

Welcome to Pyrenees Shire Council's weekly update.

Community Information

Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 21 February, 6pm at Beaufort Council Chambers.

Councillor Cuppa and Chat

Our first Cuppa and Chat for the year will be on Tuesday 14 February in Waubra at 5pm. Come along and have a chat with your councillors.

Green Waste Disposal

Council is asking all residents to remember that illegally dumping green waste can cause weed invasion in surrounding areas. You can be fined for illegally dumping green waste. Pyrenees residents and ratepayers can drop off green waste at any transfer station around the Shire for free.

Battery Disposal

Batteries cannot be placed into your kerbside waste bins. If batteries are placed into kerbside bins, they can cause a fire in the waste collection truck. For safety reasons, batteries must be taken to a battery collection point. All types of batteries are free to dispose of at Beaufort, Avoca and Snake Valley transfer stations.

Active Farmers Scholarships

Are you passionate about health, fitness and your rural community? Grampians Health in collaboration with Active Farmers have scholarships worth \$7000 up for grabs! Scholarship recipients have the opportunity to complete their Certificate III and Certificate IV in Personal Training to help reinvigorate fitness in their local, rural communities.

If you're Interested? Contact Narelle on 0448 904 947 or via email at narelle.conroy@bhs.org.au to find out more!

Rate Reminder

A friendly reminder: if you are paying your rates in full, payment is due by February 15.

The third installment is due on February 28.

Flood Recovery

Works have started to restore the Avoca Men's Shed and Avoca Recreation Reserve complex after the flood events last year. While these works are underway, the area will be a construction site, and there won't be access to the public. Works are expected to be completed in early 2023. We thank everyone for their patience while these works are underway.

Flood recovery is continuing around the Shire. If you need support or have questions to help in your recovery, please reach out to Council's Flood Recovery Team on 1300 797 363 or email recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

Fencing Support Information

Council is putting landholders in touch with Landmate and BlazeAid, for help repairing flood-damaged fencing. Call us on 1300 797 363 to register for assistance.

VNI West Connector Information

The Victoria – New South Wales Interconnector (VNI West), is a proposed new high-capacity 500 kilovolt (kV) double-circuit overhead transmission line, providing a connection between the Western Renewables Link in Victoria and Project EnergyConnect in New South Wales.

The Australian Energy Market Operator is investigating options for the interconnector including a terminal station near Waubra. Residents are encouraged to stay informed. Find out more about VNI West on AEMO's website: www.aemo.com.au/vni-west.

Fire Danger Period in Force

The Fire Danger Period is now in force for all areas of the Pyrenees. Find out what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period on the CFA's website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can.

Pool Opening Times

Summer is here and swimming pools in the Shire are open to the end of March 2023.

Beaufort and Avoca: 11am to 7pm on weekends, public holidays and school holidays; 1pm to 7pm Monday to Friday (non-school holidays); and 6.30am to 8am for lap swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays (subject to lifeguard availability).

Landsborough: 1pm to 7pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays; 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday (non-school holidays).

Community Funding Program

A range of grants and subsidies are available through Council's Community Funding Program, including a new Shop Façade Improvement program to encourage investment and breathe new life into our beautiful streetscapes. Applications for round two open on 23 January 2023. To find out more, visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au/funding.



Avoca Works and Maintenance

The wine barrels at the southern entrance to Avoca are starting to fall apart and are no longer fit for purpose. One of the barrels is now on a lean and this presents a safety issue. Council will be removing the set on the northern side of the Pyrenees Highway. There are currently no plans to replace the barrels.

The banner poles in Avoca will be removed shortly due to the prohibitive cost of installing banners on these poles. Any plans to install banner poles or promotional structures to replace these will be subject to community consultation and funding.

Events

Play in the Pyrenees - Summer Sessions

Pyrenees Shire Council is hosting 'Summer Sessions' at Avoca Riverfront on 25 February from 3-7pm. Come along and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of music, food and family entertainment. It's free to attend!

Employment

Works Officer

Permanent - Full Time
Band 6 (salary between \$86,488.48 - \$93,633.28 plus On Call Allowance for 1 week per fortnight, super, and RDO)
Applications close at 5pm, Wednesday 1 February.

Planning and Development Administration Officer

Full Time - Temporary to 30 June 2023 (possible extension)
Band 4 (\$66,071 - \$70,377 plus super and RDO)
Applications close 9am, Monday 6 February.

Casual School Crossing Supervisors

Band 1 (\$36.58 - \$37.65 incl. industry allowance and casual loading)

Applications will remain open until the positions are filled.

To find out more and to apply, visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au/employment.

Projects and Works

Goldfields Recreation Reserve Cricket Net Construction

Construction of new cricket practice nets at the Goldfields Recreation Reserve is scheduled to start on 20 March, after the Beaufort Agricultural Show. It is expected to be finished on 15 May.

Road Construction Works

Two major road construction projects are about to start at Crowlands-Eversley Road and Snake Valley-Smythesdale Road (between Hopes Lane and Burrumbeet-Hillcrest Road).

Bridge Works

Construction on the Raglan-Elmhurst Road bridge (Bridge 139) has started, with the road now closed. A local detour is in place, and works are expected to be finished by late March.

Upcoming Road Closures

Bridge 11 – Works on Beaufort Carngham Road are expected to begin following completion of Bridge 139. You can find more information about roadworks and maintenance on our website.

COVID-19 Information

Council encourages everyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and to receive booster doses. You can book a vaccination with your GP, local chemist or with a state clinic. To book with the state clinic call 1800 675 398 or visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au.