



## FRIENDLY REMINDER: PET REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE



Pyrenees Shire residents are being reminded to pay their overdue cat and dog registration fees.

Registering your beloved pet is an essential part of responsible pet ownership and helps reunite you with them if they ever go missing.

Animal registration fees, which were due on April 30, can be paid online (if you are registered for eRates), over the phone by calling 1300 797 363 or in person at any Council office or resource centre.

More information: [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/petregistration](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/petregistration).

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Draft budget 2024-25 on exhibition

Pyrenees Shire Council's Draft Budget 2024-2025 has been released for public comment after a special Council meeting last week.

Pyrenees Mayor Cr Robert Vance said the budget is fiscally responsible, balancing a determination to maintain current services against static revenue streams and high inflation while also considering financial sustainability.

The Draft Budget 2024-25 and associated documents is available from the Council's website [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/draftbudget](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/draftbudget). Submissions can be made before 9am on Tuesday 11 June 2024.

### Draft Onsite Waste Management Plan open for comment

Council is seeking feedback on the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP). Under the *Environmental Protection Act 2017*, Council must have an OWMP to protect public health and the environment while supporting growth and development in unsewered areas.

Find out more and have your say on Council's engagement hub from May 17: [engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/wastewater](http://engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/wastewater).

### 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](http://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](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/types-of-elections/local-council-elections).

### Follow us on Facebook

Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/pyreneessc](https://facebook.com/pyreneessc) to stay up-to-date on what's happening and share information to your community group's page.

## EVENTS

### Free stock feeding workshop

Jess Revell, Principal Nutritionist and Animal Production Consultant, Rumenate Livestock Services will present this session, which will include information about livestock feeding requirements, feeding a total ration, and feeding after fire or pasture recovery. Jess has extensive experience in providing livestock advice to the sector and is passionate about providing independent animal nutrition and health advice to achieve profitable outcomes.

When: Wednesday 29 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre, 36 Green Street, Elmhurst

Cost: Free, lunch provided.

Secure your place: [www.trybooking.com/CRHHO](http://www.trybooking.com/CRHHO).

### Rhyme Time in Avoca

Join us at the Avoca library on Wednesdays at 10:15am for a fun-filled morning of rhymes, songs and stories for children aged 0-4 years of age.

### Rhyme Time in Beaufort

Join us at the Beaufort library on Mondays at 10:30am for a fun-filled morning of rhymes, songs and stories for children aged 0-4 years of age.

### The Vet Project visits Avoca

The Vet Project is bringing affordable desexing to Pyrenees residents in Avoca on Thursday 30 May.

Dogs and puppies under 10kgs: \$150

Kittens: \$150

Bookings essential: [www.thevetproject.com.au](http://www.thevetproject.com.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 below or on our website [www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/firerecovery](http://www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/firerecovery).

### 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.

### Partners in Wellbeing support

Partners in Wellbeing will be available to help members of the community impacted by the Bayindeen Fire.

Sonia Gibson, a Mental Health Clinician from Partners in Wellbeing, is herself available to support community members impacted by the Bayindeen fire.

Sonia will be at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre over the next few weeks between 10am to 2pm on the following dates:

- Thursday 23 May
- Wednesday 29 May
- Thursday 6 June
- Wednesday 12 June

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

To schedule an appointment with Sonia contact her by email [Sonia.Gibson@each.com](mailto:Sonia.Gibson@each.com) or by phone on 0484 671 018.

## ROADWORKS AND PROJECTS

### Avoca drainage maintenance

Avoca drainage upgrades are well advanced, and Council expects there to be little impact on motorists, residents and pedestrians.

### Caramuir Road, Nerring culvert works

Upgrade work on the Caramuir Road culvert is underway. Works include the extension of the existing culvert, road reinstatement, and installation of guard railing. The road will be closed during works, please follow the detour signs. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### Roadworks on Pittong-Snake Valley Road

Works are almost complete on Pittong Snake Valley Road near Cochrane Drive. Works will cause some traffic delays. Sealing will be completed soon, weather dependent.

### Roadworks on Trawalla-Waterloo Road

Construction is almost complete on Trawalla Waterloo Road near Racecourse Road. Pavement works have started and will cause some traffic delays. Sealing will be completed soon, weather dependent.

### 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.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Lexton Flood Management Plan community drop-in session

Find out more about the flood management plan and provide your



thoughts on flood management strategies for Lexton at a drop-in session in June.

Our project and principal engineer will be on site in Lexton along with Council officers on Wednesday 5 June at the Lexton Co-op Shop and Post Office from 10.30am to 6pm.

Bring along copies of your photos and other documentation to share. If you can't make it on the day, head to our website [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/floodrecovery](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/floodrecovery) or call Emma Poyser on 1300 797 363.

## 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 website on staying well this winter: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter).