The Hands on Learning (HOL) students from Benalla P-12 College have had the privilege to work with the Benalla Rotary Club installing exercise equipment at Jaycee Island. Teacher, Peter Janas said “About a year ago, staff member Ed Bishop contacted Benalla Council about the possibility of the equipment being purchased and utilising the HOL students to install it. Veronica Schilling from Benalla Council, approached the Rotary Club about funding the project. Ian Davis from Rotary contacted us about this and it was underway. At the end of May Rotary Club members and one HOL group bolted the machines in place, spread wood chips around them to improve the appearance of the site and for safety purposes. We would like to thank Veronica Schilling for her work organising the project and the Benalla Rotary Club members for the privilege of working with them”.

Principal, Barb O’Brien said “Hands on Learning is a creative, flexible, learning program designed to provide an alternative learning framework for students to reconnect with school and community. Students are invited to join a small team formed from Years 7 to 10. At Benalla P-12 College there are two groups of students engaged one day per week working on “real” creative projects. The students attend to their normal school program the other four days”.

Monday Group chipping out the hole in readiness for filling with concrete.

Thursday Group mixing concrete.

Exercise machines installed by the team of HOL students and Rotary Club members.