



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2024

ERV CEO TO VISIT POMONAL



Mariela Diaz, CEO of ERV

Mariela Diaz, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Emergency Recovery Victoria, will be visiting Pomonal on **Wednesday 10 July**.

Ms Diaz will be at Pomonal Hall to meet community members **between 5pm and 6:30pm**.

A light supper, and tea and coffee will be provided.

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

POMONAL TRANSFER STATION HOURS

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

Opening hours are:

Wednesdays: 2pm - 5pm

Saturdays: 1pm - 4pm

Cleanaway Stawell is no longer taking waste free of charge. Waste must arrive at Cleanaway via a commercial operator or truck.

NEW TRANSFER STATION FEES

In accordance with Council's newly adopted 2024-25 Budget, prices across the municipality's Transfer Stations have changed.

Please note that this year there are separate charges for residents and non-residents; drivers' IDs will be checked at the Transfer Station gate.

For details on new pricing, visit ararat.vic.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling/transfer-station-fees-and-charges.

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.

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.



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GRAMPIANS GROWERS & PRODUCERS AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN



There's just a few days left to submit a nomination for your favourite producer or grower in the lead-up to the Business Excellence Awards.

Commerce Ballarat and Federation University are again delivering the Business Excellence Awards in August, the honours of which include the Regional Development Australia Grampians Growers & Producers People's Choice Award.

To nominate your favourite grower or producer (including yourself; businesses are encouraged to self-nominate!), visit commerceballarat.com.au and click on the pop-up banner.

Nominations close July 5, after which voting will commence on July 17 and winners announced at a Gala Dinner on August 29.

POMONAL COMMUNITY RELIEF HUB HOURS

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



POMONAL'S RESILIENCE SPOTLIGHTED IN THE ADVOCATE ARTICLE

The Ararat Advocate has again underscored the strength of character present throughout Pomonal over the bushfire recovery period, speaking in particular with the Relief Hub's Lynne McKinnon and Anthea Nicholls, and Russ Kellett of Pomonal Men's Shed.

"What we are amazed at, is that everybody's journey is different," said Anthea. "Everybody has got a different story as to what the relationship is between their loss, their insurance company, and their building circumstances. It's hard to get your head around how big this impact was."

Read the full article on page 5 of last week's *The Ararat Advocate*, Friday 28 June 2024 edition.

YOGA RECOMMENCEMENT DATE

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM POWERCOR

Powercor Australia have been fielding enquiries from Pomonal residents who are under the impression electricity reconnection fees have increased post fire damage.

Powercor wish to make it known they are **waiving all fees** for bushfire-affected residents, and have been doing so since the beginning of recovery.

If you have any questions about reconnection, call Powercor's Customer Request line on 1800 771 434.

