



## DROUGHT RELIEF MEASURES WELCOMED



Additional Victorian Government drought relief measures have been announced for southwest Victoria, including Pyrenees Shire.

A major feature is the Primary Producer Support Payments which will give eligible Pyrenees Shire farmers the equivalent of a 40 per cent rate reduction.

Another boost for the region is the commitment of \$15 million towards the East Grampians Rural Pipeline extension to provide water security, including for farmers in Pyrenees Shire's southwest. The extension is dependent on further Australian Government funding and will require a \$15.6 million Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water investment.

There is also a commitment to expand and upgrade Emergency Supply Water Points for stock and domestic water supply, as well as household payments of up to \$1000 for struggling families.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OBPS second survey

This survey is the second to be undertaken by Pyrenees Shire Council as part of the Old Beaufort Primary School Master Plan project.

Survey two will help us understand what a community hub at the site needs to be a vibrant community space that supports both Beaufort and the broader shire.

Responding to this survey will further inform the master plan outcome and support making key decisions on community buildings.

Surveys are available at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au) and will be mailed to all residents in the 3373 post code.

It is also available via a QR code on fliers which will be distributed across Beaufort and in hard copies at Pyrenees Shire libraries, Council offices or upon request.

### Road Management Plan review

Pyrenees Shire Council has recently undertaken a Road Management Plan review, which can be viewed at the Beaufort Shire Office, Beaufort and Avoca Community Resource Centres and on Council's website at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

Submissions on the plan must be received before 5pm on Friday 15

August 2025. Submissions can be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Pyrenees Shire, 5 Lawrence Street, Beaufort 3373 or may be lodged by following the links on Council's website at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

Any submitter can request to appear in support of their submission at the Council meeting on 15 September 2025.

### Western Renewables Link Environmental Effects Statement

The Environmental Effects Statement (EES) for the proposed Western Renewables Link (WRL) was placed on public exhibition on 30 June.

Council encourages the community to review the documents and make a submission by the closing date of 22 August.

Hard copies of the full EES and the draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) are available at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre, along with a USB containing the same information.

Printed copies of the summary EES report and a USB containing the full EES and the draft PSA are available at the Lexton Community Centre.

Further information regarding the EES can be found at:

- Engage Victoria: [engage.vic.gov.au](https://engage.vic.gov.au)
- Western Renewables Link: [westernrenewableslink.com.au](https://westernrenewableslink.com.au)

### Tree works – Avoca

Tree works are taking place on road reserves next to the Avoca Primary School in the week beginning 14 July. The works are based on an arborist risk assessment and include pruning of five trees and the removal of one tree in North Street.

### Just A Farmer movie screening

Grab your tickets to this free community event hosted by the Pyrenees Mental Health & Wellbeing Network on Friday 11 July, 5.30pm at the Avoca Town Hall.

*Just a Farmer* (rated M) will be screened as part of an evening event, bringing local communities together and opening discussions to raise awareness of mental health and the challenges farming communities face.

On the night:

- Meet Leila McDougall
- Catering provided
- Fantastic door prizes
- A panel discussion with local services
- Gift bags with goodies and information
- An opportunity to network and meet other community members.

Register for your free ticket here: [eventbrite.com.au/e/just-a-farmer-screening-in-the-avoca-town-hall-tickets-1376861221979](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/just-a-farmer-screening-in-the-avoca-town-hall-tickets-1376861221979) or use the QR code located on flyers displayed at sites around Pyrenees Shire.

### What's on at the libraries these school holidays

Monday July 14, 10.30am, Beaufort Holiday Story time with Jennifer

Friday July 11, 11am-12pm, Avoca Teddy Bear's Picnic & children's author session

Friday July 11, 2-3pm, Beaufort Teddy Bear's Picnic & children's author session

Thursday July 24, 3.30-4.30pm, Beaufort Pop Up Toddler Dance Party

Thursday July 24, 3.30-4.30pm, Avoca Lego Play session

For more information, follow the Pyrenees Library Facebook page or call the Beaufort Library on 5349 1180 or the Avoca Library on 5465 1000.

### Home Energy Efficiency Program

There's lots of ways to reduce your energy bills this winter - even if you're renting. There's plenty of practical tips for both homeowners and renters in our educational home efficiency videos at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/energy](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/energy).

## CAREERS AT COUNCIL

### Planning and Development Administration Officer

Part Time (0.5 EFT) - Permanent  
Band 4 – \$72,176 - \$76,856 + Super

Applications close at 9am on 14 July.

Find out more and apply online: [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/careers](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/careers).

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Visit our Engagement Hub to have your say on the following matters:

- Statutory Planning Services User Survey

The link to our Engagement Hub can be found here: [engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

Input is also invited on:

- The second Old Beaufort Primary School survey focusing on community uses for the site
- A Beaufort Off-Leash Dog Park concept plan
- Nominations for our young people programs EPIC and Emerging Leaders

Information is available at our website at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage).

## CURRENT ROADWORKS

### School crossing upgrades – Skipton Road, Beaufort

Upgrade works are underway on the school crossing on Skipton Road, near South Street, in Beaufort in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning.

### Redbank Streetscape Project

Redbank is undergoing vital stormwater drainage upgrades and street beautification works as part of the Redbank Streetscape Project.

The works include:

- Drainage construction along Perry Road and Burge Street
- Planting of street trees within Navarre Street and Perry Road
- Construction of kerb and channel within Navarre Street.

For more information, including detailed plans, go to [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Pyrenees-Shire-Projects/Redbank-Streetscape-And-Drainage-Works-LRCIP4](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Pyrenees-Shire-Projects/Redbank-Streetscape-And-Drainage-Works-LRCIP4).

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