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**BENALLA Festival**

**FRIDAY 1 – SUNDAY 10  
 NOVEMBER 2024**

**POCKET GUIDE**

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Theme: Hidden Gems

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL**

The Benalla Festival Advisory Committee extends sincere thanks to our generous friends and event partners of the 2024 Benalla Festival.



**EXHIBITIONS**

- 1. WHEEL TO WHEEL MOTORCYCLE EXHIBITION – BENALLA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**
- 2. NOCTURNE: BENALLA ART GALLERY COLLECTION EXHIBITION**
- 3. JUAN FORD: A SURVEY EXHIBITION LAUNCH**
- 4. HIDDEN GEMS: SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF "HIDDEN GEMS" FROM THE BENALLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S COLLECTION**
- 5. VISIONS: PHOTOGRAPHING BENALLA AND BEYOND - 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BENALLA CAMERA CLUB**
- 6. BROKEN RIVER PAINTERS ART SHOW (8 AND 9 NOVEMBER)**

**For full details on each exhibition visit [WWW.BENALLAFESTIVAL.COM.AU](http://WWW.BENALLAFESTIVAL.COM.AU)**

**Welcome to the 2024 Benalla Festival**  
 Theme: Hidden Gems

Our Festival is a celebration of Benalla Rural City's lifestyle, its people, country living and community spirit. The Festival program highlights events across our rural townships during the first weekend from Saturday 2 to Sunday 3 November. The second weekend will feature events in Benalla from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 November.

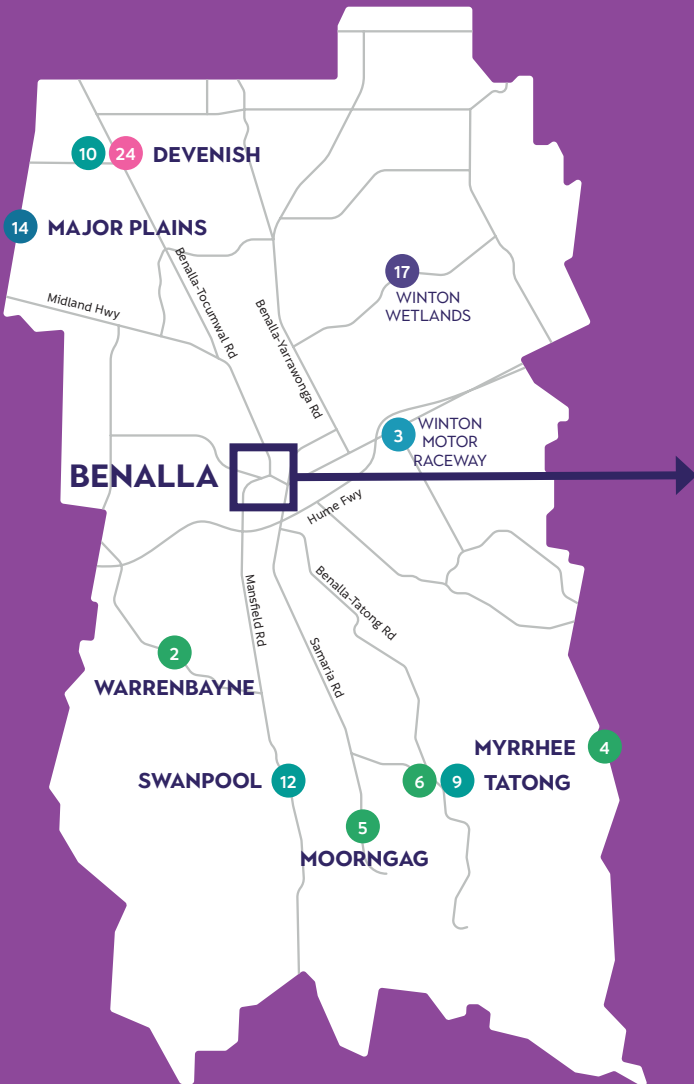
The launch of the Benalla Festival will be held on Friday 1 November in Benalla at the Ceramic Mural/ Benalla Visitor Information Centre precinct with the opening event Wheel to Wheel Motorcycle Exhibition. This is a time to meet up with family and friends and welcome the start of the Festival. What follows will be an exciting two weekends of diverse events for everyone to enjoy.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

Disclaimer: All event information is correct at time of printing but may be subject to change. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.

