



## COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026



Council will have a busy April meeting next Monday, with some of the items to be considered including:

- Council's strategic response to fuel crisis
- Recovery Plan – 2026 Streatham Yalla-Y-Poora fire
- Economic development update
- Volunteer Asset Committee support

Meetings are open to all members of the public, and we encourage all residents to take part.

All meetings are also streamed live on YouTube, recorded, and published online so you can watch at your convenience.

To register, submit a question, view past meetings or more information visit [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings).

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Anzac Day in Pyrenees Shire

#### Avoca

5.45am: Dawn Service at Avoca Cenotaph followed by Gunfire Breakfast, rum coffee and ANZAC biscuits at Soldiers Memorial.

9:30am: Morning memorial service

#### Beaufort

6am: Dawn Service at Beaufort Cenotaph followed by Gunfire Breakfast at Beaufort RSL.

10:15am: March leaving from Beaufort RSL to the Cenotaph. Commemorative service and wreath laying ceremony with guest speaker followed by light lunch at Beaufort RSL.

\*Rolling road closures – Beaufort RSL to the Cenotaph down Neill Street.

#### Landsborough

6am: Dawn Service at Landsborough ANZAC Memorial Garden followed by Gunfire Breakfast at the rear of the Resource Centre (opposite the hall). Gold coin donation.

#### Lexton

6am: Dawn Service at Lexton Community Centre.

#### Stockyard Hill – Community Afternoon

An afternoon of reflection, conversation, Two Up (play money provided) and dinner.

3pm: Stockyard Hill Avenue of Honour

4pm: Stockyard Hill Church Memorial

5pm: Lake Goldsmith Hall, light dinner provided

Please RSVP for catering to Deb Bain 0438 402 215

#### Fuel theft warning

Avoca Police are reminding farmers to remain vigilant around fuel storage as fuel prices increase and warned they will be taking a no tolerance approach to people being on farms without authorisation.

Farmers are encouraged to safeguard their fuel and, if they see anything suspicious, to contact the Avoca Police Station.

## EVENTS

### Avoca Senior Citizens Pre-loved Fashion Parade

**Date:** Wednesday 29 April, 1.30–4pm  
**Location:** Avoca Community Centre, 186 High Street, Avoca  
**Details:** Free entry and afternoon tea. Contact Dawn for bookings on 0438 514 452 by 22 April.

## TENDERS

Suitably qualified and experienced contractors are invited to tender for the below project.

### Swimming pool service delivery

Assess Council's current service provision for the rural swimming facilities.

Tenders close: 17 April 2026

Tender documents can be downloaded via TenderLink: [portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees](https://portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees).

## GRANTS

### Local Grants Fund Opens for Community Projects

Applications are open for the Western Renewables Link (WRL) \$4 million Local Grants Fund, supporting projects that strengthen communities, enhance the environment, and prepare for a cleaner energy future. Funding is available regardless of whether the WRL project proceeds. Applications close 30 June 2026.

A free grant writing workshop will be held on Monday 20 April at the Lexton Community Hub from 5pm-7pm to help groups prepare strong applications, covering eligibility, assessment criteria, and practical tips. An online webinar will also be held on Wednesday 29 April between 7pm – 9pm.

For more information and to apply, visit [westernrenewableslink.com.au/community/benefit-sharing-program/local-grants-fund/](https://westernrenewableslink.com.au/community/benefit-sharing-program/local-grants-fund/).

### Ararat Wind Farm Sustainable Community Grants

Pyrenees, Ararat and Northern Grampians regions community groups have the opportunity to bring their local ideas to life through the 2026 Sustainable Community Grants Fund.

Applications opened last Friday and close on Monday 13 April. For more information visit [ararat.vic.gov.au/ararat-wind-farm-sustainable-grants-program](https://ararat.vic.gov.au/ararat-wind-farm-sustainable-grants-program).

## CURRENT ROADWORKS

### Willoby Street sewer upgrade

Beaufort's sewer system will get a major upgrade with a new sewer being built along Willoby Street to increase capacity, which will also help support the Burke Street Housing Project and Correa Park.

There will be traffic management in place during the works but access for local traffic will be maintained.

### Back Waterloo concrete floodway

Construction of a reinforced concrete floodway on Back Waterloo Road is now completed and open for traffic.

### Greenhill Creek Road Bridge, Amphitheatre – road closure

Greenhill Creek Road at the bridge over the Avoca River in Amphitheatre will be closed to all traffic from 7–24 April 2026 for repairs. Detours will be in place via Avoca using the Sunraysia and Pyrenees Highways. Greenhill Creek Road will be closed at the Pyrenees Highway on the north-west end, and at Avoca Greenhill Creek Road on the south-east end. Greenhill Creek Road will be available to local traffic.

### Hillman Road, west of Ferntree Gully Road, Middle Creek – road closure

Hillman Road, west of Ferntree Gully Road, will be closed from 8–24 April 2026 for culvert replacement works. Detours will be in place via the Western Highway. Hillman Road will be closed to traffic west of Ferntree Gully Road; however, local access will remain available.

### Racecourse Road Rehabilitation Project, Beaufort

The Racecourse Road Rehabilitation Project aims to improve the condition of the road along a 1,400-metre stretch northeast from Tip Road. There will be minor traffic disruptions, including traffic control signs and reduced speed limits.

### Carngham-Streatham Road Mt William Road intersection works

Works to realign the Carngham–Streatham Road and Mt William Road intersection at Stoneleigh for safety reasons is continuing. There will also be traffic management in place during these works.

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