



**PYRENEES SHIRE COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW
SOFT PLASTICS RECYCLING PROGRAM**



Pyrenees Shire Council has officially launched a new Soft Plastics Recycling Program, giving residents an easy way to recycle more household packaging and reduce waste going to landfill.

Under the scheme, households can put their soft plastics into special orange bags and place them into kerbside recycling bins to be made into new Australian products.

What can go in the soft plastics bags?

- Plastic bags
- Biscuit and other snack wrappers
- Chip packets and other silver-lined snack wrappers
- Fresh and frozen food and vegetable wrappers or bags
- Pasta bags, rice bags (both plastic and woven types), bead bags (without the tie), and cereal liners
- Cling wrap, bubble wrap, and snap lock/zip lock bags
- Document sleeves, mail satchels and carrier bags
- Plastic pet food bags and clean potting mix bags

This free and optional service is part of Council's commitment to helping the community recycle more materials, reduce contamination in bins, and cut down on waste sent to landfill.

Full orange soft plastic recycling bags can be placed in kerbside recycling bins from 2 March 2026.

Residents can register for the program now by phoning 1300 797 363 to receive their supply of orange bags.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Expanded support for fire affected communities

The Victorian and Australian governments have announced additional support to help families, businesses and primary producers affected by the recent fires.

This includes funding for:

- Clean-up support for homes, structures and community assets
- Recovery support to help people access government programs and services
- Advice and financial counselling for small business owners
- Rebates to rural households for cleaning and decontaminating rain water tanks, roofs and gutters
- Additional mental health and

wellbeing support for adults and young people

The clean up support is also available for uninsured and underinsured residential homes and structures such as sheds or garages.

For more information visit vic.gov.au/clean-support-january-2026-bushfires.

Rural Financial Counselling Service

Council is encouraging farmers affected by the recent bushfires to approach the Rural Financial Counselling Service to assist with applications for Fire Recovery Grants. RFCS provides free professional, confidential, independent and local support and advice. They can also assist budget reviews, weigh up options, support with banks and much more.

Contact RFCS on 1300 735 578 or www.rfcs.com.au.

Fire damaged trees on roadsides

Following the Streatham Yalla-Y-Poora fire, many trees located near roads have been impacted.

Pyrenees Shire Council is currently undertaking assessments of fire-affected trees located close to roads. Trees identified as hazardous will be scheduled for removal over the coming weeks to ensure public safety.

The fire also damaged or destroyed many trees on farms in the area. These trees play an important role on farms, providing wind breaks, shade for stock and preventing erosion.

If trees on your property were damaged or destroyed in the recent fire, you may be eligible to apply for replacement plantings.

Agriculture Victoria has a program that provides grants to rural landowners seeking to replace trees affected by the recent fires.

For eligibility details visit the 'Victorian Trees on Farms Program' page at agriculture.vic.gov.au.

GIVIT

GIVIT is the official Emergency Recovery Victoria partner for donations of essential goods and services for people impacted by disasters and emergency events in Victoria. GIVIT will work with the government, local councils and recovery organisations to get those affected by the fires the help they need to recover.

Donations can be directed to specific communities in need. You can choose to fund an item, give an item or give your time and skills. For more information, or to donate visit www.givit.org.au.

Speed Sign Changes – Safe Local Roads and Streets Program

Works are progressing on changes to speed signage across Pyrenees Shire.

Roads and townships affected include:

- Kings St, Beaufort – 50km/h zone entering Beaufort/Gateway signs
- Old Shirley Rd, Beaufort – 80km/h zone between the rail crossing and Western Hwy
- Raglan Township – 60km/hr zones on Vaughan Street, Chute-Raglan Road and Codrington Street, 80km/hr zone entering Raglan from Eurambeen-Raglan Road.
- Waubra Township – Waubra-Beaufort Road and Waubra-Talbot Road - 60km/hr zone (Completed).
- Snake Valley Township – South part of the township with 80km/hr zone on Linton-Carngham Road between Pittong Snake Valley Road and the shire boundary, 60km/hr zone on

Laurence Drive and a 50km/hr zone of Cochrane Drive with signage updates to Pittong-Snake Valley Road.

- Amphitheatre Township – Amphitheatre Road 60km/h zone over the rail crossing and signage updates around the school (Completed)
- Trawalla Township – 60km/h zones in front of the school and over the railway line
- Evansford Township – 60km/hr zones through Evansford where the current 70km/hr zone is and other signage updates (will be completed as part of the road construction)

These changes have been funded by TAC's Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.

CAREERS AT COUNCIL

Community Recovery Officer

6 Month Limited Tenure – Full time Band 6 (Salary \$94,507 - \$102,315 incl. RDO) + Super

Applications for this position close at 12pm Monday 9 February 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

Eurambeen-Streatham and Mt William Road – Intersection

In response to a fatal road traffic accident late last year, works are being undertaken at the Eurambeen-Streatham and Mt William Road. Additional line marking was completed in December 2025, and 80km/hr zone speed limit signage will be installed this month. Temporary advisory signage currently in place on the Mt William Road will remain until these works are completed.

Council has also made an application for funding for a major intersection treatment at this intersection. The outcome of that application is still to be determined.

TENDERS

Suitably qualified contractors are invited to tender for sewer upgrade works in Willoby Street, Beaufort.

Tender close: 10 February 2026

Tender documents can be downloaded via TenderLink: portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees.

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