can vary in style (biographical, expository, discursive or narrative).
2. **Entries close on Monday 21 October 2019 at 5pm and can be submitted:**
 - in person at the Benalla Rural City Council's Customer Service Centre; or
 - at the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library), Fawckner Drive, Benalla; or
 - posted to Benalla Rural City Council, PO Box 227 Benalla 3671 with 'Writing Competition' clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.
3. There will be **six** different categories for you to enter:

■ Grade 3/4 (word limit of 200 words)	■ Year 9/10 (word limit of 500 words)
■ Grade 5/6 (word limit of 300 words).	■ Year 11/12 (word limit of 600 words)
■ Year 7/8 (word limit of 400 words)	■ Open (word limit of 800 words)
4. The piece of writing must be the entrant's own work and not have been previously published.
5. Entries must be typed and on A4 paper. The information below must be attached to the entry.
6. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence entered into.
7. Staff members of Benalla Rural City Council and members of the Benalla Festival Advisory Committee are not permitted to enter the competition.
8. Winners, runners up and encouragement award recipients of the six categories will be notified by telephone on Monday 28 October and asked to attend a presentation on the evening of Thursday 7 November 2019.
9. For further information contact the Benalla Rural City Council on 5760 2600.

Please print clearly and attach to your piece of writing

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Grade/Year level/Open: _____ Name of piece: _____

I declare that the attached poem/piece of writing is my own work and I am a (please tick):

- ☐ Primary student attending a school within Benalla Rural City ☐ Secondary student attending a school within Benalla Rural City
☐ Student - attends school outside municipality but lives in Benalla Rural City ☐ Open section entrant within Benalla Rural City

If a winner, I also give permission for my work to be displayed in the Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Learning Centre (Benalla Library).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

The 2019 Benalla Festival Writing Competition
is proudly supported by:

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Media Release

7 October 2019

Australia Day Award nominations open

Nominations are open for the 2020 Benalla Rural City Australia Day awards for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Community Group of the Year.

District achiever categories will also be awarded.

Mayor, Cr Scott Upston said the Australia Day Awards bring the community together to recognise the work and contribution of individuals, events and groups.

"I encourage everyone to consider the people, events and groups they know who have significantly contributed to improving and enriching the lives of others in our community," said Cr Upston.

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

The awards will be presented on Australia Day, Sunday 26 January 2020 at the Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre (BPACC) at 11.30am.

-ENDS-

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03 5760 2639

The 2019 Annual Benalla Lawn Tennis Tournament Presents!



FREE Local Silo Art Trail Bus Tour/Winery Lunch (Monday)

Melbourne Cup Day Fun DAY

SILO ART
Visit
Goorambat
Devenish
St James



**Stick around for the
weekend and ENJOY
the FUN!!**

- Camping Available
- BBQ Saturday night
- Trivia Sunday night

RSVP to either or all social
events to:

Tournament secretary
Wendy McDonald

Ph: 0409 190 529 or

Social Events Co-Ordinator

Minnie Askew

Ph: 0408 969 775

E: benallalawntennis2019tournament@outlook.com



Fun day

Come & Join the fun!
Chicken & Champagne
Breakfast
- Cup Sweeps
- Prizes for Fanciest
Tennis Hat !
\$15 per person

Open Garden

9 & 10 November, 2019

10am to 4.30pm

‘MARANGY’

45 Standish Lane, Benalla

5kms out Kilfeera Road from Benalla Hospital

Marangy features beautiful mature elms with lawn area, walled vegetable garden, and extensive low water-use gravel plantings with agaves, yuccas and perennials. Extends to local indigenous and other native plantings, wetlands and olive grove.

Entry: adult \$10, \$8 concession, children free

Tickets from Eventbrite at eventbrite.com.au/e/72334068145 or pay in cash at the gate

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Afternoon entertainment by Benalla Guitar Ensemble and Benalla Guitar Trio

All proceeds will support Tomorrow Today Foundation's work in the Benalla & District community

Enquiries:
Tomorrow Today 0357 621211

