



## FIRE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS



Council, working closely with the Victorian Government, has started the process of helping the community rebuild and recover from the recent Bayindeen fires. If you are a fire-impacted resident, phone the Council on 1300 797 363 to register your details. You can find more recovery information below or on our website [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/firerecovery](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/firerecovery).

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Easter weekend closure

The Beaufort Council office will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 28 March and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 2 April.

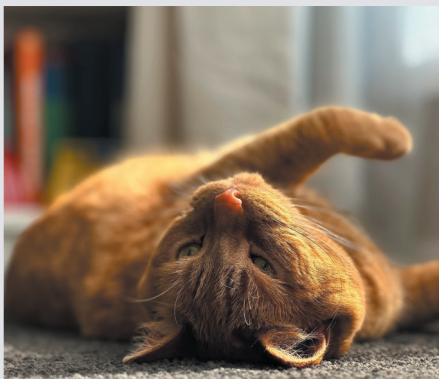
### Redbank community consultation and engagement day

A consultation and engagement day will be held in Redbank on Tuesday 26 March to discuss a range of issues:

- Community Development Team drop-in from 10am to 12pm. Staff will be available to discuss funding, youth, recreation, community health and positive ageing. Drop in any time over the two hours.
- Community grant drop-in information session from 12.30pm to 2pm. Staff will be available to support grant opportunities.
- Redbank Streetscape Engagement from 2pm to 4.30pm. Staff will be available to chat; drop in any time during this period.

If you can't make the session, get in touch with Community Development on 1300 797 363 or [commdev@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:commdev@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

### Animal registration payments extended to 30 April



Council has extended the payment due date on all animal registration renewals to 30 April due to the fire emergency. Animal registration renewals have been posted to residents and will have a due date of 10 April printed on them, however residents can pay up until 30 April. You can pay online, in person or over the phone by calling 1300 797 363.

### Council meeting

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 16 April, 6pm at the Avoca Town Hall Supper Room. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or tune in on our YouTube channel.

### Due date extension for all rates payments

Due to the fire, the due date for all rates payments has been extended to March 31. Outstanding amounts will not be charged interest during this time. Residents who are experiencing financial hardship or need support to pay after this date are encouraged to contact Council on 1300 797 363.

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### Raglan and Amphitheatre fire recovery drop-in sessions

If you've been impacted by the Bayindeen fires and want to find out how to access recovery support, come along to a series of drop-in sessions Council is holding in Raglan and Amphitheatre over the next three weeks.

Council officers will provide a range of information and support on topics from financial assistance and mental health services through to reinstating fencing and replenishing water supplies.

At the sessions, Council officers will provide information about a range of fire recovery help available from financial assistance, business advice and mental health services, to help for farmers such as reinstating fencing and replenishing water supplies.

The sessions started this week and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday up until Thursday 4 April at:

- Raglan Hall from 12pm to 1.30pm
- Amphitheatre Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm

You can drop in any time during the sessions – no appointment needed – to chat through your options. We hope to see you there.

### Rates relief for fire-impacted properties

If your property has been damaged or destroyed by fire, rates relief may be available. Please contact Council on 1300 797 363 or rates.department@pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

### Fencing help

Please email [admin@blazeaid.com.au](mailto:admin@blazeaid.com.au) for fencing help. Find more information about BlazeAid's base camp: [blazeaid.com.au/buangor](https://blazeaid.com.au/buangor). Fence repairs can be organised through Council by calling 1300 797 363 or emailing [recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

### Livestock help

If you're a fire-impacted farmer who needs feed for livestock, please contact Need for Feed at [www.needforfeed.org/home-1.html](https://www.needforfeed.org/home-1.html).

## EVENTS

### New time for Rhyme Time in Avoca

Rhyme Time at the Avoca library will move to Wednesdays at 10:15am. Join the team for a fun-filled morning of rhymes, songs and stories for children aged 0-4 years of age.

### Seniors' Digital Literacy Program

Join us to learn about the everyday use of your smartphone or tablet. Learn to download apps, scan documents, pay bills, or whatever you need. LiveUp, a free online healthy guide to ageing, will also be presented at this session.

Beaufort Community Resource Centre:  
Tuesday 26 March, 11am to 1pm.

### International Women's Day celebration



Join us on Friday 19 April at 8.30am at the Beaufort Library to celebrate the wonderful women of our community. Book your free ticket: [trybooking.com/CPXTU](https://trybooking.com/CPXTU) or 5349 1180.

## TENDERS

### Tender 2324-004 Cleaning of the Beaufort Caravan Park

Council is seeking submissions from qualified and experienced cleaning service providers for the cleaning of the Beaufort Caravan Park.

Specification and submission details can be found online: [portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees](https://portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees). Submissions are due 2pm on Tuesday 23 April.

## PROJECTS

### Roadworks Beaufort-Carranballac Road

Construction is nearing completion on Beaufort-Carranballac Road (1.5km to 2.3km south of Meadows Lane). Sealing works were completed on 19 March with final tidy up works to be completed within the next month.

### Roadworks Eurambeen-Streatham Road

Works will begin shortly on Eurambeen-Streatham Road, south of Mt William Road near Coburn Rd. Works will cause some traffic delays and are scheduled for completion in May.

### Roadworks Trawalla Waterloo Road

Construction is underway on Trawalla Waterloo Road near Racecourse Road. Culvert works requiring the closure of Trawalla Waterloo Road between Racecourse Road and Rodger's Drive will be completed over the next few weeks. The remaining road works are scheduled for completion by late-May. These works will cause some traffic delays.

### Avoca drainage maintenance

Avoca drainage maintenance work has started. Efforts will be in place to minimise the impact to motorists and pedestrians. Pound Lane will be closed for a few days for the installation of two culverts.

### Caramuir Road, Nerring culvert works

Upgrade work on the Caramuir Road culvert is underway. Works include the extension of the existing culvert, road reinstatement, and installation of guard railing. The road will be closed during works, please follow the detour signs. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### Roadworks Smythesdale-Snake Valley Road

Construction work is almost complete on Smythesdale-Snake Valley Road (Hopes Lane to 150m south of Canico Lane). Remaining tidy up works should be done this week with line marking completed when contractors are in the area.

### Roadworks Pittong Snake Valley Road

Works will begin shortly on Pittong Snake Valley Road near Cochrane Drive. Works include pavement upgrades and sealing of the unsealed road between Kelly Road and Cochrane Drive. Works will cause some traffic delays.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Beaufort cemetery – tree removal

Beaufort Cemetery Trust is seeking community feedback on proposed tree clearing works at the Beaufort Cemetery. Pine trees to the west and northwest of the current grounds will be removed to improve amenity and prepare the site for potential expansion in the future. To have your say or for further information email [beaufortcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:beaufortcemetery@gmail.com).

## FLOOD RECOVERY

### Community Resilience Grants open

The Community Resilience Grant Program (a flood recovery initiative) has been launched. Grants up to \$2000 are available for programs/projects to help and empower communities to recover and build resilience to future flood impacts. Applications close 18 March. For more information visit Council's website [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/funding](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/funding).

Community drop-in sessions:

- Redbank Tuesday 26 March, 12.30pm-2pm
- Avoca Resource Centre Wednesday 27 March, 2pm-4pm
- Avoca Resource Centre Wednesday 10 April, 2pm-4pm
- Landsborough Monday 15 April, 1pm-3pm

Sign up to our flood-recovery newsletter at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/flood-update](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/flood-update).