



THINKING ABOUT STANDING FOR ELECTION THIS OCTOBER? HELP IS AT HAND



Pyrenees Shire Councillors (pictured above) and the MAV is encouraging members of the public, particularly women, to put their hand up for election. Will you be one of our candidates?

If you're female and thinking about standing for election to Pyrenees Shire Council this October, a number of organisations are here to help. Watch videos, attend an information session or take part in a masterclass to find out more.

- The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is holding the Women X Stand for Council information session on Wednesday 26 June (online or in person at Kingston City Council, Cheltenham). Hear from current and former female councillors and find out about programs that can help you run for election. Find out more and register at www.mav.asn.au on the Stand for Council page.
- Gender parity advocacy group Women for Election has a range of great resources and they also run regular masterclasses about how to get elected. Find out more at wfe.org.au.
- The Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) actively works to increase women's participation in local government. Read more about their work and find out about events and workshops for the upcoming elections, at www.vlga.org.au/governance-leaders.
- The MAV is also holding a general information session for any potential candidates in Ballarat on Thursday 8 August from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. To register, visit www.mav.asn.au on the Stand for Council page.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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 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. 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.

Special Meeting of Council

The Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday 18 June has been cancelled.

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 live on our YouTube channel.

Councillor Cuppa and Chat

Everyone is welcome to our next Cuppa and Chat on Tuesday 9 July at the Waubra Recreation Reserve 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.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2024

Tomorrow (Saturday June 15) is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. WEAAD is an opportunity for communities to stand together against the abuse, mistreatment and neglect of older people. If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, you can call the Senior Rights Victoria Helpline on 1300 368 821 or visit seniorsrights.org.au.

FIRE RECOVERY

Council, with the Victorian Government, is helping the community rebuild and recover from the Bayindeen fires. You can find more recovery information on this page 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. However, 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.

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

Do you need to rebuild after the recent Bayindeen fires? The task can seem daunting but Council has launched a Bushfire Recovery Planning Program to help you navigate the process. The program provides clear steps - from making first contact through to the application process - so you can easily work through it with the help of Council's Planning Team.

Find out more by visiting Council's website pyrenees.vic.gov.au/BRPP, calling 1300 797 363, emailing planning@pyrenees.vic.gov.au, or in person at Council's Beaufort office, 5 Lawrence Street, 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.

EMPLOYMENT

Plant Operator – Backhoe Operator

Permanent - full time
Band 3 (salary between \$63,191 - \$67,545 plus allowances, super and RDO)

Applications from diverse/female/male people are encouraged. Find out more and apply online at pyrenees.vic.gov.au/employment.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Have your say on your digital connectivity

Whether it's 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 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 hard-copy 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

ROADWORKS AND PROJECTS

Roadworks - Spring Flat Road, Crowlands

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

Avoca roadworks

Work is about to start to reconstruct kerb and channel along 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 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 about staying well this winter on the Better Health Channel: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter.