



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 25 JULY 2025

### 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](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au/grants)

### 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.



### 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.



### POMONAL RELIEF HUB OPERATING HOURS

The Pomonal Relief Hub will continue to operate from the Pomonal Community Hall on Wednesdays from 9am.

Cuppa & Chat will also continue. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information and support, please contact the Pomonal Relief Hub on 0493 379 818.

