



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024

### 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.

"After the bushfires of February this year, Council recognised that a key requirement for rebuilding would be bushfire assessments," says Ararat Rural City Council CEO, Dr Tim Harrison.

"Council sought, and was successful in applying for, State funding to assist with bushfire assessments required for rebuilding homes. This service arrives in conjunction with other measures to aid the rebuilding process, such as waiving Council planning and building fees and working with other statutory referral agencies to reduce red tape, allowing the Pomonal community to rebuild quickly and safely."

### 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.

**Amended opening hours are:**

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

Scrap metal is not being taken at Pomonal Transfer Station. To dispose of your 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 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.

**Saturday 2 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.



### 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 0403 183 921.





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### HOURS FOR MANAGER OF PLANNING & BUILDING

Ararat Rural City Council's Manager of Development and Regulation, Rob Fillisch, will be attending Pomonal Hall every week:

Wednesdays: 8.30am - 3pm

Alternatively, please call Council's Customer Service line to receive assistance on 5355 0200.

### 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

### 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](https://engage.ararat.vic.gov.au) and click on the project link.

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



GCH along with Budja Budja & Ambulance Victoria are running a pop up health clinic

FREE immunisations available (flu, shingles & pneumonia) from 11-2.

No appointment required.

Free blood pressure & blood sugar checks.

Cervical screening self collection kits available.

Fully bulk billed.

When: Wednesday August 7th

Where: Pomonal Community Hall

GCH & Ambulance Vic staff available from 10 - 5

Ambulance Vic staff will have info on GoodSam & Emergency ED apps

Contact GCH on 5358 7400 for more information.