



Ararat Rural City

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

**FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025**

### BOOK NOW: SOIL PIT EVENT IN MAROONA

The Upper Hopkins Land Management Group are hosting a Soil Pit event on Thursday 9 October from 8:30am-3:30pm at Maroona Recreation Reserve.

Join leading soil advisors Ed Scott and Michael Eyres for a hands-on look beneath the soil surface. Using 1.5 m deep soil pits, participants will explore soil layers and how they influence plant production. Participants will also travel by bus to two soil pits in Tatyoon and Streatham. Morning tea and lunch provided. **Scan the QR code to book your spot.**



### POMONAL FEATURED ON ABC'S GARDENING AUSTRALIA

Pomonal takes the spotlight this week as ABC's Gardening Australia visits for the much-loved Pomonal Native Flower Show.

Tune in to catch Millie's story, filmed at the Pomonal Town Hall. The episode airs on ABC this Friday 12th September at 7:30pm, with a Sunday repeat at 1:30pm, plus streaming anytime on ABC iView from Friday morning.

This special feature celebrates Pomonal's vibrant wildflowers, passionate volunteers, and the unique spirit of our rural towns. Congratulations to the Pomonal Hall Committee and all involved.



### 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.



### WILLAURA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

Ararat Rural City Council is inviting Willaura residents to participate in an important community questionnaire focused on improving emergency management preparedness.

Over the past 12 months, Council in conjunction with The Six C's have delivered a series of emergency planning sessions across the municipality to better equip the community in decision-making during and after an emergency.

Your input will help the Willaura community with its future emergency management planning.

The questionnaire can be completed via the QR code.

