



RESILIENT HOMES EXPO – CELEBRITY GUEST UNVEILED!



One of Australia's most beloved and recognisable TV personalities has been unveiled as the special celebrity guest for Pyrenees Shire Council's Resilient Homes Expo on Sunday 11 October.

Costa Georgiadis – well-known for hosting *Costa's Garden Odyssey*, *Gardening Australia* and playing Costa the Garden Gnome in *Get Grubby TV* – will be master of ceremonies at the Lexton event.

He will also be the keynote speaker, take part in fun kids' activities, be involved in a community conversation with other community experts and attendees, and generally be everywhere!

This free, family-friendly event will be held on Sunday 11 October at the Lexton Recreation Reserve and the Lexton Community Hub.

The Resilient Homes Expo is being delivered by Pyrenees Shire Council through the Safer Together Bushfire Resilience Project and funded by the Strengthening Local Government Partnerships Grants.

For more information, including how to book, go to pyrenees.vic.gov.au/expo.



Fire prevention reminders

As we prepare for the upcoming fire season, we ask all residents to help keep our communities safe by removing or managing flammable materials, including:

- Dry leaves and grass
- Branches and garden cuttings
- Wood piles
- Other combustible materials that could contribute to the spread of fire

We will shortly begin sending reminder letters to residents who received a Fire Prevention Notice last year. These letters are intended as a friendly reminder to ensure properties are prepared and maintained ahead of the Fire Danger Period.

Council and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) also offer a range of resources to help residents prepare their properties and better understand how to reduce bushfire risk. For more information, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property.

Community Newsletter out now!

Our new community newsletter will start hitting your mailboxes this week!

Ever wanted to know what our parks and gardens crew do? Or how to apply for our Community Funding Program? All of this – and more – is in the newsletter, which is also available online at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/communitynewsletters.

2026/27 Community Funding Program open

Our 2026/27 Community Funding Program is now open, with funding available for projects, events, minor capital works, equipment, and one-off or seed-funded initiatives.

Drop-in sessions with the Community Development Team have also been arranged to provide more information and help with applications. Please note some of these dates and times have changed:

- Landsborough Resource Centre - Tuesday 15 September 1pm-4pm
- Waubra Community Hub - Wednesday 16 September 1.30pm-4.30pm
- Beaufort Community Resource Centre - Wednesday 23 September 2pm-5pm
- Avoca Information Centre - Wednesday 30 September 1.30pm-4.30pm

Further information is available at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Community/Community-Funding-Program.

Last chance to vote for Avoca entrance sculpture

Last chance to vote for the new Avoca entrance sculpture! Several amazing entries were received, and have been narrowed down to two choices which can be voted on at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/engage.

Voting will close 5pm tonight, Friday 11 September, with the winning artwork to stand at the Pyrenees and Sunraysia highways intersection, replacing the former wine barrel sculpture removed in 2023 due to safety concerns.

EVENTS

The McFarlane Dress Collection – Fashion Through The Ages

Date: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, 10am-4pm

Location: Skipton Community Hall

Details: A stunning showcase of vintage ball gowns, including Australian designers such as Carla Zampatti. This remarkable collection is privately owned and rarely displayed to the public.

On Sunday 20 September from 1pm, an afternoon team and fashion parade featuring local models presenting selected gowns from the collection will be held in a runway-style showcase. For more information go to tinyurl.com/MDC-Skipton.

CAREERS AT COUNCIL

Team Leader Recovery and Resilience

Temporary Full time
Band 7 (Salary \$105,184 - \$116,776 incl. RDO) + Super

Applications for this position close at 12pm Monday 14 September 2026.

Senior Planning Officer

Permanent Full time
Band 6 (Salary \$94,507 - \$102,315 p/a incl. RDO) + Super

Applications for this position close at 9am, Monday 28 September 2026.

Interested candidates can download the position descriptions and submit applications via pyrenees.vic.gov.au/employment.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Spring School Holiday Program

With school holidays just around the corner and warmer weather on the way, we are inviting local families to take part in a packed program of activities designed to keep children entertained, active and creative.

Week One

- **Wednesday 23 September** – *Crafternoon*, Pyrenees Community House, Beaufort Community Resource Centre (BCRC) Trafford Room, 1pm-3pm
- **Thursday 24 September** – *Hobby Horse Decorating Workshop*, Art Traxx Gallery, BCRC Trafford Room, 10am-12pm

- **Friday 25 September** – *Open Day*, Beaufort Little Athletics, Goldfields Recreation Reserve, 10am-12pm
- **Sunday 27 September** – *Workshop*, Cyril Callister "Vegemite" Museum, 1pm-2pm

Week Two

- **Tuesday 29 September** – **Friday 2 October** – *Lolly Pizza Making Workshop*, Freddy Fernackerpans Funtime Candy, 12pm, \$10 per person, bookings essential at events.humanitix.com/chocolate-workshop-wh8p592a
- **Tuesday 29 September** – *Meet children's author Nicole Kelly*, BCRC, 11am, free event but bookings essential on 5349 1180
- **Wednesday 30 September** – *Crafternoon*, Pyrenees Community House, BCRC Trafford Room, 1pm-3pm
- **Thursday 1 October** – *Hobby Horse Decorating Workshop*, Art Traxx Gallery, BCRC Trafford Room, 10am-12pm
- **Friday 2 October** – *Open Day*, Beaufort Cricket Club, Goldfields Recreation Reserve, 10am-12pm

For more information, and for other events, visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au/events

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