



PREPARE FOR THE UP-AND-COMING FIRE SEASON



Pyrenees Shire Council is reminding residents to undertake their summer preparedness activities as soon as possible. Now is the time to get busy around homes and clean gutters; clear leaf litter and other fine fuels from around homes; remove flammable items such as paper, boxes and crates; and store fuel supplies and chemicals away from houses.

Farmers also need to ensure their farming equipment is ready for the season ahead and complies with requirements (for example water extinguishers, exhaust systems that are free from mechanical defects).

If burning off, people should first check their Council’s local law regarding when and where they can burn off. Pay attention to the weather conditions, particularly the wind strength, not only on the day of the burn, but for several days after.

Everyone needs to be aware of their responsibilities to maintain their properties, particularly those in areas where grass fires can quickly take hold. Keeping vegetation at an acceptable level will assist in reducing the risk to other homeowners and residents.

For further information about property preparation, please visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property or call Council on 5349 1100.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Children’s Week Intergenerational Playgroup Session
Wednesday 22 October
1.30pm – 3pm, free

Avoca Residential Community
10 Templeton Street, Avoca

Parents, Grandparents and carers along with their preschoolers are invited to join the Avoca hostel residents, playgroup, kindergarten and primary school children for an afternoon of celebration, creativity, joy and food, for young and old.

For more information, or to book contact Genevieve on 0447 334 805.

Amphitheatre Mechanics Institute Public Meeting

Notice is given of a Public Meeting to be held at the Amphitheatre Public Hall on 28 October 2025 commencing at 7pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Amphitheatre Mechanics Institute Incorporated for a term of three years. The current committee’s term will expire on 20 November 2025. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally

diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

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 the Secretary, Lisa Shannon on 0437 674 069.

Draft Old Beaufort Primary School Master Plan

The Draft Old Beaufort Primary School Master Plan is now available to view on our website. The Victorian Government provided \$800,000 for Council to develop a master plan and for early stage works for the historic former school to develop it as a community hub. The draft master plan was developed by consultant Public Realm Lab in conjunction with Council after two surveys were carried out to gather community feedback.

Work will now continue on finalising the master plan. To view the plan visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

Fire Resilient Communities

Landsborough and surrounding communities are invited to come together over four events during October and November to develop our Community Resilience Plan. The project is about locals working together and side-by-side with Council and fire and emergency services, to plan ahead,

make smart choices, and be ready when fire risk is high.

The first event was held on Saturday 11 October. The next event has now been rescheduled to Wednesday 12 November. The final events are scheduled for Wednesday 12 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.

To support communities across the state, CFA brigades will host ‘Get Fire Ready’ events throughout October, offering practical advice and resources to help get Victorians ready for the fire season.

“Get Fire Ready” focuses on helping householders understand their local bushfire and grassfire risks, including how to create a survival plan, and learning where to access emergency information.

‘Get Fire Ready’ events will be held at:

Barkly – 19 October, 1.30pm
Barkly and Frenchman’s Fire Station

Lexton – 22 October, 6pm
Lexton Public Hall

Snake Valley – 31 October, 4pm
Snake Valley Fire Station

All Victorians, particularly those in high-risk areas, are encouraged to attend one of these events.

Victorian Seniors Festival Events What’s happening in Avoca?

Avoca Senior Citizens Centre
Free morning tea - Wednesday 15 October, 10am to 12pm

Avoca Information and Community Centre
Intergenerational Activity - Wednesday 22 October, 1.30pm to 3pm
Craft Group - Every Monday, 10am to 12.30pm

The Casablanca Movie Club at Avoca Hall
Free films - Friday 17 October, 7pm
‘In the Heat of the Night’ (PG) 1967

What’s happening in Landsborough?

Community Resource Centre
Free morning tea with live music - Saturday 25 October, 9.30am to 12pm

Other activities in Beaufort

Crafting with the grandies
Sunday 19 October
Cyril Callister Vegemite Museum

226 High Street Avoca

The Pyrenees Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) to license the land located at 226 High Street Avoca for a 12-month period.

The area consists of approximately 7 hectares of accessible land. This EOI is an invitation to demonstrate interest and provide your proposal on how the site could be used to meet specific objectives (e.g. for agricultural grazing). For more information or details on how to submit an EOI to license this land visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Licence Agreement

In accordance with Section 115(4) of the Local Government Act 2020, Pyrenees Shire Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to grant a ten (10) year licence to the Beaufort Blue Light Motorcycle Club Inc. for recreational use of Crown Land located at 252 Beaufort-Lexton Road, Beaufort.

The proposed licence would permit the Beaufort Blue Light Motorcycle Club Inc. to use the land for not-for-profit community and recreational activities.

Community feedback can be provided via email at: pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au or via post at Pyrenees Shire Council, 5 Lawrence Street Beaufort 3373. Community feedback must be received by 5pm on Friday 17 October.

CAREERS AT COUNCIL

Information and Communication Technology Officer

Permanent Full time
Band 4 - (Salary range \$72,197 - \$76,902 p/a incl. RDO) + Super

Interested applicants can find a position description outlining the relevant duties and apply via our website at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/ict-officer. Applications for this position close at 9am, Monday 10 November 2025.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input is invited on:

- Community Resilience Survey
- New Moonambel cycling trails

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

CURRENT ROADWORKS

High Street Bridge, Beaufort

Works are nearly finished on the High Street Bridge. The handrail will be installed at the earliest opportunity. Buntings have been erected on both sides of the bridge. The walkway is open to the public, however, users are advised to proceed with caution.

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