



PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW MAYOR



Pyrenees Shire Council has unanimously elected Cr Damian Ferrari as Mayor for 2025/26. Councillors also voted in Cr Rebecca Wardlaw as the municipality's first Deputy Mayor.

It is the second time Cr Ferrari has been elected to the role after serving as Mayor in 2020/21. He was first elected to Council as the Beaufort Ward Councillor in August 2018 following a by-election.

Cr Wardlaw, who represents the Avoca Ward, was elected to Council at the November 2024 local government election. She said she looks forward to working closely with the Mayor and her fellow councillors to continue delivering positive community outcomes.

Cr Ferrari said he took the honour of serving as Mayor very seriously, with one of his key aspirations being to continue the strong advocacy work currently undertaken by Pyrenees Shire Council. Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will serve one-year terms.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Have your say on the future of our Shire's economy

Pyrenees Shire Council is developing an Economic Development and Investment Attraction Strategy to guide the growth of jobs, business, and investment across the Shire over the next five years. The strategy will identify opportunities to grow the local economy, focusing on – but not limited to – agriculture, construction, manufacturing (wine), tourism, and emerging industries. It will also include an action plan outlining priority initiatives for Council to deliver.

As part of the strategy's development, council is seeking community and business feedback on priorities such as infrastructure, workforce, local supply, sustainability and tourism. A short, confidential survey will be open on council's website until Friday 12 December.

To take the survey and help shape the Shire's economic future, visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au. People are also welcome to submit their suggestions and ideas by email to pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au using the title "Economic Development Strategy" in the subject line.

Pyrenees Shire Council Meeting

Pyrenees Shire Council will meet at Beaufort Council Chambers on Monday 17 November with some of the reports under consideration including:

- Waubra Recreation Reserve Master Plan

- 2025/6 Community Funding Program (Annual Grant and Sponsorship Category)

Residents and visitors are welcome to attend in person at 5 Lawrence Street, Beaufort or view the livestream online at youtube.com/Pyrenees. A recording will be available on the council website at pyrenees.vic.gov.au following the meeting.

Raglan Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated

Notice is given of a Public Meeting to be held at the Raglan Public Hall on Tuesday 25 November beginning at 6.30pm.

The meeting's purpose is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Raglan Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee Incorporated for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 14 January 2026. All positions will be declared open, and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact Secretary Ross Armstrong on 0409 330 841.

OBPS Update

Work is continuing on the Old Beaufort Primary School Master Plan after

recent community engagement through surveys and in-person sessions.

The next steps involve designing the early works so that a contractor can be hired. This work will protect the heritage buildings from further degradation and remove some of the unwanted buildings. Works are likely to start in the early part of next year.

Regional All Abilities Grants

Applications for the Regional All Abilities Participation Grants are now open. The grants support initiatives that increase participation and inclusion in sport and active recreation for people with disability in regional and rural Victoria.

Applications close 19 November. For more information, or to apply visit sport.vic.gov.au/funding/regional-all-abilities-participation-grants.

Sporting Club Grants Program

The Victorian Government's Sporting Club Grants Program is now open. This program provides funding to help grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities. Applications close 26 November. For more information visit sportscentral.org.au.

Fire Resilient Communities

Landsborough and surrounding communities are invited to come together to develop a Community Resilience Plan.

Two workshops have already taken place. Two further workshops are scheduled for Wednesday 19 and 26 November.

To find out more, or to register your interest contact Claire Hodgkinson by email on claireh@pyrenees.vic.gov.au or by phone at 1300 797 363.

Beaufort by Twilight

For one night only, Friday 5 December, the township of Beaufort will transform into a hive of activity with street entertainment, live music and activities for all ages.

Whether it's date night, after-work drinks, an overdue catch-up with friends or an excuse to get out and about, come and see Beaufort in a whole new light!

Local retail and hospitality venues will stay open so visitors can enjoy what our town has to offer. Shop local, eat local and support your local Beaufort businesses who have stocked up with the perfect Christmas gift for your loved ones.

Interested in taking part? Pyrenees Community House is looking for stall holders. For more information contact events@pyreneeshouse.org.au.

We are also looking for buskers so if you want to take part or know someone with talent contact events@pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

CAREERS AT COUNCIL

Manager Works

Permanent Full time
Band 8 or Senior Executive Officer
Contract depending on experience
(Salary commencing at \$121,117 p/a incl. RDO) + Super

Interested candidates can download the position description and submit applications via Council's website. Applications for this position close at 12pm Wednesday 19 November 2025.

Pyrenees Shire Council is proud to be an inclusive and equal opportunity employer. We offer flexible work arrangements and welcome applications from individuals of all abilities and backgrounds.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input is invited on:

- Community Resilience Survey
- New Moonambel cycling trails
- Economic Development and Investment Attraction Strategy Survey

Information on these projects is available on our website at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage.

CURRENT ROADWORKS

Crowlands-Eversley Road, Crowlands

Council is continuing the widening of the last 800 metres of Crowlands-Eversley Road. The area to be widened is located between the Pyrenees Highway and the main Crowlands township. It is anticipated these works will be completed by mid-November, subject to favourable weather conditions.

Mooramong Culvert Replacement Works

Due to wet weather the Mooramong culvert replacement works have been delayed and are now expected to begin next week. It is scheduled to be completed within two weeks. A full road closure will be required for a minimum of 48 hours, with efforts made to keep this as short as possible. We will keep you informed on the date of the road closure through our Facebook page.

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