

As regional Victoria begins to open up, Pyrenees Shire Council is on hand to help our hospitality businesses bring their indoor dining experience to the outside.

The Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package

The State Government has announced Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package Business Grants of \$5,000. This grant program is **now open** for applications, and runs until 11 December or when the funds run out (whichever comes sooner). **Every hospitality business is eligible** to apply for grants to support the creation or expansion of existing outdoor dining facilities. Please read the [Guidelines and Application form](#) for full details.

The grant can be used for the purchase of a range of equipment, such as: umbrellas, outdoor furniture, blinds, screens, outdoor power points, and heating. The money can also be used for outdoor dining marketing and for COVIDSafe staff training.

How can we help you?

Here at Council, we are committed to help our Shire's hospitality industry maximise this opportunity by making a single point of contact available to answer your questions (details below).

Council permits **may** be needed for your outdoor dining plans. For example, a Local Law permit is needed to place items on Council-managed land – but we will **waive your permit fee until 30 September 2021**. We will also waive any planning permit fees.

(Building permit fees are outside of our control, though). We have also extended our own insurance to cover public liability insurance for businesses who do not have outdoor dining already set up. Give us a call to check out what permits you may need.

Placemaking

In addition to working with individual businesses, we have also received \$250,000 in State Government funding. We will use this money to undertake some 'placemaking' initiatives over the warmer months to enhance public spaces. We are excited to work with businesses and communities to create an enhanced destination experience and friendly environment for visitors and locals alike.

A range of temporary concept ideas are being explored, including minimal impact road closures to create seating areas, and pop-up green spaces with tables, umbrellas and planter boxes. You may have other ideas in mind though – we would love to hear from you to help us ensure that any projects we undertake have community support.

Contact

Please contact **Kate Joss, Placemaking Facilitator**, on 0418 548 997 or email kate.joss@pyrenees.vic.gov.au (Tuesday – Thursday) to discuss your outdoor dining plans.





Let's get set up to bring our indoors 'out'!

Steps to follow...

1. Decide if you wish to create an outdoor dining experience or expand an existing one

We encourage businesses who are looking to set up or extend their outdoor dining footprint to talk to our Placemaking Facilitator about what your outdoor dining plans are. Our Placemaking Facilitator is available to discuss opportunities which may exist for creative solutions using public space along footpaths and even into other adjacent public land or car parking spaces (where reasonable and safe to do so).

2. Pyrenees Shire can assist you with the following:

Pyrenees Shire will provide the following support for individual hospitality businesses who are seeking to set up or expand their outdoor premises:

- Temporary Public Liability insurance coverage for business who do not currently have outdoor dining;
- Fee waivers for outdoor dining permits until 30 September 2021;
- Infrastructure advice for building façades / footpaths including advice on where to place anchoring points, foot holes (special consideration will need to be made for façades and verandas and must be discussed with Council);
- Advice on the grant available, business marketing and creative solutions for outdoor dining;

3. Apply for \$5,000 funding to the Victorian Government Outdoor Dining stimulus

We encourage all hospitality businesses to apply for this funding to assist with the purchase of outdoor dining equipment (umbrellas, tables, chairs, etc.) and a list of other eligible items. Please refer to the Guidelines for more information and guidance on how to apply.

Applications will remain open until funds are exhausted or until **11.59pm on 11 December 2020**, whichever is earlier.

4. Local Law permits

Please fill out the [Local Law permit application form](#) for the following:

- Set up, operate or formalise existing Outdoor Dining facilities AND / OR
- Display and Sell Goods out the front of your premises AND / OR
- Display Advertising Signage

5. Keep up to date with Communications

We will provide further updates to this information and the Frequently Asked Questions sections of the website.

Links / contacts

Please contact the Pyrenees Shire Placemaking Facilitator:
kate.joss@pyrenees.vic.gov.au
or call 0418 548 997 (available Tuesday – Thursday).

Please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to assist planning your outdoor dining premises.

[Outdoor Dining Grant Guidelines](#)

Email the form to:
pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Please visit:
www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Please note, there may be other permissions required for outdoor dining, please refer to FAQ on the website for further information or make contact with Kate Joss on 0418 548 997.



What is Placemaking?

Placemaking is an activity that recognises the uniqueness of a place and involves listening to the people who live, work, visit, study and play in a place to discover their needs and aspirations. It uses short-term and long-term public space interventions to build on the place's existing qualities.

While the social and economic landscape has changed due to COVID-19, our long term objective is to revitalise our major townships as places for people of all ages to come together in a 'COVID normal' environment. Placemaking will play a key role in assisting the economic recovery of our townships. Together we can re-imagine our township precincts and create vibrant, memorable and social places where people feel safe and have a sense of belonging and pride.

Watch this space!

The Pyrenees Outdoor Dining initiative will be the first of many placemaking activities we will be doing.

The State Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package available to Pyrenees Shire will provide a great opportunity to trial placemaking ideas in our community. We encourage feedback during this trial period of time so we can work towards an exciting range of future initiatives in collaboration with the community.

