



## BRIDGE LOAD LIMIT SIGNS INSTALLED



Load limit signs have been erected on 25 road bridges within Pyrenees Shire to help preserve these valuable assets. The municipality currently has about 150 road bridges, of which 100 are over 50 years old.

Some of these older bridges were originally designed to only carry a load equivalent to a 33 tonne semi-truck, while the current bridge design loading can support over 150 tonnes.

It is important to protect these older bridges – and the safety of road users - while still ensuring efficient and timely movement of the municipality's residents, goods and products.

Visit [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Community/Roads/Bridge-works-and-road-closures](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/Community/Roads/Bridge-works-and-road-closures) for more information, including which roads are affected.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Community Vision review and new Council Plan 2025-2029

To reflect the Council's wish for a change in direction, a new Council Plan is being drafted for implementation over the next four years.

Your views on this will be sought in coming weeks, but to start our engagement, we are asking for your thoughts on the existing 10-year Community Vision 2021-2031: ideally seeking your ideas on whether the Vision still reflects the community's wishes for the future.

This includes parts of the vision that might be no longer relevant and whether anything has changed that should be included. You can find these questions on Council's Engagement Hub at [engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

### Old Beaufort Primary School master planning

Public Realm Lab is the appointed consultant to conduct the Old Beaufort Primary School master planning.

The community-informed plan will define the former school's future including a fully costed action plan identifying early works to protect the site. Public Realm Lab will deliver the master plan by November, with most of the early works delivered from 2025 to late 2027.

A community engagement plan is being

developed, and engagement will start soon. In the meantime, any comments or ideas can be sent through to [pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:pyrenees@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

### Ararat Wind Farm Sustainable Grants Program 2025

Applications are now open to Pyrenees Shire-based groups and organisations for funding of up to \$7500, or \$15,000 with a co-contribution, through the Ararat Wind Farm Sustainable Grants Program 2025. Applications close on Sunday.

For more information, visit [www.ararat.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-funding](https://www.ararat.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-funding).

## EMERGENCY RECOVERY

Pyrenees Shire Council continues to support the community to recover from the 2022 floods and Bayindeen bushfires. To find out more visit [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/emergencyrecovery](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/emergencyrecovery) or contact the Recovery Team on 1300 797 363 or email at [recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

Or you can visit the recovery team onsite at the Beaufort Resource Centre/ Library on Wednesdays.

### Roadside debris works - Raglan

DECCA roadside debris works are underway in and around Raglan. Burnt debris and hazardous trees that were felled during the February 2024 fire response are being removed. Debris

will be processed into firewood and woodchips for locals to collect from Raglan Recreation Reserve.

Environmental, biodiversity and cultural values are managed during these operations.

Roads will remain open with traffic management in place. For your safety, please take care where machinery is operating and obey all signage. For information contact DECCA Customer Contact Centre on 136 186 or [customer.service@decca.vic.gov.au](mailto:customer.service@decca.vic.gov.au)

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Visit our Engagement Hub to have your say on the following matters:

- Avoca Recreation Reserve Flood Mitigation Investigation
- Lexton Flood Management Plan
- Review of the Community Vision 2021-2031

The link to our Engagement Hub can be found here: [engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au](https://engage.pyrenees.vic.gov.au)

## EVENTS

### Beaufort Town Market – Easter Market

April 19, 9am – 1pm

Held at the Beaufort Memorial Park this seasonal market features local craft, plants, collectibles, wine/spirits, fresh produce and free kids' games and activities. For more information, go to [facebook.com/beauforttownmarket](https://facebook.com/beauforttownmarket).

### 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](https://www.visitpyrenees.com.au).

## CAREERS AT COUNCIL

### Senior Communications Officer

Permanent – full time  
Band 6 - \$91,978 - \$99,528 P/A  
+ Super + RDO

Applications close at 9am on Monday 5 May 2025.

Find out more and apply online: [pyrenees.vic.gov.au/careers](https://pyrenees.vic.gov.au/careers).

## CURRENT ROADWORKS

### Bridge works – McKinlay Street, Landsborough

A contractor has been appointed for bridge strengthening and guardrail

replacement for bridge 107 on McKinlay Street, Landsborough. Works are planned to commence in April and be completed by May. Traffic can detour around the works via King Street through the Landsborough Recreation Reserve or also through Forestry Road/Vendy Lane.

### Livingstone Street, Beaufort

Construction of Livingstone Street, Beaufort, between South and Warburton streets, is well advanced.

### Culvert Replacement on Linton-Carngham Road, Snake Valley

A major culvert is being replaced on Linton-Carngham Road just to the north of Laurence Drive, Snake Valley. This project is scheduled to begin in late May.

### Floodway and Road Reconstruction on Lower Wimmera Road, Glenlogie

This project has faced delays due to the vegetation works in the area. Work is now set to begin at the end of April.

### Vinoca Rd and Homebush Rd, Avoca Culverts Replacement Works

These culvert replacement works have begun. Each road will be closed during the construction period. Traffic management is in place to direct vehicles via detours. The works on both roads are expected to be completed prior to Easter.

### Rutherford Street, Avoca

Kerb renewal and expansion is about to begin in Avoca from the High Street/Camp Street intersection up to Rutherford Street and back down High Street on Davy Street.

### Redbank Streetscape

Roadworks in the Redbank Hall vicinity are planned to be undertaken in the first half of 2025 including kerb and channel, tree planting outstands, some planning and path work. This project will improve community amenity by providing a better tree canopy and accessible pathways between community hubs.

### Flood impacted roads scheduled for repair

Roadworks valued around \$1.5 million are underway or will soon begin at four locations involving multiple contractors over approximately 150 individual sites.

We thank you for your patience during these works which have been approved for funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

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