



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 14TH MAY 2024



Pomonal on 26 April 2024, captured by *The Age* photographer Joe Armao

POMONAL'S RESILIENCE SHINES IN *THE AGE* ARTICLE

The Age has published an article about Pomonal's "remarkable recovery," with journalist Clay Lucas declaring that "the resilience on display could become a case study of how other towns belted by catastrophe can heal."

Lucas highlights that at the Pomonal Hub Donation Centre, the fastest-moving item is mens' workwear - see the bulletin below about which items are most needed.

The *Age* article can be accessed online under the newspaper's Politics-Victoria-Bushfires section.

Pomonal Hub Donations

The Pomonal Hub would like to THANK YOU for all your donations.
We appreciate the kindness that comes from everywhere.

However:

We want to inform you that, at the moment, we are at capacity for specific items, But we still need some other items.

Before you drop items in, please call our Hub on 0403 183921 to make sure the items you have are what's needed.

Items in need, for example:
Men's workwear sizes 32 and 36, Work gloves,
Pillow protectors, toaster...please call the Hub.

THANK YOU

BLAZE AID UPDATE

The BlazeAid contingent at Dadswells Bridge will be packing up camp at the end of this month, having contributed four-and-a-half months of critical work towards the bushfire recovery effort.

This Saturday May 18, volunteers from the Ararat Fijian community and involved with the Ararat Life Church will be helping BlazeAid with recovery work around Pomonal. Join the group for a BBQ lunch - see notice below.

BlazeAid
BBQ

THIS SATURDAY
18 MAY 2024
AT POMONAL HALL
1PM

YOGA ON HOLD

Attendees of the Yoga Sessions at Pomonal Community Hall are advised the series will be on hold until Saturday June 8.


POMONAL TRANSFER STATION

Pomonal Transfer Station has resumed its regular hours of operation, as of 13 May 2024.

Weekdays 8.30am - 4.00pm
Weekends 10am - 2pm

The Station can no longer receive building materials or scrap metal due to asbestos contamination. Waste must instead be taken directly to Cleanaway Stawell at 492 Pomonal Road, Stawell. The facility is open weekdays 7:30am - 3pm.

Please note that all waste accepted by Cleanaway also has no charge, as long as the owner or contractor has ID for Pomonal or has completed the declaration form included at the end of this newsletter.


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AGVIC TO HOLD FREE STOCK FEED WORKSHOP

AgVic will be holding a three-hour workshop on May 29, presented by Jess Revell. Jess is the Principal Nutritionist and Animal Production Consultant at Rumenate Livestock Services, and has extensive experience providing advice on animal nutrition, reducing metabolic disease, seasonal management and more.

Jess's course will focus on livestock feeding requirements and feeding after fire for pasture recovery. Lunch will be provided to all attendees.

To save your place, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CRHHO> - and for more info, email Rachel Coombes at Agriculture Victoria: Rachel.coombes@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

DATE: 29 May 2024

TIME: 9.30am – 12.30pm

VENUE: Elmhurst Bush Nursing Centre (36 Green Street, Elmhurst)



POMONAL COMMUNITY RELIEF HUB HOURS UPDATE

Beginning next week, the Relief Hub at Pomonal Hall will be amending their hours of operation.

Monday: 9am - 4pm
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 9am - 4pm
Thursday: 1pm - 6pm
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: 10.30am - 1pm
Sunday: CLOSED



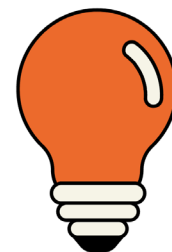
POSSIBLE INTERRUPTION TO YOUR POWER SUPPLY

Powercor will be conducting essential works in the area across two hours on Wednesday morning next week.

Powercor are recommending residents plan ahead for possible supply impact between the following times:

Wednesday 22 May, 1:00am -
Wednesday 22 May, 3:00am

For enquiries, call the Powercor Customer Contact Centre on 13 24 12.



HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE 2024 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY

As part of ongoing efforts to monitor business conditions in the region, Council have launched the 2024 Business Confidence Survey.

The insights gained through this survey will assist stakeholders and businesses in the region to plan for the future, and Council encourages all local businesses to participate.

Local businesses should have already received an email with a link to complete the survey.

If you have any questions relating to the survey, or wish to nominate yourself to be interviewed, please contact Phillipa Cairns: pcairns@ararat.vic.gov.au.

Pomonal clean-up working bee

Tue 21st and
Wed 22nd of May

The Melbourne Tradie Team is coming to Pomonal with lots of skills and tools to do a working bee at your property affected by the bush fires



Please register with Relief Hub
M: 0403 183921
to book your needs of work to be done and tools required

eg: wood mulching, wood chopping, wood splitter, small plumbing jobs, small painting jobs (veranda posts) small electrician jobs (replace power point, etc)



If you'd like to join on the working bee as a volunteer with the Tradies Team, please reach out to the Relief Hub to register.





DECLARATION OF WASTE

I _____ of
_____ in VICTORIA
(Residential Address)

do solemnly and sincerely declare the waste I carry is disaster waste from the emergency events commencing on the 13 February 2024:

That the contents of waste carried is from and or on behalf of _____
(approved LGA)

OR/I am a carrier for _____ (company name)
and am duly authorised to make this declaration on its behalf.

Vehicle
Registration _____

Declared

At _____
(Cleanaway Site Name)

_____ (day) , (month) _____ 2024

Signature _____

Site officer (Cleanaway) _____