



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme – Now more than ever – is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will, and must, continue.

Pyrenees Shire Council is committed to reconciliation through its Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024: pyrenees.vic.gov.au/community/reconciliation.

Find out more about NRW:
www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

EOIs open for Australia Day event hosting group

Council is inviting Pyrenees Shire community and service groups 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 the opportunity for the community to showcase their town.

A donation of \$500 is made to the community group hosting the day. The community is required to supply in-kind support.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted via the following:

- online form on Council's website pyrenees.vic.gov.au;
- collecting a form from Council's Customer Service Centre in Beaufort, Beaufort Community and Resource Centre or Avoca Information Centre.

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

Draft budget 2024-25 on exhibition

Pyrenees Shire Council's Draft Budget 2024-2025 has been released for public comment.

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. Submissions can be made before 9am on Tuesday 11 June.

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/fire-recovery.

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, will be available to support impacted community members.

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

- 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 or by phone on 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.

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

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

Sealing is now complete on Pittong Snake Valley Road near Cochrane Drive.

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 is complete and line marking will happen shortly.

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. A collaborative partnership between Council and the service provider is sought which allows for:

- Service delivery strategies which address current and future needs.
- A high-level of customer satisfaction derived from quality of service and access across a large service area.
- Best practice in the achievement of outcome-based services.

Specifications and submission details can be downloaded from www.tenderlink.com/pyrenees. Tenders close at 2pm on 31 July.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Lexton Flood Management Plan community drop-in session



Find out more about the flood management plan and provide your thoughts on strategies for Lexton at a drop-in session in June.

Our project and principal engineers 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 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 about staying well this winter: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/stay-well-this-winter.