



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025

ONLINE WHOLE FARMING PLANNING COURSE

AgVic and the Glenelg Hopkins CMA invite farmers and their families to participate in an online 6-week whole farm planning course this August & September. Topics include farm design and layout, soils and land classing, pasture and grazing management, farm water supply, farm business planning, tree growing and biodiversity, adapting to a changing climate.

Property Identification Code (PIC) needed prior to registering. Scan the QR code to register.



MOBILE BLOOD BANK BUS TO VISIT ARARAT

Got a bit of time this July? 1 in 3 people in Ararat will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Blood Bank Bus will be rolling into Ararat from Tuesday 8 - Saturday 12 July 2025. Spaces are limited, book your donation online now at: www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre/vic/ararat-mobile-donor-centre or phone 13 14 95.

Location: Ararat RSL/Ararat Library Car Park, 74-76 High Street, Ararat VIC 3377

FREE WASTE DISPOSAL FOR YARRAM GAP 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.

LOOK OVER THE FARM GATE PROGRAM

The Look Over The Farm Gate program provides an opportunity to bring communities together to support farmers and their families under stress.

Managed by the National Centre for Farmer Health on behalf of the Victorian Government, the program offers grants of up to \$5,000 for community-led events that promote social connection and mental health awareness.

Find out more at: farmerhealth.org.au

To view the full range of financial, technical and wellbeing support available visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or phone 136 186.

ON-FARM DROUGHT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

The On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grant program offers eligible farmers from across the state access to grants of up to \$5,000 (ex-GST) to support on-farm drought management and be better prepared for future droughts.

For eligible farmers in south west Victoria, an additional \$5,000 (ex-GST) top-up is available, taking the total grant on offer up to \$10,000 (ex-GST).

Eligible activities under the grant program have been expanded to cover activities including water carting and pasture re-establishment in recognition of the broad pressures farmers are managing. Also, for testing (such as soil, water or feed testing) to support drought management decisions.

For more information, and to apply, please visit: www.ruralfinance.com.au/grants

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