



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK, BELLFIELD FIRE UPDATE

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024

ROADSIDE BUSHFIRE DEBRIS CLEAN-UP COMMENCES

Monday marked the beginning of a roadside bushfire debris clean-up program lead by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) - Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic), and supported by the Department of Transport and Planning (DOTP).

Over the next few weeks, these organisations will be working to clear debris along Ararat-Halls Gap Road and Pomonal Road. They will also be operating on local roads, in particular Waterhole Road, Springwood Hill Road, Cherrytree Road, Church Road, Millers Creek Road, and Tunnel Road. Other roads may also be identified as works progress.

The aim is to clear as much bushfire debris (i.e. burnt and fallen trees/limbs/branches) as possible within the scope of work and funding.

Removed trees and timber will be assessed as either suitable for firewood or suitable for chipping into wood mulch.

The firewood will be stockpiled at the back of Pomonal Recreation Reserve for Pomonal residents to collect. The wood mulch will also be stockpiled on the reserve, but will be made available to anyone; mulch is more suited to properties less prone to bushfire and ember attack than those in and around Pomonal.

Be aware that some mulches can be a significant fire hazard if used and managed incorrectly. Please refer to the CSIRO's website on the use of mulches. If you know of anyone outside of the Pomonal area who could make use of the wood mulch (e.g. in Stawell, Ararat, or outside a bushfire prone area), please let them know of this resource.

Any excess material not collected will be disposed of.

Pomonal residents are asked to please be respectful and share the firewood around as much as possible. If you are unable to collect your own firewood, ask a neighbour or friend who may be able to help; the Hub may also be able to connect you with someone who can assist.

UPDATE TO MANAGER OF PLANNING & BUILDING HOURS

From Wednesday 6 November, Council's Manager of Planning and Building, Rob Fillisch, will have new hours of attendance at Pomonal Recovery Centre:

**Wednesdays
8.30am – 12 noon**



Remember, you can also call Council's Customer Service team on 5355 0200 for assistance.

POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE HOURS

The Council Recovery Centre at the Pomonal Hall will be **closed on Thursday 31 October 2024** and will **reopen on Saturday 2 November 2024**.

Outside these dates, the Centre will operate to its usual hours:

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

The Council recovery team are available via phone any time during business hours on 5355 0200.



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LOCAL-LED MUSIC FEST LANDS NEXT WEEK

The inaugural Out West Fest is all set to go ahead in Ararat next Saturday, with bands, bites, and interstitial DJs lined up to entertain ticketholders.

Headlining acts include some of Australia's most beloved musicians including Deep Sea Arcade, Sex on Toast, Hayley Mary of The Jezabels in a solo set, and Bel Kil.

Bel Kil is also the festival's organiser; as a local who grew up on a farm located between Ararat and Stawell, she's excited to be able to present artists of this calibre to the region.

"I wanted to bring these amazing acts to the area I grew up in, and create an opportunity that I would have killed for as a young girl," she says.

To see the full line-up and book your tickets, head to the Town Hall site (full link below).

DATE: Saturday 9 November

LOCATION: Ararat Town Hall

TICKETS: Student/Concession - \$24.50
Early Bird (until 1 Nov) - \$49.00
Full Price (from 1 Nov) - \$69.00

BOOK: <https://ararattownhall.com.au/event/out-west-fest/>



THIS WEEKEND: POMONAL ART SHOW & FESTIVAL

The 2024 Pomonal Art Show & Festival kicks off with the Community Dinner, Show and Auction at 6.30pm on **Friday 1 November**, held at Pomonal Hall. Tickets are just \$25 for adults and \$10 for children.

Saturday 2 November will see the Market in full swing from 9am - 2pm, while the Art Show will be open to viewers from 10am - 2pm.

Sunday 3 November is your last chance to view the Art Show, open from 10am - 2pm.

All proceeds from the event will go to Pomonal Primary School.



POMONAL TRANSFER STATION

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

Wednesdays: 1pm - 4pm

Saturdays: 1pm - 4pm

Scrap metal is now being taken at Pomonal Transfer Station, but is limited to a maximum of three cubic metres.

To dispose of larger amounts of 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.

POMONAL RELIEF HUB

Opening Hours

MONDAY: 9am - 4pm

WEDNESDAY: 9am - 4pm

SATURDAY: 10.30am - 1pm

