



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2024



Pomonal local Thelma Sneezewell celebrated her 100th birthday recently with friends and family gathering at Eventide Homes in Stawell. Congratulations to Thelma!



POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS UPDATE

Pomonal Recovery Centre will be closed on Thursday 20 June and Saturday 22 June, reopening on Monday 24 June.

For any urgent matters please contact Council on 5355 0200.

FREE BAL LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENTS

Ararat Rural City Council and the Victorian Government are partnering to offer Pomonal residents free individual Bushfire Attack Level assessments, to assist in making informed choices about their property. More information to come; register your interest at Pomonal Recovery Centre.

CFA TANKER UPGRADES TO ROLL OUT BY 2025

The Victorian Minister for Emergency Services has announced that every single Country Fire Authority ultra-light tanker in the state will be upgraded or replaced "by the end of the year." The existing 246 tankers will be retrofitted to include new crew protection systems including radiant heat shield curtains and compressed air foam-based fire suppressants. A further 33 new ultra-light vehicles will be added to the state's fleet.

"The ultra-light tankers make up an important part of our fleet – ensuring an agile response to grassfires and [farm paddocks] that are hard to reach when our heavier trucks can't get there," Jaclyn Symes said this week.

The additional crew protection systems have been exposed to real fire and significant testing over several years to ensure they can protect volunteers during an emergency. CFA volunteers receive training each year to ensure they are familiar with any changes in the tankers, including how to operate the crew protection systems.



JOIN THE OFFICIAL ARCC E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up to Council's official e-newsletter to receive important info about our community, including infrastructure updates, upcoming events, and the latest Council news stories.

Head to engageararat.vic.gov.au to sign up.

COMPOST NOW AVAILABLE

A load of compost has arrived at Pomonal Relief Hub for the community. Should you wish to secure some of this batch, please register your interest with the Hub.

UPDATED HOURS FOR MANAGER OF PLANNING & BUILDING

Ararat Rural City Council's Manager of Development and Regulation, Rob Fillisch, will be attending Pomonal Hall every week:

Wednesdays: 8.30am - 3pm

Alternatively, please call Council's Customer Service line to receive assistance on 5355 0200.



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NEW WEEKLY EXERCISE CLASS AT COMMUNITY HALL

Pomonal Community Hall is hosting a new class of beneficial exercises on **Tuesday evenings**, to support your functional health. The class is designed to teach movements which you can then perform and practise in your own time.

Classes will specifically take into account any past or current injuries, but are also appropriate for those who are simply interested in learning new movements beneficial to their body's health.

The series will be hosted by Austrian traveller Benji (below), who holds extensive experience working in pain management and particularly with people suffering from pain in the lower back, neck, knee or shoulders.



The heads up, for what is coming up in Pomonal:

- 1** We are getting another Rebuild Roundtable-Expo together in 4 to 6 weeks
- 2** Also a Gardening Rebuild Expo will happen later in August with local & CFA plant knowledge hopefully a landscape architect compost & mulcher and more
- 3** **COMPOST HAS ARRIVED!**
See first page of this newsletter for details

NEW YOGA RECOMMENCEMENT DATE

Attendees of Yoga Sessions at Pomonal Hall are advised the series will recommence on Saturday 6 July.

LANDSCAPING FOR BUSHFIRE BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

Available as both a free downloadable PDF and a printed booklet, *Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection* is a CFA-published resource which provides information on garden design in high-risk bushfire areas.

Covering topics of tree placement, choosing suitable plants, and garden design's place within a holistic approach to bushfire preparation, it contains relevant information for brand new gardens or for modifying your existing garden.

Get your physical copy at Pomonal Hub or Pomonal CFA Communications Officer Andrew, or access it online at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/landscaping>.



Stawell Neighbourhood House

Has available for

Pomonal families affected by fires:

Fresh food Groceries Toiletries

Daily between 10am and 3pm

Ring the Neighbourhood House on 5358 3500 to check what is available on the day



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) _____