



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

**FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2025**

### WESTERN VICTORIA EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (RARF)

The Western Victoria Drought Emergency Relief Fund (RARF) is providing relief to farming families affected by drought in the region.

The fund is a collaboration between Rotary Australia World Community Service, the Farmers Relief Agency, and the Western Victorian Rotary Clubs of District 9780.

Scan the QR code for more information and to register for assistance, or contact Rotary District 9780 Drought Coordinator, Noel Howard, at [allambie165@gmail.com](mailto:allambie165@gmail.com)



### FIREWOOD COLLECTION AREAS NOW OPEN

Firewood collection areas are now open. Spring is the ideal time to visit State forests and collect free firewood. Depending on the type of vegetation and level of dryness when cut, most wood takes longer than twelve months to dry. If you rely on wood for heating and cooking, now is the time to start planning for the winter 2026 season and beyond.

Firewood collection is only allowed during the firewood season and from designated firewood collection areas. Collection rules and limits apply. Scan the QR code for more information.



### POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE OPERATING HOURS

Pomonal Recovery Centre operating hours as of 1 August 2025 are **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - 5pm (excluding Public Holidays)**. For more information, and to make an appointment, please contact Ararat Rural City Council on (03) 5355 0200.

### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Council are hosting follow-up Community Emergency Management Planning workshops, facilitated by emergency management specialists The Six C's, and supported by Emergency Management Victoria.

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

Follow-up workshops will be held at:

**ELMHURST MECHANICS INSTITUTE**

Monday 15 September 2025, from 6.30pm - 9.30pm

**POMONAL HALL**

Wednesday 8 October 2025, from 6.30pm - 9.30pm

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 drop-in clinics to provide free health checks and assessments, support and advice related to your health needs. Community Paramedics can take your blood pressure, give you health advice, set health goals with you, and connect you and other services you may need

A Community Paramedic will be visiting Pomonal Hall on Thursday 16 October, from 11.00am - 2.00pm

Scan the QR code for more info.

