

Shaping the Pyrenees – 2031 Community Vision

Pyrenees Shire Council is embarking on an engagement process to inform the development of key long-term and medium-term strategic plans. The outcomes of this community engagement will directly affect the Community Vision and the Council Plan and will have input into Council's long-term plans including the Financial Plan and Asset Plan.



The Pyrenees Shire Council is starting a project where a group of people from our community will come together and listen and learn about what we see as important for our Shire's future. As a member of this group you be able to listen to other people's ideas and share your own ideas. The group will work together together to help Council to decide what our key long-term and medium-term strategic plans will look like.

If you'd like to be involved in this community panel, complete the survey on this QR code or go to www.pyrenees.vic/shaping

Remit for the community panel

The Community Vision will describe the aspirations for the Pyrenees Shire Community for 2031. It will describe what the Shire region will be like as a place to live, play, work and visit in the future. The vision will identify the priorities for how to achieve these aspirations. The community panel will answer:

What is your vision for Pyrenees Shire for 2031 and how can we support the different needs of our communities?

Who will be involved?

A community panel will be formed through a random selection of participants that represent the different types of people who live in the Pyrenees Shire Council community. There will be a mixture of people who will be selected to represent the Shire – in terms of age, gender, culture, education, industry of occupation, employment, location of residence.

Following the EOI process, if there are some groups of our community who may be at risk of not being represented, we may conduct some targeted recruitment to make sure that the right mix of people are on the Community Panel to represent the wider community.

How will the sessions be run?

Background information will be provided to the community panel, and staff from Pyrenees Shire Council, as well as other stakeholders will be made available to respond to the group's questions throughout the process.

Sessions are run in a way that people can share and listen to diverse views, deliberate and come to an agreement about solutions that meet the different needs of the community. There will be a broad mix of activities to suit different people's learning and engagement styles.



When and where?

The panel will meet over 3 Sundays in April-May between 10am and 3pm and through carefully facilitated sessions. All sessions will be held at the Community Centre at Lexton as the geographic centre of the Shire. The group will work together to deliberate and develop a community vision, objectives for the Council Plan, and input into the Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

The Promise

A community panel will be empowered and supported to develop a report with recommendations for the Community Vision, priorities and objectives in the Council Plan and key priorities for input into the Asset Plan and Financial Plan. The report will be presented to Council.

Pyrenees Shire Council promises to:

- Publish the unedited recommendations of the deliberative process.
- Undertake a rigorous decision-making process to adopt the recommended community vision to the fullest extent possible.
- Ensure that the priorities identified by the Community are be incorporated into the Council Plan and Financial Plan to the fullest extent possible.
- Where recommendations are not implemented in full, Council will report back to the community and explain the reasoning for decisions made.

Scope

There are a range of factors that community members will be able to influence through engaging in this process. There are other factors which will not be up for changes to be made. These are listed in the table below.

Negotiables	Non-negotiables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vision for Pyrenees Shire Community for 2031 • High-level objectives and priorities to achieve the Community Vision • Success criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with legal and legislative requirements • Staffing structure • Operating budget • Factors outside of the scope of Local Government

How will Pyrenees Shire Council make it easy to participate in the Community Panel?

Participants will be paid an honorary fee of \$50 for each session attended to thank them for their time and contribution.

Pyrenees Shire Council will organise a community bus between Snake Valley, Beaufort, Landsborough, Avoca and Lexton.

Childcare may be made available depending on need.

