



HAVE YOUR SAY ON YOUR DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY



Whether it's about your mobile phone reception or your range of choice in internet service providers, Council wants to hear your views on and experiences with telecommunications and connectivity across the Pyrenees Shire.

Council is developing a connectivity plan in an effort to help ensure high-quality digital coverage across our region, so please have your say via our Engagement Hub website www.engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

The survey will be open until Tuesday 18 June.

If you experience difficulties accessing the internet due to poor connection, pick up a hardcopy survey from the Avoca Information Centre, the Beaufort Resource Centre or the Beaufort Council office. You can also phone the Economic Development Team on 1300 797 363 for a survey and a reply paid envelope to return your completed survey.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

King's Birthday holiday closures

Due to the King's Birthday public holiday on Monday 10 June, the Council office, Beaufort Community and Resource Centre, and Avoca Information and Community Centre will be closed.

EOIs open for Australia Day event hosting group

Pyrenees community and service groups are invited to submit an expression of interest to host the Shire's official Australia Day celebrations in 2025. Council organises the formal part of the celebration with a donation of \$500 to the community group hosting the day. The community is required to supply in-kind support.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted online on Council's website pyrenees.vic.gov.au, or by collecting a form from Council's Customer Service Centre in Beaufort, Beaufort Community and Resource Centre, or Avoca Information Centre.

EOIs close at 5pm on Friday 21 June. Find out more by calling Chantelle Sandlant on 1300 797 363.

Draft budget 2024-25 open for comment

Pyrenees Shire Council's Draft Budget 2024-2025 is on display for public comment for another few days. The Draft Budget 2024-25 and associated documents are available from the Council's website pyrenees.vic.gov.au/draftbudget. Submissions can be made before 9am on Tuesday 11 June.

Special Meeting of Council

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 18 June at 6pm in the Council Chamber, 5 Lawrence Street, Beaufort to hear submissions on the

2024/25 Budget. Members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be streamed online. Please note: this Special Meeting of Council will be cancelled if no submissions on the 2024/25 Budget are received. Confirmation will be in next week's noticeboard and on our website.

Council meeting

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 25 June from 6pm at the Beaufort Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or you can tune in on our YouTube channel.

Councillor Cuppa and Chat

Everyone is welcome to our next Cuppa and Chat on Tuesday 11 June at the Avoca Gunga Hub from 5pm. Come along and have a chat with your Councillors about local issues that are important to you.

Check your voting enrolment

Have you checked your Victorian Electoral Commission enrolment lately? In the lead up to October's council election, now is as good a time as any.

Check your enrolment details at enrolment.vec.vic.gov.au or by calling 1300 805 478.

Find out more about council elections: www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/types-of-elections/local-council-elections.

FIRE RECOVERY

Council, with the Victorian Government, is helping the community rebuild and recover from the Bayindeen fires. You can find more recovery information below or on our website pyrenees.vic.gov.au/firerecovery.

Road closures

Several roads in the Raglan area are

now safe to travel on and have been reopened following Council's emergency bushfire recovery work. Back-Raglan Road, Richardsons Road, and Raglan-Elmhurst Road north of The Glut Road remain closed as fire-related works still need to happen to ensure the roads can be safely opened. See traffic. vicroads.vic.gov.au for more detailed road closure information.

Partners in Wellbeing support

Sonia Gibson, a Mental Health Clinician from Partners in Wellbeing, will be available to support members of the community impacted by the Bayindeen Fire. Sonia will be at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre between 10am to 2pm on Wednesday 12 June.

Telehealth options are also available between 5pm to 8pm.

To schedule an appointment with Sonia contact her on Sonia.Gibson@each.com or 0484 671 018.

Drop in to Council's Recovery Centre

If you're looking for information and support, a member of Council's Recovery Team will be at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre on Wednesdays. Pop in and have a cuppa with Tony or Jane anytime between 10am and 5pm. You can also contact the team Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm on 1800 797 363 or recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au.

Bushfire Recovery Planning Program



Following the Bayindeen bushfires, Council has established a Bushfire Recovery Planning Program to help local landowners navigate the planning process for rebuilding.

Find out more by visiting the Bushfire Recovery Planning Program webpage pyrenees.vic.gov.au/BRPP, calling 1300 797 363, emailing planning@pyrenees.vic.gov.au, or in person at Council's office, 5 Lawrence Street, Beaufort or the Beaufort Community and Resource Centre on Wednesdays between 10am and 5pm.

EVENTS

Join us at Beaufort and Avoca Libraries to learn the everyday use of your smartphone/tablet/iPad. Learn to download apps, scan documents, pay bills, send emails, or whatever you need.

Please bring your own smartphone or tablet.

Avoca Library: Tuesday 18 June, 11am to 1pm. Bookings: 5365 1000 or aic@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

Beaufort Library: Tuesday 25 June, 11am to 1pm. Bookings: 5349 1182 or bcrc@pyrenees.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Victorian Gorse Taskforce's Community Grants program is now open. Community groups may apply for funding up to \$8,000 for on-ground gorse control works on private land. All participating landholders involved may receive up to \$1,500 in grant funding and must match this with their own monetary contribution. Find out more: vicgorsetaskforce.com.au/community-projects/community-grants.

ROADWORKS AND PROJECTS

Roadworks on Trawalla-Waterloo Road

Construction is now finished on Trawalla-Waterloo Road near Racecourse Road.

Roadworks Spring Flat Road Crowlands

Work will start soon to build two major culverts with floodway decks at Spring Flat Road, Crowlands.

Roadworks Astbury Street Avoca

Work is about to start to reconstruct kerb and channel and Leibig Street and Astbury Street, Avoca.

Infrastructure repairs

Repair work continues on infrastructure damaged by the October/November 2022 flood events. There is more work to do on roads, culverts, floodways and bridges. We thank you for your patience during these works.

TENDERS

Tender 2324-017 Environmental Health Services

Council invites tenders for the effective coordination, development, and delivery of Council's Environmental Health Services. Specifications and submission details can be downloaded from www.tenderlink.com/pyrenees. Tenders close at 2pm on 31 July.

COVID UPDATE

COVID is still in our community and Victoria is currently experiencing increased COVID-19 activity. Stay home if you're unwell to reduce the spread of the virus.

Find more information on the Better Health Channel about staying well this winter: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter.