

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2024

POMONAL VILLAGE MARKET RETURNS NEXT WEEK

The July edition of the monthly Pomonal Village Market is coming up next week, on **Sunday 28 July**.

The market is held on the last Sunday of every month from 9am - 1pm at Pomonal Community Hall, and all money raised from stall and site fees goes back to the Pomonal Community.



RELIEF HUB ALERT

Pomonal Relief Hub has put a call-out to the wider community for donations of particular items needed.

See the graphic below for details.

ITEMS NEEDED



Wet weather gear/rain coats, umbrellas.



Pavers, cement blocks, steel grates (suitable for wet and muddy areas).



Floor rugs, mats, pieces of carpet.

If you can help with any of these items, please contact the Relief Hub on 0403 183 921.

POMONAL TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Pomonal Transfer Station has resumed normal operating hours, and fees and charges are still being waived for Pomonal residents until further notice.

Amended opening hours are:

Wednesdays: 1pm - 4pm

Saturdays: 1pm - 4pm

Scrap metal is not being taken at Pomonal Transfer Station. To dispose of your scrap metal, please call Manhari Metals on (03) 5352 3866.

Cleanaway Stawell is no longer taking waste free of charge, and any waste arriving at the site must be via a commercial operator or truck.

These changes are in line with State Government guidance on Disaster Waste Disposal.

RMIT UNI CONDUCTING POMONAL BUSHFIRE INTERVIEWS

RMIT University is conducting a study on the 2024 bushfire in Pomonal, and are looking for residents to each take part in a one-hour interview.

The researchers' aim is to help improve the safety of residents living in and visiting bushfire-prone areas across Australia.

The project will be overseen by Dr Rosie Morrison, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow focusing on bushfire evacuation behaviour and other disaster responses.

Participants must be over 18, and can either register online at https://bit.ly/pomonal_fire or by sending an email directly to Dr Morrison, at rosie.morrison2@rmit.edu.au.

All participants will be provided with a \$30 gift card as a thank you for their time.



RMIT's Dr Rosie Morrison



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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.

POMONAL COMMUNITY RELIEF HUB HOURS

Monday: 9am - 4pm
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 9am - 4pm
Thursday: CLOSED
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: 10:30am - 1pm
Sunday: CLOSED



YOGA RETURNS TO THE HALL

Yoga Sessions with Danielle at Pomonal Hall have returned to Saturdays at 9am. All levels welcome!

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.

HAVE YOUR SAY: COUNCIL'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY OPEN FOR FEEDBACK

Council's Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2024 - 2034 aims to provide a clear direction for the sustainable development and environmental management of the municipality, over the next 10 years.

The proposed strategy contains three key themes of environmental sustainability: Climate Change, Natural Landscapes and Biodiversity, and Sustainable Living.

Council is seeking feedback from the community on this important document; to view the draft and/or provide your thoughts, visit engage.ararat.vic.gov.au and click on the project link.

Council will review all feedback at the September 2024 Council meeting.



NEW POMONAL DONATIONS GROUP FORMED

The Pomonal Bushfire Recovery Donations Group has been established as a subcommittee of the Pomonal Progress Association (Resilience), with a mission to ensure that the donation money amassed for Pomonal's bushfire recovery is "managed and spent with transparency, fairness, and adherence to ethical and legal standards, involving the whole Pomonal Community," the Group wrote via Facebook on 5 July 2024.

Look out for more information on the new community aggregate via 'Pomonal Updates' posted to the Pomonal Community Connections Facebook group.