



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024

POMONAL RELIEF HUB

Opening Hours

MONDAY: 9am - 4pm

WEDNESDAY: 9am - 4pm

SATURDAY: 10.30am - 1pm



POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS UPDATE

The Council Recovery Centre at the Pomonal Hall will be **closed on Thursday 17 October 2024** and will **reopen on Tuesday 22 October 2024**.

It will also be **closed on Thursday 31 October 2024** and will **reopen on Saturday 2 November 2024**.

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

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

POMONAL HALL'S WEALTH OF ACTIVITIES CONTINUES

Pomonal Hall's calendar of events continues to offer an enormous variety of activities for everyone. Whether you are looking to get moving, learn something new or just connect with the community, the Hall has you covered.

Rejuvenate your body and mind with several weekly yoga sessions designed for all levels, or join the rhythmic fun of drumming with Japanese o-daiko drums.

Catch up with friends and meet new people for a cuppa at 3pm on Mondays, and access essential support services from the Relief Hub.

Browse a wide selection of books at the library on Tuesdays, catch the pop-up outdoor market with local produce, and stay informed and inspired by attending expert talks.

All activities are free for Pomonal residents, thanks to the support of Pomonal Progress Association.

For more details, simply ask at the Hall!



PPA ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Pomonal Progress Association is looking for new community members to join its ranks, and the upcoming Annual General Meeting is the perfect time for potential new members to see the Association in action.

"If you would like to learn about the role of PPA in our community, and be involved in decisions affecting Pomonal's future, come [along] and think about joining this vibrant group," the PPA says.

All Pomonal residents are encouraged to attend the AGM, scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 22 October and followed immediately afterwards by the ordinary PPA meeting.

DATE: Tuesday 22 October

TIME: AGM and supper - 5.30pm - 6pm

Ordinary PPA meeting - 6pm - 7.30pm

LOCATION: Pomonal Community Hall

Need help with clean up after fire?

We are looking to organise another day of volunteer assistance.

Please register your needs / expression of interest to the Pomonal Hub mobile 0403 183 921 either by SMS or phone call, or come in and see us.





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GRAMPIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH TO HOST PERIMENOPAUSE INFO SESSION

In two weeks, Grampians Community Health will present a conversation about perimenopause and women's health, hosted at Pomonal Community Hall.

The hour-and-a-half event will be led by a community health nurse who will be very happy to answer any questions attendees may have.

DATE: Tuesday 29 October

TIME: 4pm - 5.30pm

LOCATION: Pomonal Community Hall

TOP TIPS TO AVOID ANIMAL COLLISIONS

Pomonal CFA have issued an informative bulletin about how to avoid vehicle collisions with wildlife.

They recommend slowing down at dusk and dawn (when wildlife tends to cross roads more often), and in areas where signs warn of wildlife or where shrubs block your roadside view. Kangaroos often travel in groups; if one crosses in front of you, others may follow. They also often travel at speed and cannot change direction quickly, so stay alert.

Avoid distractions when driving in high risk areas, and be sure to maintain your lights and horn - and keep your windscreen clean.

If wildlife crosses the path of your vehicle, brake hard but do not swerve, or you may lose control of your vehicle.

The golden rule is to slow down, which gives you the best chance of avoiding accidents.

GET BUSHFIRE PREPPED AT CFA OPEN DAY

The upcoming Pomonal CFA Information Open Day will be "an important event that will help us all be ready," says Pomonal Brigade Community Safety Officer, Andrew Cross.

In attendance at the event will be the Brigade Captain, the CFA District Commander, and representatives from both Forest Fire Management Victoria and Ararat Rural City Council.

Light lunch will be provided.

DATE: Saturday 26 October

TIME: 11am

LOCATION: Pomonal Community Hall

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.

