



## Discover what's on offer at Council's resource centres

Have you been to your local resource centre lately? Perhaps you've dropped by to view a local exhibition, or use a computer or pick up a book or a DVD.

Council has two resource centres, one in Beaufort on Neill Street and one in Avoca on High Street.

The centres are staffed by the Frontline Services Team, who also work in the Lawrence Street Council office. You can pay rates or handle other council transactions at both centres.

Are you also aware you can go to the centres to deal with Services Australia; Medicare and Centrelink? Staff can help you with using the system or the phone. Avoca is an Access Point and Beaufort is an Agent.

Avoca is being redeveloped to house the new Digital Hub, a new co-working space with NBN, video conferencing and dedicated work and training spaces. These facilities are expected to be open to the public in late-June, all going well.

Both centres have public access computers, free wi-fi and you can use printers and photocopiers.



*Mayor Cr Ron Eason and Council's Leanne Robson have a look at the tourist information on offer at the AICC.*

The Pyrenees Libraries are part of the Central Highlands Libraries so residents can access the whole catalogue. The collection available is not just limited to books, but includes magazines, DVDs, audio books and newspapers.

Storytime for the young and young at heart is held fortnightly on a Friday in Avoca, and weekly in conjunction with the Supported Playgroup in Beaufort.

Centre staff can help residents with accessing My Aged Care to support them in independent living. The My Aged Care Federal system is the starting point for older residents looking for support options. Once you've completed a My Aged Care referral, if you are eligible for services, you'll be contacted by the Pyrenees Shire

Council Regional Assessment Service for a Home Support Assessment.

Both centres are also drop off points for e-waste. You can take your batteries, old mobile phones or laptops to be recycled. (Bigger electronic items need to go to Transfer Stations.)

The centres are open seven days a week, 10am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10-1pm on the weekends.

Have a look at the progress of a community art mural in the breezeway at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre next time you're there.

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## Council's Community Grant program

In April this year, we were pleased to award grants to 13 organisations as part of the Round 2 Community Grants 2021-22 program.

"We had a lot of applications in this round with some hard decisions to be made for organisations coming to us for funding," Pyrenees Shire Council Mayor Cr Ron Eason said.

Fifteen projects received funding from the Shire with over \$28,000 awarded, providing much needed funds to local organisations to continue the great work they do in the local community.

"It's wonderful to see our community groups coming back to us seeking this funding and getting out and running programs, events, and projects for our community again," Cr Eason said.

We had a fantastic response to this round, and if your organisation was unsuccessful, please get in touch about future opportunities.

Congratulations to our community groups who received funding:

Redbank Reserves Committee  
Carngham Linton Football Netball Club  
Landsborough Bowling Club  
Natte-Bealiba Football Netball Club  
Waubra Community Hub  
Avoca Country Golf Bowling Club Inc  
Lake Goldsmith-Stockyard Hill Fire Brigade  
Lake Goldsmith Hall Committee  
Snake Valley Hall Committee  
Burnbank CFA  
CWA Landsborough  
Snake Valley and District Historical Society  
CWA Avoca and District Branch

## Large print waste collection calendars

It's that time of year again – waste bin collection calendars are being mailed out to everyone in the Shire.

This year, we're printing some large format ones (these will be A4-size), but we'll need you to let us know you'd like one. Please email [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au) or call our customer service team on 1300 797 363 to request a large print version of your collection calendar.

## Stockyard Hill Avenue of Honour Restoration

The community instigated the restoration of the Stockyard Hill Avenue of Honour with a grant from the Victorian Government and a contribution from the Pyrenees Shire. The grant funding was made available through Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenue of Honour Grants Program. To further enhance the Avenue a plaque with the names of the local soldiers who served has been mounted on a large rock and a picnic table positioned nearby for visitors to sit and reflect on the significant contribution and sacrifices made by our local soldiers.



Before

After

## The Mobile Library is on the move

Redbank, Waubra and Barkly are now added to the stops at Lexton, Landsborough and Snake Valley.

The mobile library, now in a fully kitted out vehicle can reach more places, and it's easier on staff as they no longer have to load and unload a normal car. Have a look out for the colourful van heading to a town near you!

**Lexton** – fortnightly on Tuesdays, 10–11am. June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19.

**Landsborough** – fortnightly on Tuesdays, 10–11am. June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26. Landsborough Resource Centre.

**Waubra** – fortnightly on Tuesdays, 11.30am–12.30pm. June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19. Waubra Primary School.

**Redbank** – fortnightly on Tuesdays, 4–5pm. June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26. Redbank Community Hall.

**Barkly** – monthly on Tuesdays, 11.30am–12pm. June 28 and July 26. Barkly Community Hall.

**Snake Valley** – weekly on Wednesdays, 2.30–4.30pm. Woody Yaloak Primary School Snake Valley campus.

Our website, [pyrenees.vic.gov.au](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au) has all the library visits as recurring events if you want to check in the future what week your town's visit is. Council was supported by the Victorian Government to buy and fit out the van.



## A visit to the Pyrenees all the more sweeter with new app

Pyrenees Shire Council has released a Visit Pyrenees App, expanding the Visit Pyrenees brand. 95% of tourists use digital tools when searching for the best experience before, during and after traveling. The new app gives users information about local places to eat and stay, as well as activities and sights to see, even the ability to plan their journey and share it with family or friends.

The app's many functions include push notifications, the ability to create personalised itineraries, a map, and gives users access to the region's attractions, events, tourist information and competitions all in one app.

