

Benalla hosts council

An advanced party from the Victorian Legislative Council was in Benalla last week as a forerunner to a full sitting of the council in October.

Council president Bruce Chamberlain, clerk Wayne Tunnecliffe, parliamentary librarian Bruce Davidson and usher of the Black Rod Ray Wright held a community briefing in Delatite Shire Council chambers.

The Legislative Council, or Upper House of Parliament, will sit in Benalla Town Hall on October 30.

It will be only the second time the council has sat outside Melbourne in its 146 year history.

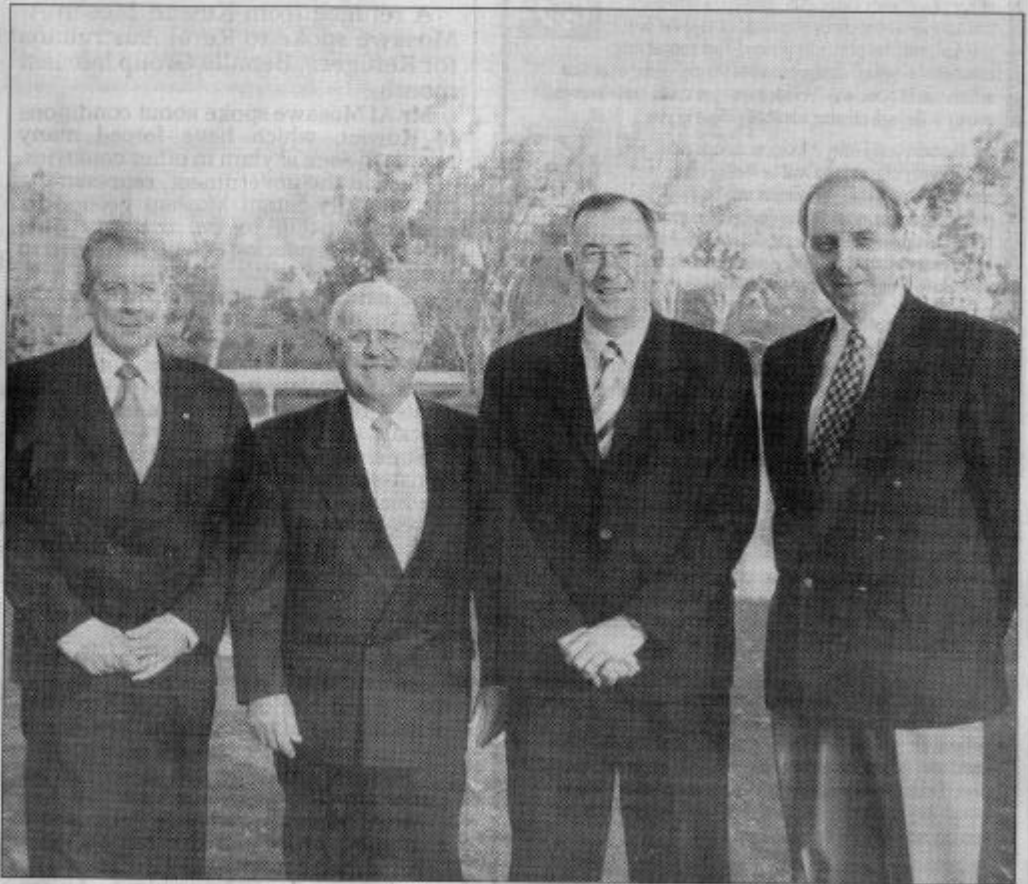
The first was in Ballarat last year.

Speaking to a full gallery in the shire chamber, Mr Davidson said all 44 members of the council would be in Benalla.

He said the upper house was a contrast to the Legislative Assembly, or lower house, in that Labor government members were in the minority.

The Legislative Council has 14 Labor Party members, 23 Liberals and six Nationals.

Bookings to attend the Benalla sitting, which will start at 10 am on October 30, can be made by contacting Matthew Nelson at the Delatite Shire office.



Visitors ... Parliamentary librarian Bruce Davidson (left), Bruce Chamberlain, Wayne Tunnecliffe and Ray Wright in a typical Benalla setting last week.