



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2024

FREE POP-UP HEALTH CLINIC WEDNESDAY 7 AUG

A fully bulk-billed pop-up health clinic will be open on Wednesday at Pomonal Community Hall this week from **10am - 5pm**.

Free immunisations (flu, shingles, pneumonia) are available **between 11am and noon**, while free blood pressure and blood sugar checks are available all day. Cervical screening self-collection kits will also be available.

The clinic is jointly organised by Grampians Community Health, Budja Budja and Ambulance Victoria. For more information please contact Grampians Community Health on 5358 7400.

POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS UPDATE

For the period Thursday 15 August 2024 to Thursday 22 August 2024 inclusive, the Pomonal Recovery Centre hours will be as follows:

Thursday 15 August: 8.30am - 3pm
Wednesday 21 August: 8.30am - 3pm

During this time, the Manager of Planning & Building will be attending Pomonal Hall on these days only.

From Saturday 24 August, Council recovery staff will resume their regular hours at the Hall:

Monday: 9am - 4pm
Tuesday: 9am - 4pm
Wednesday: 9am - 4pm
Thursday: 9am - 6pm
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: 9am - 1pm

The Manager of Planning & Building will also resume his regular hours after 24 August:

Wednesdays: 8:30am - 3pm

The Council recovery team are available via phone any time during business hours on 5355 0200.

POMONAL TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Pomonal Transfer Station has resumed normal operating hours, and fees and charges are still being waived for Pomonal residents until further notice.

Opening hours are:

**Wednesdays: 1pm - 4pm
Saturdays: 1pm - 4pm**

Scrap metal is now being taken at Pomonal Transfer Station, but is limited to a maximum of three cubic metres.

To dispose of larger amounts of scrap metal, please call Manhari Metals on (03) 5352 3866.

Cleanaway Stawell is no longer taking waste free of charge, and any waste arriving at the site must be via a commercial operator or truck.

These changes are in line with State Government guidance on Disaster Waste Disposal.

Pomonal Relief Hub

Opening hours

MONDAY – 9AM TO 4PM

WEDNESDAY – 9AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY – 10.30 AM TO 1PM

If you are in need of assistance please contact us on
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40TH POMONAL NATIVE FLOWER SHOW ANNOUNCES DATES

With a special feature display of edible Australian natives, special guest Clarence Slockee (ABC's Gardening Australia), and an array of market stalls, refreshments, expert speakers, and plant and book sales alongside exceptional information and advice, the Pomonal Native Flower Show is the year's biggest and brightest gardening event.

See more information on the Australian Plants Society (Victoria) website.

DATE: Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 Sep, 2024

TIME: 9am - 4pm daily

LOCATION: Pomonal Hall, 3360 Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Pomonal Vic 3381

TICKETS: \$5 entry at the gate, children free



POMONAL REBUILD TENDER OPENED BY COUNCIL

After securing a Bushfire Hazard Landscape Assessment for the Pomonal area, Council have now issued a call-out for qualified bushfire consultants. These specialists are invited to register their interest by tender in joining a group of 'preferred contractors', ultimately forming a panel which will serve as an easily-accessed resource for Pomonal residents seeking fire risk assessment to assist in rebuilding homes.

Community members will be able to inform Council of their preferred consultant from the assembled panel, and Council will engage the contractor, streamlining the process towards rebuilding homes for fire-affected residents.

Interested consultants can call Council's Customer Service line for more information: 5355 0200.

POMONAL ART SHOW & FESTIVAL SET FOR NOVEMBER

The 2024 Pomonal Art Show & Festival will be held across three days in November, kicking off with the Community Dinner, Show and Auction at 6.30pm on **Friday 1 November**, held at Pomonal Hall. Tickets are just \$25 for adults and \$10 for children.



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November will see the Market in full swing from 9am - 2pm, while the Art Show will be open to viewers from 10am - 2pm.

Sunday 3 November is your last chance to view the Art Show, open from 10am - 2pm.

All proceeds from the event will go to Pomonal Primary School.

HAVE YOUR SAY: COUNCIL'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY OPEN FOR FEEDBACK

Council's Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024 - 2034 aims to provide a clear direction for the sustainable development and environmental management of the municipality, over the next 10 years.

The proposed strategy contains three key themes of environmental sustainability: Climate Change, Natural Landscapes and Biodiversity, and Sustainable Living.

Council is seeking feedback from the community on this important document; to view the draft and/or provide your thoughts, visit engage.ararat.vic.gov.au and click on the project link.

Council will review all feedback at the September 2024 Council meeting.

