

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025

WILLAURA WORKSHOP GENERATES INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION

Thirteen members of the Willaura community met Wednesday night to formulate their Community Emergency Management Plan at a workshop facilitated by emergency management specialists The Six C's.

Attendees discussed the impact of the recent Grampians Yarram Gap Rd bushfire, with a focus on the welfare of the vulnerable people within the community. Topics revolved around assisting vulnerable community members in the development of individual bushfire plans, identification of Neighbourhood Safer Places, and Council's role in improving preparedness and communication support for elderly and infirm residents.

See the following page for dates and locations of the remaining Community Emergency Management Planning workshops across the municipality, coordinated by Council with support from Emergency Management Victoria.

For more information, call Council's Customer Service Team on (03) 5355 0200.

MOYSTON SHEEP DOG TRIALS SET FOR MARCH

The longest-running sheep dog trials in Australia are returning for their 97th year.

Moyston's Annual Sheep Dog Trials will be held on Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 March at Moyston Oval, with spectators welcome to attend for a gold coin donation.

Powered sites are available for \$10 per night, and the Friday evening will include dinner, dessert and bar offerings at reasonable prices, with free live music.

For all enquires, call Max on 0419 382 315.



EXTREME FIRE DANGER RATING THIS WEEKEND

CFA has issued its projected Fire Danger Ratings for the coming weekend, classing the South West Fire District under the 'Extreme' category for Saturday 22 February.

The neighbouring districts of Wimmera, Mallee, North Central and Central have also received the 'Extreme' rating.

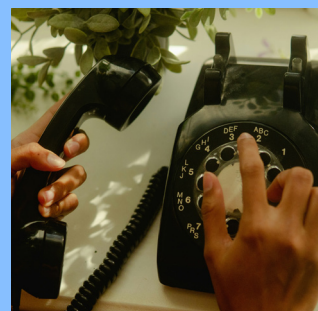
The 'Extreme' rating indicates that any fires ignited will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Expect hot, dry and windy conditions.

The CFA recommendation for this rating is to "Take action now to protect your life and property." Follow the recommendation through these steps:

- Check your bushfire plan and that your property is fire ready.
- If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.
- Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas.
- Leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.

For more information, head to the CFA's district-specific site at www.cfa.vic.gov.au and click on the South West area of the map.

DISASTER RECOVERY SCAM AWARENESS



Always verify the legitimacy of any organisation seeking donations or offering assistance during disaster recovery. For assistance, contact Council's Customer Service team on (03) 5355 0200.



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SMALL BUSINESS BUS VISITS NEXT WEEK

Business Victoria has pressed the accelerator on the Small Business Bus's visit to Pomonal and Ararat.

The free mobile business advice service was originally scheduled to visit in April but will instead arrive early to assist small business owners in fire-affected communities.

The Small Business Bus comes equipped with expert advisors on board to provide one-on-one, tailored guidance to help you start, build, or transform your small business.

To book a session, email business@ararat.vic.gov.au. Sessions are 20 minutes, confidential, and free of charge.

DATE: Friday 28 February 2025

LOCATIONS + TIMES:

Pomonal Hall (3360 Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Pomonal)
10am - 12.20pm

Ararat Town Hall (Cnr Barkly & Vincent Streets Ararat)
1.40pm - 3.40pm

REGISTER FOR FREE MARCH WATER WORKSHOP

AgVic are hosting a comprehensive, two-day workshop in March hosted by farmer Anthony Pola and Agriculture Victoria officer Clem Sturmfels.

Topics will include preparing a water plan, calculating your water needs, planning your pipeline, farm dams, pipeline hydraulics and design, fittings and pumps, and pipeline installation and construction.

DATES: Tuesday 18 Mar + Tuesday 25 Mar

TIME: 10am - 3pm (both days)

Register (to assist with catering) by scanning the QR code above.

For more info, email:

clem.sturmfels@agriculture.vic.gov.au



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

Register now for one of the remaining Community Emergency Management Planning workshops, designed to develop tailored strategies to address unique local vulnerabilities.

The workshops will also enhance local capacity and capabilities to manage emergencies, identify community strengths and assets, and strengthen a community's preparation, response, and recovery capabilities for disasters.

To find out more or register for one of the below remaining dates, scan the QR code.

- Streatham Memorial Hall on Thur 6 Mar, 6pm - 9pm
- Lake Bolac Golf Club on Fri 14 Mar, 6pm - 9pm

For more information on follow-up workshop dates, call Council's Customer Service Team on (03) 5355 0200.

