



## FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



At the February meeting, Council:

- agreed not to seek a higher rate cap for 2025-26
- endorsed an application for funding to the Commonwealth Government's Active Transport Fund to extend footpaths in Beaufort
- supported a Graded Aggregate Total Treatment (GATT) sealing program for gravel roads in Moonambel, Redbank and Amphitheatre, to help suppress dust on and extend the lifespan of gravel roads
- adopted the 2025 meeting schedule

You can find Council meeting agendas and minutes online at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/agenda-minutes](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/agenda-minutes).

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Former Beaufort Primary School site master planning to begin

Council has been commissioned by the State Government to facilitate master planning of the old Beaufort Primary School site, focusing on its potential development as a community hub. A tender to appoint a consultant to carry out this work, which will include engagement with the community, has been completed and we are pleased to announce that the successful contractor will be Public Realm Lab. A community engagement plan will now be developed.

### Look after yourself in warmer weather

While the weather is starting to cool down, warm days are still expected, so it's important to be prepared for heat. Check the forecast regularly and plan ahead to keep cool. The community resource centres and libraries in Avoca and Beaufort are good places to keep cool on warmer days if you don't have easy access to cooling in your home. Find more tips to stay cool on the Better Health Channel's website: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/extreme-heat](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/extreme-heat).

### Tree safety works – Avoca River flat

A large gum tree north of Dundas Street on the Avoca River flat is being pruned

for safety reasons. Branches will be removed and canopy weight reduced based on advice from an arborist. Works are expected to start next week.

### Customer satisfaction survey

Each year the Victorian Government asks the National Field Service to survey residents by phone to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents. This will run until mid-March. Please help us by giving them your views. Remember that the National Field Service will always identify themselves and where they are from and won't ask for you by name.

### Safety alert – high-speed boating on Beaufort Lake

Due to very low water levels, it is not safe to water ski or conduct high-speed boating activity on Beaufort Lake. Boat speeds should not exceed 5 knots. Your safety is our highest priority, and we appreciate your cooperation.

## EMERGENCY RECOVERY

Pyrenees Shire Council continues to support the community to recover from the 2022 floods and Bayindeen bushfires. Read on to find out more or visit [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/emergencyrecovery](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/emergencyrecovery).

## Drop in to the Recovery Centre

Council's Recovery Team will be at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm. If you're looking for information and support, pop in and have a cuppa with Tony or Jane. The Recovery Team can also be contacted Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm on 1300 797 363 or [recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

## Services Australia - Centrelink

Services Australia (Centrelink) will be available at the Beaufort Community Resource Centre on the first Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12pm. Dates are 5 March, 2 April, 7 May, 4 June and 2 July. Find out about payments and services, setup up online accounts and claiming.

## Cafs financial counselling

Cafs will be at Beaufort Library every second Wednesday from 10am to 12pm. Cafs offers free financial counselling for anyone who is finding themselves in financial difficulties. Dates are 5 March, 19 March, 2 April, 19 April, 7 May, 21 May, 4 June, 18 June and 2 July.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Relief Caretaker – Beaufort Lake Caravan Park

Temporary positions until 16 June 2026  
1 part-time position – 16 hours per week (each Saturday and Sunday) plus 1 casual position.

Band 3 (salary rates at \$32.94 - \$35.21 per hour) plus super. Casual position will also receive casual loading. Must be available on public holidays. Applications close 9am Monday 24 February.

Applications from diverse/female/male people are encouraged. Find out more and apply online at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/employment](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/employment).

## TENDERS

### Request for tender 2425-013 Bridge deck overlay and barrier installation – Bridge 107, McKinlay Street, Landsborough

Pyrenees Shire Council is seeking contractors for the bridge strengthening and installation of safety barrier on a bridge located on McKinlay Street in Landsborough at roughly 100 m from the Ararat-St Arnaud Road. Specifications and submissions for the above tender is via Councils E-Tender portal [portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees](http://portal.tenderlink.com/pyrenees). Tenders close at 2pm on 26 February 2025.

## EVENTS

### Free social media workshop

This workshop is for small business owners and community groups who want to master social media and create compelling content. Find out more about choosing the right platform, curating engaging content, and enhancing your social media skills.

Tuesday 4 March, 2:30pm-4:30pm at the Beeripmo Centre, Beaufort. RSVP by Wednesday 26 February at [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Community/Events-and-activities/2025-03-Free-Workshop-Social-Media-and-Content-Marketing](http://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Community/Events-and-activities/2025-03-Free-Workshop-Social-Media-and-Content-Marketing).

### What's on in the Pyrenees

From live music and markets, to pop-up shops and trivia nights, there are a great range of events happening across the Pyrenees. For more information, check out the What's On page at [www.visitpyrenees.com.au](http://www.visitpyrenees.com.au).

## ROADWORKS

Please drive carefully through roadworks. Delays may be experienced during works.

### Eurambreen Raglan Road, Raglan

Council has started the reconstruction of 1.4km of Eurambreen Raglan Rd, Raglan between the Western Highway and Back Raglan Rd. Pavement works have started.

### Footpath works, Landsborough

A footpath will be constructed on the east side of McKinley Street, Landsborough, linking the existing path on Burke Street through to the bridge. The work is scheduled for March.

### Linton Carngham Rd, Snake Valley

Stabilisation and construction of the sub-base course has been completed on Linton Carngham Road, Snake Valley, between the Shire boundary and Laurence Drive. Base course construction and sealing will start soon.

A culvert is planned to be replaced on the Linton Carngham Road just to the north of Laurence Drive, Snake Valley

### Floodway and road reconstruction Lower Wimmera Road, Glenlogie

Works are scheduled from late January through February. Traffic management will be in place and there is likely to be some disruption to traffic for the duration of the works. A road closure will be in place for several days while construction of the floodway is undertaken.

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