Sue Wood of Moonambel's Sweet Pyrenees said the app was a great initiative. "It is very easy to use, the images look fantastic and it has been very well received," Sue said.

"Many of our customers have downloaded the app while still in the shop and started planning their itinerary. It is a very useful tool to encourage people to move around our pretty region," she said.

There's so much to do in the Pyrenees, from indulging in award winning wineries, exploring nature parks and forests, visiting unique galleries, and everything in between. The official Visit Pyrenees App will help visitors discover the Pyrenees like a local and feel at home while visiting, with features that offer an unforgettable and tailored travel experience.

As well as getting directions to your destination, the app will recommend interesting places along the way, encouraging visitation to more businesses, while giving visitors insider tips into the best places to eat, drink, and visit.

Staff at Avoca and Beaufort resource centres have been using the app and recommending it to visitors. The feedback has been very positive with several visitors commenting on how easy the app is to use and that it has made them aware of more places to visit.

The Visit Pyrenees App can be downloaded from both Google Play and Apple stores.



*Sweet Pyrenees' Sue Wood showcasing her business listing on the Visit Pyrenees App. Stop by the sweet shop next time you're in Avoca.*

## My Aged Care the starting point for help at home

Whatever your situation, specific needs, or background, My Aged Care can help you understand what types of services are available - from services that help you live independently at home to short-term care that helps you get back on your feet, to moving into an aged care home when you can no longer live at home.

Once you have the information you need, you can call My Aged Care to discuss your needs and find out if you require an assessment. If you do, an assessor will come to your home for a face-to-face assessment to work out what services you are eligible for.

My Aged Care can also help you estimate the fees you may have to pay, and what service providers are available near you.

Wherever you are on your aged care journey, My Aged Care can help you get started.

You can access [myagedcare.gov.au](http://myagedcare.gov.au) or call 1800 200 422. Resource Centre staff can also help residents with accessing a computer at Avoca or Beaufort centres.

## Beaufort Cricket Nets project progressing

Progress is being made on the new cricket nets at the Goldfields Recreation Reserve. A building contractor has now been appointed and the detailed and engineering designs are near completion. Council hopes that on ground works will not be slowed down by wet winter weather and plans to keep the project moving as quickly as weather will permit.

The project will deliver a fully enclosed three-wicket cricket practice net facility and storage shed which will include a separate storage section for the Beaufort Little Athletics Club.

The total project is valued at \$274,479.04 and it is funded by the Victoria Government, Cricket Victoria, the Beaufort Cricket Club and Pyrenees Shire Council.

## Caring for our community

We know how important it is to be able to stay at home as long as possible as we get older. Pyrenees Community Care team has many services available to help our community members do just that.

Our team can give support for help around the home, personal care, respite, delivered meals, community meals, home modification, shopping services, transport, and assistive technology.

The Pyrenees Community Care team also knows that keeping connected with your local community is important, and to help with this, they run different social support groups each month.

With COVID restrictions easing and communities slowly returning to normal, Pyrenees Community Care has returned to running our social support groups, including Blokes Day Out and the monthly community meal.

Blokes Day Out is a great day to join the fellas in your area at the local pub every second Tuesday of the month for a chance to get together for a meal and chat about things that men like to talk about. The group meets from 12pm to 2.30pm, with lunch covered for up to \$15.

The monthly community meal is a great place to meet other members of your community. Our support staff serves a fully catered meal on the last Thursday of each month at Beaufort Community Centre in Pratt Street from 12pm to 2pm.

Do you want more of a say in the programs our Community Care team runs? Do you have ideas for other programs the team can look at running? The Pyrenees Community Care team want to invite you to be part of our Client Advisory Group. The group will be a time for clients to share how they feel about services we offer.

We are looking for people from all different cultural backgrounds to be included in the group. The group will meet throughout the year in Beaufort and Avoca. There are two meetings coming up this year in August and November.

Contact Pyrenees Community Care on 1300 797 363 or email [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au) to find out more.

## Budget 2022–23 *At a Glance*

Total Budget

**\$25 M**

Rate Rise

**1.75%**

Capital Works

**\$7.7 M**

Rates & Charges Income

**\$12.5 M**



Bridges

**\$646 K**



Building Improvements

**\$280 K**



Drainage & Footpaths

**\$1.7 M**



Recreational & Leisure

**\$745 K**



Roads

**\$3.4 M**

## Endless play opportunities in the Pyrenees

Are you looking for activities for your little one? There are playgroups dotted across the Shire ready and waiting for you.

Playgroup days and times:

- 9.30am Tuesday: Beaufort Community Playgroup at the Beaufort Community Centre in Pratt Street
- 10.30am Tuesday: Avoca Supported Playgroup at the Avoca Kinder
- 10am Wednesday Avoca Community Playgroup at the Avoca Kinder
- 9.30am Thursday: Lexton/Waubra Playgroup at the Community Centre (building behind the Post Office)
- 10am Thursday: Beaufort Supported Playgroup and Storytime at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre
- 9.30am Friday Snake Valley Playgroup at the Woody Yaloak PS Snake Valley campus (old red brick building)
- 10.15am fortnightly Friday Storytime with librarians at the Avoca Information and Community Centre.

Supported Playgroup involves a facilitator supporting parents and their children, and it can be a great way to access help or to just enjoy the company of other parents.

*Pyrenees Shire Council acknowledge the people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Djab Wurrung and Wotjobaluk tribes, whose land forms the Pyrenees Shire. We pay our respects to the customs, traditions and stewardship of the land by the Elders and people of these tribes.*