



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024

COUNCIL UPSKILL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF

Council have continued training and upskilling staff in emergency management positions.

Last month twenty-five Council staff completed comprehensive Emergency Relief Centre (ERC) operation training, making a total of 50 personnel trained to operate Emergency Relief Centres.

Two additional staff have been trained in Municipal Emergency Management Officer (MEMO) positions, for a total of five trained MEMOs; and two additional staff have undergone Municipal Recovery Managers (MRM) training, for a total of 5 trained MRMs.

Four staff have been trained as Emergency Management Liaison Officers (EMLOs), who, in the event of an emergency, can be deployed to the region's three Incident Control Centres: Ararat, Ballarat and Horsham.

This training is part of Council's commitment to emergency preparation and our community's safety.

'CAN I OR CAN'T I?' DURING THE FIRE DANGER PERIOD

Whether you want to crank up the fire pit, operate welding equipment, or use a bee smoker, the CFA has assembled an easy-to-use resource which explains exactly what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban days.

Search "CFA can I or can't I" or head to <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/fire-bans-ratings-and-restrictions/can-i-or-cant-i?> to find the page.

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY HOURS FOR POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE

Council's Pomonal Recovery Centre will be **CLOSED**

from:

Thursday 19 December
until

Monday 30 December

For assistance during this time, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 5355 0200.



10 POMONAL WOMEN TO WIN AUS OPEN VISIT

The Australian Open, the Rotary Club of Malvern and the Tennis Club of Pomonal have joined forces to offer 10 women from Pomonal the opportunity to attend the Australian Open on Monday 13 January 2025.

Each package will include a Ground Pass, V/Line train tickets to and from Ararat Station, and \$40 spending money.

The 10 tennis fans will depart on the 7.11am train from Ararat, and will be met at Southern Cross Station by their Malvern Rotarian hosts. The train from Southern Cross to Ararat will arrive back in Ararat at 8.35pm.

To be eligible for one of the packages, you must be a female over the age of 18 either living in Pomonal or impacted by the February bushfires.

You must be able to attend the Australian Open on Monday 13 January 2025, and be able to make your own way to and from the Ararat Railway Station. A moderate level of fitness is also required, as the day will involve a considerable amount of walking.

Entry forms (one entry per person) are available from the Pomonal Relief Hub (at Pomonal Community Hall), the Grampians Store Pomonal (General Store), or at the Pomonal Village Market's next date: Sunday 29 December 2024.

The draw will take place at Pomonal Village Market on Sunday 29 December 2024 at 12.30pm.

MANAGER OF PLANNING & BUILDING AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

From 1 January 2025, Council's Manager of Planning and Building, Rob Fillisch, will be available to Pomonal residents by appointment. Call Council's Customer Service team on 5355 0200 for assistance in making an appointment.

