



Pyrenees
Shire Council

Community Newsletter

Summer 2024



Your New Council

Pyrenees Shire residents have elected the new Council for the next four-year term. A very warm welcome to our three new Councillors Rebecca Wardlaw (Avoca Ward), Megan Phelan (De Cameron Ward) and Simon Tol (Ercildoune Ward), and our two returning Councillors Damian Ferrari (Beaufort Ward) and Tanya Kehoe (Mount Emu Ward). Cr Kehoe has also been elected as Mayor for the next 12 months.

The five Councillors were sworn in and Cr Kehoe elected Mayor at a Statutory Meeting held on Tuesday 12 November at the Lexton Community Hub. A very warm welcome to the new Pyrenees Shire Council.



Your new Councillors (L-R): Cr Simon Tol, Cr Rebecca Wardlaw, Mayor Cr Tanya Kehoe, Cr Megan Phelan and Cr Damian Ferrari. Cover and page 2 images by Paige Gray Photography.

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WELCOME TO YOUR *Community Newsletter*

Hello and welcome to Pyrenees Shire Council's Summer Community Newsletter, published December 2024.

This newsletter is produced quarterly by the Council's Communications Department and is distributed to all Pyrenees Shire households through Australia Post.

Feedback on this newsletter is welcome. You can contact us on phone 1300 PYRENEES (797 363) or email pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

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Summer Fire Season

Prepare your fire plan – stay on top of property maintenance

With the Fire Danger Period beginning in Pyrenees Shire on Monday 18 November, it's time to prepare your fire plan.

If you live in a bushfire-prone area, a fire plan gives you and your family clear guidelines for what to do should a fire threaten your property. For more detailed information about planning before and during a bushfire, visit the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

Property maintenance

Whether it's regular lawn mowing or cleaning out your gutters, there are a lot of jobs to keep on top of over the warmer months to minimise fire risks.

Some of these include:

- Keeping grass 10cm or shorter in length;
- Cleaning your gutters regularly;
- Removing flammable items from decks and verandas;
- Removing dry leaves, twigs and other fire hazards;
- Trimming the trees and shrubs located near your home;
- Moving woodpiles away from your home.

Landscaping and plant choice around your home can help reduce your risks in the event of a bushfire. While it's too late for this year, more information about this can be found at: cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping



Free green waste disposal

Don't forget that Council offers free disposal of green waste of up to 1 cubic metre at a time for residents at transfer stations in Avoca and Beaufort. Domestic waste, steel, and recyclables, including paper and cardboard, are also free for residents. Transfer station opening times are on our website: pyrenees.vic.gov.au/wasterecycle.

Handy links

Country Fire Authority website

"Can I, Can't I" pages:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Plan and prepare pages:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

Pyrenees Shire Council fire preparation

pyrenees.vic.gov.au/fireprevention

NOTES AND REMINDERS ...

- Get your rates and animal registration bills electronically. Sign up at: erates.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/erates
- Follow our Facebook page: facebook.com/pyreneessc
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel for Council meeting live streams: youtube.com/pyreneessc
- Don't forget to update your details with Council to avoid your rates bill, animal registrations and other important information going astray. Phone 1300 797 363 or visit pyrenees.vic.gov.au/updatedetails

WHAT'S ON IN THE PYRENEES

Beaufort by Twilight

Friday 6 December | Beaufort Township | Market, roving performers, music, kids' activities

Landsborough Christmas Festival

Saturday 7 December, 12–8pm | Landsborough Rec Reserve | Facebook: @landsboroughvicevents

Eel Skinners and Duck Pluckers Ball

Saturday 7 December | Carranballac Rec Reserve | eelskinnersbns.com

Retro Riff Assemblage Art by Les Toth

Until 2 February 2025 | Cyril Callister Museum, 23 Neill Street, Beaufort | Free admission | cyrilcallisterfoundation.org

Two Vintage Ducks Pop Up Shop

Wreath making | 14-15 December, 10am–4pm | Grape Farm Winery,

Moonambel | Bookings: Corryn on 0437 101 843

Local Pyrenees Wineries Pop-Up

Friday 20 December, 5–7pm | Flywheel Bar and Cafe, 27-29 Neill Street, Beaufort

Live Music at Sally's Paddock

Saturday 21 December | Sally's Paddock Cellar Door, 1926 Sunraysia Highway, Redbank | sallyspaddock.com.au/cellar-door

Paint and Sip Sessions at Mrs Bakers Still House

Saturday 4 January, 1–3pm | 606 Elmhurst-Glenpatrick Road, Glenpatrick | mrsbakers.com.au

More Pyrenees events at: visitpyrenees.com.au/whats-on



Council Christmas and New Year service arrangements

Pyrenees Shire Council will continue to serve the community over the upcoming Christmas – New Year holiday season. The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish you and your family a safe and happy festive season, and a wonderful new year.

Beaufort office

The office at 5 Lawrence Street will be closed from 3pm on Tuesday 24 December 2024, reopening on Thursday 2 January 2025.

Emergency contact number

For Council-related issues such as local laws (animals), roads and drainage, please call 1300 PYRENEES (1300 797 363) and you will be redirected. You will need to leave a message and the on-call officer will assess the issue and action if required.

Beaufort and Avoca resource and information centres and libraries

Fri 20 December – 10am–12pm
Mon 23 December – 10am–5pm
Christmas Eve, Tue 24 December – 10am–3pm
Christmas Day and Boxing Day – CLOSED
Fri 27 December – 10am–5pm
Sat 28 December – 10am–1pm
Sun 29 December – 10am–1pm
Mon 30 December – 10am–5pm
New Year's Eve, Tue 31 December – 10am–3pm
New Year's Day, Wed 1 January 2025 – CLOSED
Thursday 2 January 2025 – 10am–5pm
Fri 3 January 2025 – 10am–5pm

More information on holiday arrangements: pyrenees.vic.gov.au/christmas2024

Pyrenees Shire Council acknowledges the people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Djab Wurrung and Wotjobaluk tribes, whose land forms the Pyrenees Shire. We pay our respects to the customs, traditions and stewardship of the land by the Elders and people of these tribes.

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