



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

### POMONAL LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN EXPO A BLOOMING SUCCESS



Pomonal's inaugural Landscape and Garden Expo - held on Saturday at Pomonal Hall - was an enormous success. Pomonal Resilience Group, Grampians Community Health, and Ararat Rural City Council, along with several local experts, combined forces to deliver a day full of valuable insights.

In addition to the wonderful Jill Burness of WAMA and Phil Williams of Pomonal Community Nursery as well as our other scheduled speakers, we also heard from an extra guest: Phil Vaughan.

Phil is the owner of Vaughan's Australian Plants, which offers a vast range of rare and unusual and grafted varieties of Australian natives. Phil possesses significant understanding of the Pomonal growing conditions, as he has many years of experience cultivating plants in the area.

A big shout-out must go to Jill Miller and Jocelyn King, who devoted their passion and efforts towards delivering such a successful day.

Additional images from the Expo can be viewed on the last page of this newsletter.

### EMERGENCY SPORTING EQUIPMENT GRANT OPEN

Sport and Recreation Victoria has announced its Emergency Sporting Equipment pool of funding, which grants eligible clubs up to \$1,000 each. It's designed to help grassroots organisations replace or repair essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents, including bushfire and flood.

Affected organisations are encourage to apply at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/emergency-sporting-equipment-grant-program>.

Applications close on 31st May 2025, or when the funding is exhausted.

### EAST GRAMPIANS BUSINESS AWARDS OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Ararat Rural City businesses are invited to submit their applications for the 2024 East Grampians Business Awards.

Now in its seventh year, the EGBAs celebrate local business talent and recognise the role businesses play in supporting the community and boosting the region's economy.

Entries are now open for seven award categories, including three new additions: Trades and Construction, Professional Services, and Young Person of the Year.

All businesses located or operating in Ararat Rural City are eligible to apply, and businesses are welcome to enter more than one category. Applications close on **Sunday 15 September 2024**.

The winners will be announced at a prestigious gala held at Ararat Town Hall on Thursday 7 November 2024.

To apply or to find more about the award categories, entry guidelines and application process, please visit Council's website: <https://www.ararat.vic.gov.au/awards2024>



Winners of the 2023 East Grampians Business of the Year Award, Kaylene and Matt Linsley, at Acacia Caravan Park (2024)





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### POMONAL TRANSFER STATION

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

**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 RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS

Council Recovery Staff have resumed their regular hours at the Hall.

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

The Manager of Planning & Building, Rob Fillisch, has also resumed his regular hours:

Wednesday: 8:30am - 3pm

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

## HOW TO REGISTER YOUR PLANNED BURN

The CFA have issued a public service announcement about registering your planned burns; by sharing registered information with Triple Zero Victoria, the CFA can ensure emergency vehicles are only sent to locations where a true fire is occurring.

You can register your burn online on the Fire Permits Victoria website (<https://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au>) or call the Burn Off Notification Line on 1800 668 511 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

## POMONAL NATIVE FLOWER SHOW RELEASES SPEAKER TIMETABLE

The 40th Anniversary Pomonal Native Flower Show, to be held across the weekend of **21 and 22 September**, has released its Speaker Timetable.

See details below, and get more info at <https://apsvic.org.au/event/pomonal-native-flower-show-2024>.



#### SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

10:30 am **NEIL MARRIOTT**  
WAMA and plants endemic to the Grampians  
12:00 pm **CLARENCE SLOCKEE**  
How to grow bush foods in containers  
2:00 pm **JULIE WEATHERHEAD**  
Creating a Native Pantry: growing and cooking with Australian native foods

#### SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

10:30 am **NEIL MARRIOTT**  
WAMA and plants endemic to the Grampians  
12:00 pm **CLARENCE SLOCKEE**  
My top 10 favourite edible native plants  
2:00 pm **JULIE WEATHERHEAD**  
Creating a Native Pantry: growing and cooking with Australian native foods



## POMONAL RELIEF HUB

### Opening Hours

MONDAY: 9am - 4pm  
WEDNESDAY: 9am - 4pm  
SATURDAY: 10.30am - 1pm





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Ararat Library set-up

Images from the Pomonal Landscape and Garden Expo, Saturday 31 August 2024. All photos captured by Erin Mackley.



A Pomonal resident (L) discusses her garden with Jill Burness



Kids activities with Jacque Ridler