



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025

STATE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR WATER PIPELINE

The State Government has announced \$15 million in funding towards extending the East Grampians Water Pipeline project, as part of its Drought Support Package. In addition to this, Grampians Wimmera Mallee (GWM) Water will also invest \$15.6 million towards the project, and the State Government have stated that they will continue to work with the Federal Government to seek further funding to deliver the project to its full scope.

This pipeline expansion will increase access to a high-quality reliable water supply from Lake Fyans to 750 additional rural properties, 10 local towns, 34 fire hydrants, and 66 tanks for firefighting in several local government areas including Ararat Rural City.

The State Government has also announced an additional \$35.8 million to help farmers in Southwest Victoria manage the pressures they are facing due to prolonged drought through Primary Producer Support Payments.

For more information on the support available, go to: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought or call 136 186.

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.



COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM IN POMONAL

Grampians Community Health's Community Paramedics run weekly drop-in clinics to provide free health checks and assessments, support and advice related to your health needs.

A Community Paramedic will be visiting Pomonal Hall on:

Thursday 10 July, 11am - 2pm
Thursday 24 July, 11am - 2pm
Thursday 7 August, 11am - 2pm



Scan the QR code for more info.

FARM DROUGHT SUPPORT GRANTS

The Farm Drought Support Grants (formerly On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants) program is available to assist primary production businesses to implement on-farm infrastructure improvements and undertake essential business activities that improve drought.

Eligible farmers will receive up to \$5,000 (ex-GST) as a co-contribution grant that will support activities including water infrastructure upgrades (such as pipes, tanks, troughs and dams), stock containment areas, and grain and fodder storage.

New eligible activities have been added to the program, including water carting and pasture re-establishment in recognition of the broad pressures farmers are managing. For eligible farmers in south west Victoria, an additional \$5,000 (ex-GST) top-up is available through the grant program, taking the total grant on offer up to \$10,000 (ex-GST). This increase is available to the 11 local government areas that have had access to this program since September 2024, including Ararat Rural City.

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