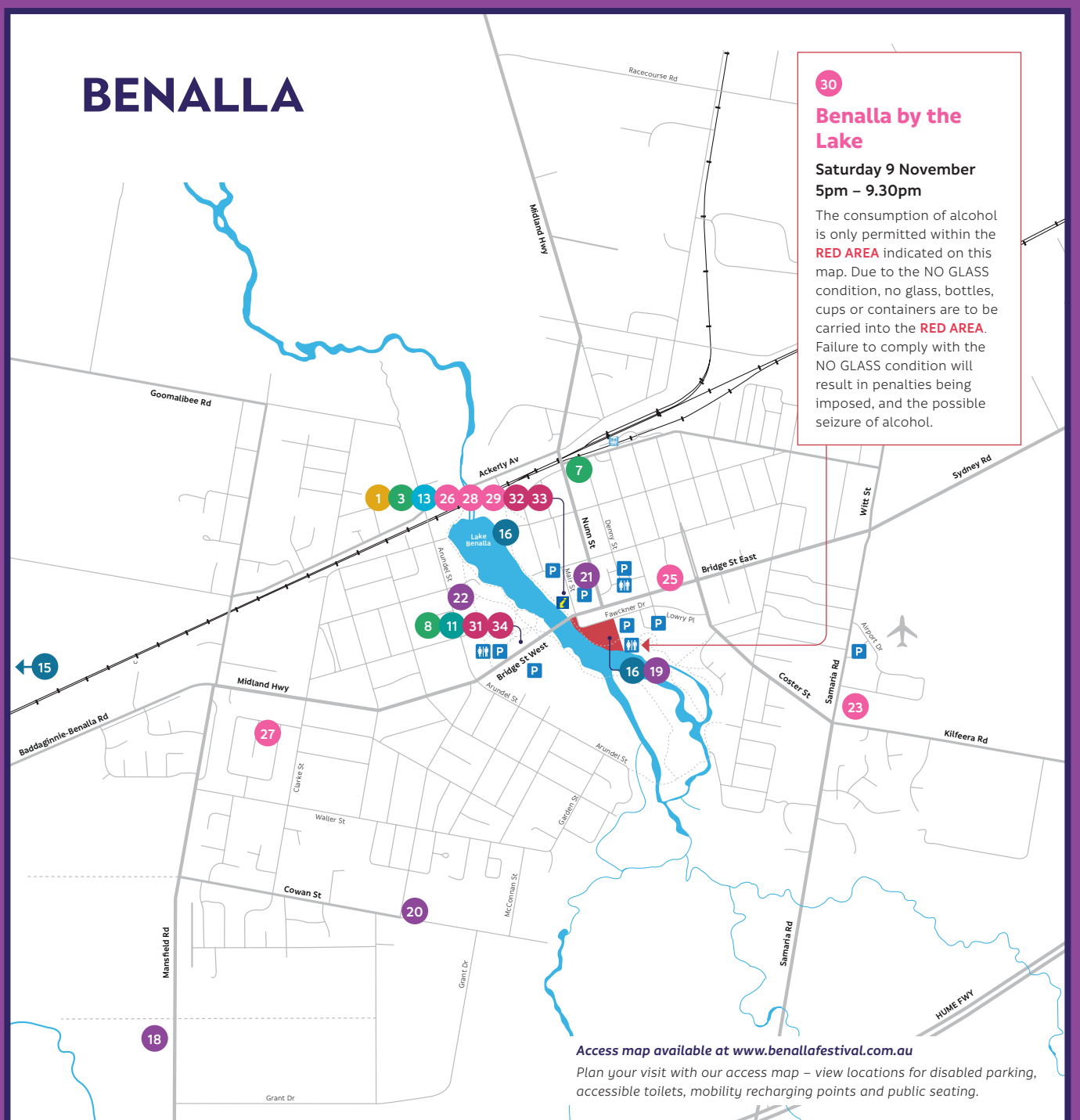
**EVENT LOCATIONS**



**ROAD CLOSURES**

Temporary road closures are required for some events that form part of the Benalla Festival program. See website for details.

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# 2024 BENALLA FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

### 1. Benalla Festival Launch Event: Wheel to Wheel Motorcycle Exhibition

6pm – 9.30pm  
Ceramic Mural/Benalla Visitor  
Information Centre precinct  
14 Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: Free



Motoring enthusiasts can view a unique and special collection of an all-British static car show and see the Wheel to Wheel exhibition of celebrated and coveted motorcycles, featuring design sophistication and iconic styling. Live music by the Broken Creek Band with street food and beverages available for purchase.

## SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

### 2. Hidden Gems at Warrenbayne Recreation Reserve

9am – 12pm  
1305 Benalla Warrenbayne Rd,  
Warrenbayne  
Entry: Free

Join us at our open day at the Warrenbayne Community Hall located at the foot of the pristine Warrenbayne Hills. Static displays, children's corner and morning tea available for purchase.

### 3. Benalla Car Meet Up and Parade Laps at Winton Motor Raceway

9am – 12pm  
Meet at 14 Mair St, Parade Laps at  
Winton Motor Raceway  
Entry: Free

Winton Motor Raceway and Shannons Insurance present the Seasons of Speed Car Show. The theme for Spring is an All-British Day. Bring your own type of vehicle, from modern day or historic – all types of vehicles are welcome, including project cars, daily drivers, British classics and vintage motors, modern British icons, British muscle cars and performance vehicles, and British luxury and prestige cars. There are great prizes, trophies and certificates to be won. Register by calling Winton Motor Raceway on 03 5760 7100.

### 4. Treasure Hunt at the Maze and Hot Air Balloon Walk-through

2-3 and 8-10 November  
10am – 5pm  
Brookfield Maze  
1121 Benalla-Whitfield Rd, Myrrohee  
Entry: For ticket details visit the  
Festival's website

Join us at Brookfield Maze for a thrilling Treasure Hunt as part of the Benalla Festival! Explore our maze and gardens to uncover hidden gems and ancient artefacts – fun for all ages. Find the hot air balloon and have a play inside. A sure way to create unforgettable memories!

### 5. Samaria Rose Farm Open Days

2-3 and 9-10 November  
10am – 2pm  
2520 Samaria Rd, Moorngag  
Entry: Free

This open day will allow you to explore the seasonal and most beautiful, scented queen of rose "Damask rose" in a field of 2,000 roses. Capture their beauty and treat yourself to homemade scones, tea, coffee and sweet delights. Farm store products and festive season gifts are available for purchase.

### 6. Tatong Tavern Platter and Wine in the Gardens

11am – 4pm  
Tatong Tavern  
2581 Benalla-Tatong Rd, Tatong  
Entry: Free. Food and beverages  
available for purchase

Tatong Tavern is hosting a platter and wine day to celebrate the 2024 Benalla Festival. Come and see the Old English Inn originally built back in 1884 then rebuilt after fire in the 1900s. Relax indoors or outside in the gardens under the shady elm tree while enjoying a delicious platter of cured meats, dips, cheese and a selection of Sam Miranda wines.

## 7. Sunset Sounds @ The Northo

4pm – Late  
The North Eastern Hotel  
1 Nunn St, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Join us at the Northo for a Saturday evening of live music featuring Snow Road Troopers, dine on our new courtyard food menu with friends and family and enjoy our variety of local beer and wine. Food and beverages available for purchase.

## 8. Deep Soulful Sweats

7pm – 8.30pm  
Benalla Art Gallery  
97 Bridge St, Benalla  
Entry: Free. To book please visit  
www.benallaartgallery.com.au

Let your hair down and tap into your sun sign! Join Deep Soulful Sweats for an unforgettable night of immersive dancing, chanting, sweating, and stomping! Suitable for ages 15 and over.

## SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

### 9. Tatong Market and More

9am – 12pm  
Tatong Recreation Reserve  
Tiger Hill Rd, Tatong  
Entry: Gold coin donation

A treasure trove of more than 30 market sites awaits you at the foothills of the picturesque Tatong valley. Be entertained by buskers and sample great food and coffee. For bus service times, please visit [www.benallafestival.com.au](http://www.benallafestival.com.au).

### 10. Devenish Market

9am – 1pm  
Bicentennial Park  
Main St, Devenish  
Entry: Free

The Devenish Market offers a country market with a family fun feel. Enjoy a variety of market stalls, great food and delicious coffee. The theme is Melbourne Cup so come join the fun and participate in our inflatable animal costume race, everyone is invited to join the fun!

### 11. Benalla Stage School – Theatre Workshop for Kids

10.30am – 12.30pm  
Benalla Art Gallery  
97 Bridge Street, Benalla  
Entry: Free. To book please visit  
www.benallaartgallery.com.au

Join Deep Soulful Sweats in an acting-singing-dancing-drawing-making workshop. Together we'll assemble an instant performance where you can be the star, the director, the set designer or maybe all of them at once. All ideas are good ideas in this multi-artform, mash-up magic. Ages 7-12 and their guardians.

### 12. Movie and Scones at Swanpool Cinema

1.30pm (length time 1hr 57 min)  
Swanpool Cinema  
2386 Midland Hwy, Swanpool  
Entry: \$5 includes tea and scones

Sit back, relax and enjoy the 2024 film, *A Horse Named Winx*. Candy bar will be open prior to the start of the movie. Tea and scones by the Swanpool Cinema volunteers.

## MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

### 13. Diwali @ the Mural

6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Ceramic Mural, Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Celebrating Diwali, the festival of light and colour. This vibrant event includes dance performances, laser light projections on the Benalla Art Gallery and Visitor Information Centre, kids entertainment and more! Food and beverages available for purchase. The Benalla Migrant Association will share Indian sweets with the community to enjoy as part of the event.

## TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

### 14. Wanamara Farm Silo Art

11am – 3pm  
791 Major Plains Rd, Major Plains  
Entry: Gold coin donation for the Royal  
Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Enjoy the Public Holiday with a drive to Wanamara Farm's silo art Open Day. This is a rare opportunity to see our private commission painted by world renowned artist, Jimmy Dvate, not generally open to the public. You can also meet Kelly the Wonder Dog, the subject of the portrait.

### 15. Twilight Cemetery Walk Guided Tours

Tuesday 5, Thursday 7 and  
Sunday 10 November  
6.30pm – 7.30pm  
Benalla Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Come along and hear stories about the famous and infamous people that are buried in our local cemetery and the contribution they made in shaping the Benalla community. Sturdy footwear and a torch are recommended. For more information and to register your interest, contact the Benalla Visitor Information Centre on 03 5762 1749.

### 16. Sound Installation

Tuesday 5 November, 7pm-8pm  
Benalla Library underneath carpark,  
2 Fawckner Dve, Benalla  
Saturday 9 November, 6am-7am  
Benalla Aboriginal Garden,  
Moirra Reserve (off Mitchell St)  
Entry: Free

A soulful live performance by sound artist Bree Marchbank and artist and choreographer Tegan Nash Ollett. An installation of sound and movement with the rhythms of both frequencies and motion.

## THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

### 17. Nature, Art and Culture: Hidden Gems at Winton Wetlands

10am – 12pm  
Mokoan Hub and Cafe  
652 Lake Mokoan Rd, Winton North  
Entry: \$15. Bookings via  
www.wintonwetlands.org.au

Enjoy morning tea with members of the Winton Wetlands team who will reveal 'hidden gems' on-site, including the recent return of the tiny native 'zombie fish', fresh insights into native plants on the reserve, latest developments in wetlands art and artistry, and a re-invigorated cultural presence of Yorta Yorta people, traditional custodians of the land.

## FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

### 18. Benalla Golf Club Annual Tournament

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 November  
All day  
Benalla Golf Club  
170 Mansfield Rd, Benalla  
Entry: From \$15

Club golfers and visitors who hold a golf Australia handicap can tee off at the open competition. The tournament includes Mixed Pinehurst, Men's and Women's 4BBB Stableford and Stroke. For more information and to book, call the golf shop on 0417 590 000.

### 19. Hidden Gems Story Time and Crafts at the Library

10.30am – 11.15am  
Benalla Library  
2 Fawckner Dve, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Come on an adventure through a series of tales in picture books. The Benalla Library will hold a Special Story Time for the Benalla Festival, focused on finding hidden gems. Come on down and search for gems in faraway lands and mythic encounters, and maybe find some of those gems closer to home. Ideally for ages 2–5 years.

## 20. Estia Health Open Day

1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Estia Health, 107 Thomas St, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Pop into Benalla Estia Health for our open day! Enjoy a barbeque and meet some of our "hidden Gems", the residents of Estia. Also an opportunity to see what Estia's Lifestyle Program has to offer.

## 21. FReeZA Silent Disco

6pm – 7.30pm (12 to 15 year olds)  
8pm – 9.30pm (15 to 19 year olds)  
Benalla Town Hall Basement  
82-86 Nunn St, Benalla  
Entry: Free ticketed event via  
www.events.humanitix.com/freeza-silent-disco

A free supervised event for young people 12 to 19 years featuring a night of music and dancing. FReeZA events are strictly no alcohol, drugs, smoking or vaping.

## 22. Bowls on the Green

5.30pm – 9pm  
Benalla Bowls Club  
25 Arundel St, Benalla  
Entry: Free. Bookings required - please  
call 5762 2094.

Join us under the kiosk and on the greens for a night of fun for all ages with Barefoot Bowls, kids activities including face painting, and live music with Anthony Tenace. Food and drink available for purchase.

## SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

### 23. Cooinda Garage Sale

8am – 12pm  
Cooinda, 19 Central Ave, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Come and join us at the Cooinda Garage Sale where it could be your lucky day at finding that special 'Hidden Gem'. All proceeds go back to helping make Cooinda an amazing place to live.

