



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2025

RATE RELIEF FOR OUR FARMERS

Last month the State Government 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.

This initiative sees the State Government committing to fund a 40% rate reduction for primary producers in designated drought-affected areas. The aim of this initiative is to provide financial relief from council rates to farmers significantly impacted by ongoing drought.

The State Government will provide Council with a lump sum for distribution to the municipality's primary producers. Following the July 2025 Council Meeting, Council has determined that the funding will be used for a 40% reduction on the Farm Rate and Municipal Charge across all properties rated as a farm as of 30 June 2025 for the 2025–26 financial year. This will appear as a credit on eligible Valuation & Rates Notices.

More information on the Drought Support Package, can be found online at agriculture.vic.gov.au.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS

A further round of Community Emergency Management Planning workshops, facilitated by Ararat Rural City Council with support from Emergency Management Victoria, have been scheduled for August and October this year.

The workshops are designed to develop tailored strategies to address unique local vulnerabilities in our townships' emergency preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.

Workshops will be held at:

ELMHURST MECHANICS INSTITUTE

Monday 18 August 2025, from 6.30pm - 9.30pm

POMONAL HALL

Wednesday 8 October 2025, from 6.30pm - 9.30pm at Pomonal Hall

A free dinner will be provided. For catering purposes, please register via the QR code.

For more information, please call Council on (03) 5355 0200.



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 7 August, 11am - 2pm

Scan the QR code for more info.



POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE OPERATING HOURS:

Pomonal Recovery Centre operating hours as of 1 August 2025: **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 5pm (excluding Public Holidays).**

Manager of Planning & Building will be available to Pomonal residents by appointment.

For more information, and to make an appointment, please contact Ararat Rural City Council on (03) 5355 0200.

