



## VOTE FOR AVOCA AS TOP TINY TOURISM TOWN



Avoca is flying the flag for the Pyrenees region in the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards after being named a finalist in the Top Tourism Tiny Town category.

These awards showcase tourism's value to Victorian towns and communities and celebrate the state's diversity and outstanding regional destinations.

Voting is open so give Avoca a shout out at [surveyMonkey.com/r/NMHHCYH](https://surveyMonkey.com/r/NMHHCYH).

One lucky awards voter will also win a luxurious Melbourne escape for two so log on and tick the Avoca box now!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### King's Birthday closures

Due to the King's Birthday public holiday on Monday 8 June, the following centres will be closed:

- Pyrenees Shire Council offices
- Beaufort Community Resource Centre
- Avoca Information and Community Centre

We will reopen on Tuesday 9 June.

### Fire Wise Landscaping Forum/ Garden Design Workshop



A Fire Wise Landscaping Q&A Forum will be held at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre on Saturday 13 June between 10am-12pm.

The panel will include Rob and Kate Pelletier of Heritage Fruit Trees and vegetation management expert Owen Gooding. A Garden Design Workshop will follow at BCRC between 1pm-3pm led by Mr Gooding.

Lunch will be provided. To book, call Pyrenees Community House on

5349 3150 or email [events@pyreneeshouse.org.au](mailto:events@pyreneeshouse.org.au)

### WRL opportunities for local businesses

The Western Renewables Link is looking for a range of local businesses and industries to help build the WRL if approved, including materials and equipment supply, general trades, construction, administration, catering and accommodation, plus much more. For more information go to [westernrenewableslink.com.au](https://westernrenewableslink.com.au).

### Renewable Energy Zones released

VicGrid has released the Renewable Energy Zones. To find out more, go to [vicgrid.com.au/transmission-planning/renewable-energy-zones](https://vicgrid.com.au/transmission-planning/renewable-energy-zones).

## ENGAGE WITH US

### Last chance to have your say on our economic future

Residents can still provide feedback on Council's Draft 2026 Economic Development and Investment Attraction Strategy until 9am on Tuesday 9 June.

To view the strategy online go to [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage). Hardcopies are also available at the Pyrenees Shire Office, Beaufort Community and Resource Centre and the Avoca Information and Community Centre.

To make a submission, email [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au) and use the subject line: Economic Development Strategy. Written submissions can also be posted to The Manager Economic Development, Pyrenees Shire Council, 5 Lawrence St, Beaufort Vic 3373.

### Draft Annual Budget 2026-27

Council's Draft Annual Budget 2026-27 and Ten-Year Financial Plan are now on public exhibition at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au), along with Council's Ten-Year Financial Plan.

Copies of the Draft Budget 2026/27 and other documents are available at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage). Documents can also be viewed at the Beaufort Shire Office, Beaufort Community Resource Centre, and Avoca Information and Community Centre or by calling 1300 797 363 or emailing [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

Submissions must be received before 5pm on Monday 15 June via Council's website, posted to Chief Executive Officer, Pyrenees Shire, 5 Lawrence Street, Beaufort VIC 3373 or emailed to [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

### Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

Pyrenees Shire Council is inviting all residents—pet owners and non-pet owners alike—to provide feedback on its Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2026–2029.

The plan guides how Council manages dogs, cats and other domestic animals across the Shire, and community input will help shape a safe, responsible animal-friendly future.

The draft plan is open for public consultation on Council's website at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Residents/Engage) until 5pm, Sunday 19 July.

## EVENTS

### Pyrenees Art Exhibition

Date: Friday 5 June, 7.30pm – Monday 8 June, 2pm

Location: Beaufort Shire Hall

Details: Presented by the Pyrenees Arts Council in partnership with the Rotary Club of Beaufort, this event is the largest art exhibition in the region.

### Beaufort Rotary GIANT Book Sale

Date: Friday 5 June, 10am – Monday 8 June, 2pm

Location: Beaufort RSL Hall

Details: Pop across the road from the art exhibition and view a fantastic selection of books on offer.

### Pace the Pyrenees Ultra Trail

Date: Saturday 6 June - Sunday 7 June

Location: Goldfields Recreation Reserve, Beaufort

Details: Pace the Pyrenees in an Ultra Trail Running Event showcasing the beautiful Beaufort and Trawalla State Forest area.

### Avoca Carer Morning Tea

Date: Monday 15 June, 10am - 11:30am

Location: Home Made Café, 132 High Street, Avoca

Details: Open to carers living in Avoca and surrounding areas. Attendance is free, but registration is essential at [carersvictoriaEV1392.eventbrite.com.au](https://carersvictoriaEV1392.eventbrite.com.au).

## CAREERS AT COUNCIL

### Parks and Gardens Maintenance Operator

Permanent Full time

Band 3 or Band 4 (depending on relevant horticulture qualifications) (Salary \$66,877 - \$71,485 incl. RDO) + Super & Allowance

Applications for this position close at 12pm Tuesday, 9 June 2026.

Interested candidates can download the position description and submit applications via Council's website.

*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.*

## CURRENT ROADWORKS

### Evansford Bridge Works

Reconstruction work on two Waubra-Talbot Road bridges in Evansford is underway. Detours for one of the bridges during construction will be via Stud Farm Road and Gallaghers Road. Detours for the other bridge will be via Lexton-Evansford Road and School Road.

### Major Culvert Replacement

Major culvert replacement works are underway at Mt Emu Settlement Road (east end). These works are part of Council's flood mitigation program.

Mt Emu Settlement Road is closed at the bridge over Mt Emu Creek at Pittong, with detours via Glenelg Highway (south) and Carngham–Streatham Road–Mortchup Mt Emu Road (north). The road will be closed at Skipton Road (western end) and Chepstowe–Pittong Road (eastern end). Local access will be maintained up to the bridge from both sides.

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