



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

### MOYSTON WORKSHOP BRINGS COMMUNITY IDEAS TOGETHER

The first of five Community Emergency Management Planning workshops, coordinated by Council with support from Emergency Management Victoria, has seen a very successful launch in Moyston.



Above: Mat Deans (The Six C's) with Moyston workshop participants

The 22 attendees showed their enthusiasm in coming together as a community, to support each other before, during and after disasters.

They participated in a series of activities in which groups identified and discussed a range of objectives to improve community outcomes following future disasters.

Many attendees expressed thanks for the seminar's predecessor, an information session also facilitated by Emergency Management specialists The Six C's, which was conducted before Christmas. Household fire plans were changed with many choosing to leave early, had an improved understanding of what to expect, and were confident in interpreting warnings, alerts and advice from VicEmergency.

The Moyston cohort will meet again on 27 March to further progress their group plan.

See following page for dates and locations of the remaining workshops.

### TELSTRA SERVICE INTERRUPTION IN MOYSTON

Next week, Telstra mobile services will be affected across a six-day period in Moyston while the telecommunications company upgrades its mobile base station to bring new 5G coverage to the area.

Telstra mobile customers will receive texts advising of the upcoming work.

Landline services, NBN internet services, and mobile coverage from other providers will not be impacted.

The following periods will be impacted:

**MONDAY 10 FEB - FRIDAY 14 FEB**  
**No Telstra mobile coverage.**

The Telstra network will be restored at the end of the day on Friday.

**SATURDAY 15 FEB**  
**Some Telstra network interruptions during the day.**

These interruptions will be due to call testing and integration of the mobile network.

Telstra also encourages business owners talk to their bank about connecting their EFTPOS terminals to their NBN or Wi-Fi connection to prevent delays in processing transactions.

### COMMUNITY RECOVERY HELPLINE ON STANDBY

Council's Community Recovery Helpline (03 5355 0980) will be moved into standby mode from the end of this week.

Calls to the Helpline number will be redirected to Council's friendly and knowledgeable Customer Service team, who are ready to help with any enquiries you may have.

Call the team direct on 03 5355 0200.





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### MARCH WORKSHOPS ON WATER + LIVESTOCK

AgVic have announced two workshops for March, each designed to assist landowners with essential water and livestock health plans.

#### The Water Workshop

**DATES:** Tuesday 18 Mar + Tuesday 25 Mar

**TIME:** 10am - 3pm

**LOCATION:** Moyston Recreation Reserve

**TOPICS:** Calculating your water needs, planning your pipeline, fittings and pumps, and more

For more info, email:

[clem.sturmfels@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:clem.sturmfels@agriculture.vic.gov.au)

#### Looking After Your Livestock, Looking After You

**DATE:** Monday 31 Mar

**TIME:** 9am - 3pm

**LOCATION:** North Park Community Sports Centre, Lamont Street, Stawell

**TOPICS:** Minimising livestock stress, disease prevention, practical strategies to improve your mental health, and more

For more info, email:

[felicity.pritchard@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:felicity.pritchard@agriculture.vic.gov.au)

### PASTURE RECOVERY WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK

Join a free workshop on pasture recovery at Raglan Hall with speakers including keynote Lisa Warn (on developing a pasture recovery plan), and case study farmer Tom Silcock.

**DATE:** Wednesday 12 Feb

**TIME:** 2pm - 6.30pm with BBQ dinner

**LOCATION:** Raglan Hall, Raglan

#### DISASTER RECOVERY SCAM AWARENESS

Always verify the legitimacy of any organisation seeking donations or offering assistance during disaster recovery. For assistance, contact Council's Community Recovery Helpline on (03) 5355 0980.



### REGISTER FOR A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN WORKSHOP NOW

Register now for one of four 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.

- Wickliffe Recreation Reserve on Mon 10 Feb, 6pm - 9pm
- Willaura Memorial Hall on Wed 19 Feb, 6pm - 9pm
- Streatham Memorial Hall on Thur 6 Mar, 6pm - 9pm
- Lake Bolac Golf Club on Fri 14 Mar, 6pm - 9pm

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS**

**BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

**Mat Deans + Sue Rondeau**

**FREE DINNER**

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