



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

**FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025**

### BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Business Bushfire Recovery Grant program is now open for small businesses, including eligible primary producers, that experienced a significant decline in their revenue due to the 2024-25 Western Victoria Bushfires.

The program provides a grant of \$5,000 to eligible small businesses including primary producers located in the following Local Government Areas: Ararat, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Northern Grampians, Southern Grampians and West Wimmera.

Applications close on 13 November 2025 or earlier if funding allocation is exhausted sooner.

To find out more about the program, and to apply, scan the QR code below.



### FREE WASTE DISPOSAL FOR FIRE EFFECTED RESIDENTS

Yarram Gap bushfire-affected residents can dispose of burnt debris and waste free of charge at the Willaura or Moyston Resource Recovery Centres (Transfer Stations) until 30 June 2025.

Please present your rates notice or driver's license as proof of residency upon arrival.

If you have a large amount of waste to dispose of, please call Council on (03) 5355 0200 for further advice.

### RURAL AID SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FARMERS

Rural Aid Australia is an organisation that provides support to farmers and their families impacted by natural disasters right across Australia.

Services include free and confidential counselling, financial assistance, fodder assistance, domestic water deliveries and water tanks, as well as a range of other support services.

To find out more about the support available, and to register for assistance, visit: [www.ruralaid.org.au](http://www.ruralaid.org.au)

### COUNCIL RECOVERY OFFICER TO VISIT MOYSTON

Council advises that it will be stationing a Recovery Officer at Moyston on **Friday 23 May 2025** (outside Moyston General Store from 10am - 1pm).

The Recovery Officer will be available to answer any questions you may have about bushfire recovery.

For more information, call Council's Customer Service team on (03) 5355 0200.



Willaura Modern Railway Gallery has gathered the creative talents of 15 Grampians artists, many of whom were affected by the recent fires, for its new exhibition entitled *Grampianá: Creative Connections to Gariwerd*.

The exhibition opened last month, and will continue until Sunday 18 May 2025.