



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.

### 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.

### Service Update

Council front counters at the Beaufort Council Office, the Beaufort Resource Centre, and Avoca Information Centre will be closed from 1pm to 5pm on Thursday 19 February for necessary training for our customer service team. Our telephone lines will still be open during this time.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au). Updates on flood recovery are available at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/flood-update](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/flood-update).

### 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.

### 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](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can). Remember to keep an eye on the daily fire danger forecast, especially if you're travelling around the state over summer.

### Pool Opening Times

The end of school holidays means pool opening times will change. The pools are open to the end of March.

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

Landsborough: 1pm to 7pm weekends and public holidays; 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday.

### 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](https://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.

## Have Your Say



### Lexton Footbridge

Following community feedback after the floods in October 2022, Council is deciding whether to remove the footbridge that crosses Burbank Creek between Anderson St and the Sunraysia Highway.

Council is seeking input from the community on whether the bridge should be removed before any decision on its future is made. Have your say on our engagement hub: <https://engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/lexton-footbridge>.

## 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! Visit Council's Facebook page for more information: [www.facebook.com/pyreneessc](http://www.facebook.com/pyreneessc).

## Employment

### 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](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/employment).

### Lifeguard Positions

Belgravia Leisure is looking for lifeguards over summer for all Pyrenees Shire pools. Don't have any qualifications or a resume? No stress, send through an expression of interest on their website. Free training is provided for new staff members. Apply online: [belgravialeisure.com.au/simply-the-best-summer-jobs](http://belgravialeisure.com.au/simply-the-best-summer-jobs).

## Projects and Works

### Culvert Replacement Work

Culvert replacement work on Waubra-Talbot Road between Donkeys Lane and W Eads Road is due to start on 13 February, weather dependent. This could take a week to complete. Road closures and a detour will be in place. Thanks for your patience during these 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.

### Major Road Construction Works

Two major road construction projects are underway at Crowlands-Eversley Road and at Snake Valley-Smythesdale Road (between Hopes Lane and Burrumbeet-Hillcrest Road). Delays of around 10-15 minutes may be experienced while works are underway, we appreciate your patience during this time.

### Bridge Works

Construction on the Raglan-Elmhurst Road bridge (Bridge 139) has started, with the road closing from Monday 16 January. Works are expected to be completed 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.