### 24. Devenish Remembrance Day Service

11am  
34 Main St, Devenish  
Entry: Free

A memorial tribute by the Benalla RSL to give thanks to our service men and women for their dedication, followed by a minute's silence in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Morning tea will be provided at the Devenish Sportsground.

### 25. CWA Devonshire Tea and Craft Sales

10am – 3pm  
117 Bridge St East, Benalla  
Entry: Free

Join us for a delightful afternoon tea and craft sales. Explore hidden gems memorabilia, enjoy craft displays and discover unique handmade items, and learn new skills in our craft demonstrations. Tea, coffee and scones available for purchase.

### 26. Tomorrow Today Scavenger Hunt

10am – 12pm (ages 0-10)  
11am – 2pm (ages 11+)  
Start anytime at Ceramic Mural,  
14 Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: Free. Register your team here:  
surveymonkey.com/r/ScavengerHunt24

The Tomorrow Today Scavenger Hunt will immerse you in the extraordinary stories, art and history of Benalla. Gather your team to discover some of the significant places, people and events that have shaped our town. The Full Impact Squad will be on hand to assist teams as they adventure around the lake and surrounds to find clues and solve riddles while racing against the clock. Great prizes to be won! For more details visit [www.benallafestival.com.au](http://www.benallafestival.com.au).

## 27. Open Garden

10.30am – 4pm  
15 Monds Ave, Benalla  
Entry: \$5 includes tea, coffee and  
biscuits. Proceeds to Benalla Health

Be inspired as you discover the 'Easy Garden'. This delightful garden features a variety of seasonal flowers including colourful displays of ground covers and water fountains.

## 28. Benalla Street Art Walking Tours

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November  
Tours at 11am, 1pm and 3pm  
Benalla Visitor Information Centre,  
14 Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: \$10pp, kids under 12 free or \$40  
for tour, t-shirt and three posters  
Bookings via [www.trybooking.com/CVTEZ](http://www.trybooking.com/CVTEZ)

Are you ready to dive into the vibrant world of Benalla's street art? Our Walking Tours are the perfect way to soak up the town's creative vibes. Picture this – strolling through colourful alleys, discovering jaw-dropping murals, and hearing the epic tales behind each masterpiece from our top-notch guides.

## 29. Live Art Benalla Kids Party @ the Mural and Splash Park

2pm – 4pm  
Ceramic Mural, 14 Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: Free

An afternoon of children's entertainment performers, visual arts and workshops at the ceramic mural and splash park.



## 30. Benalla by the Lake

5pm – 9.30pm  
Lake Benalla Foreshore  
Fawckner Dve, Benalla  
Entry: Free



Indulge in a mix of live and children's entertainment, street food and beverages at the Benalla by the Lake. The main stage will feature a vibrant mix of live music all culminating in a spectacular fireworks display.

## SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

### 31. A Day in the Gardens Market

9am – 3pm  
Benalla Botanical Gardens  
Bridge St, Benalla  
Entry: Free

A Day in the Gardens Market presents something for everyone with market stalls, music and food, all set around the beautiful Botanical Gardens and Lake Benalla.

### 32. Firelight (Short Film) Screening

2.15pm  
Benalla Cinema, 14 Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: Free. Tickets can be booked via  
www.benallacinema.com.au

*Firelight* is part of the Benalla National and International Short Film Festival. *Firelight*, a drama set in Central Victoria during Australia's colonial era, is about one man's chance encounter with the infamous Ned Kelly and his unwitting influence on the notorious bushranger's future path. This is a special screening with a Q&A session held with the director.

### 33. Benalla National and International Short Film Festival

Premiere screening 3pm  
Second screening 6.30pm  
Benalla Cinema, 14 Mair St, Benalla  
Entry: Tickets from \$15 via  
www.benallacinema.com.au

Now in its 10th year, the film festival presents the talents of up-and-coming local, national and international filmmakers. Australian celebrities Krista Vendy from *Neighbours* and Bruce Hunt-Hughes from *Ghost Rider* will attend, judge and announce the winning films at the Premiere Screening. Rating MA15+.

### 34. Scotty So – Thrill of the Camp

6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Benalla Art Gallery  
97 Bridge St West, Benalla  
Entry: \$15 includes a drink on arrival  
Bookings requested, please visit  
www.benallaartgallery.com.au

For ages 18+ enjoy an entertaining night out at the Benalla Art Gallery with Scotty So - Thrill of the Camp!

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