



Ararat Rural City

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

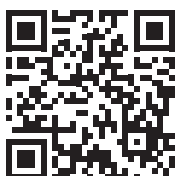
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS

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.

A workshop was held in Elmhurst earlier this week where locals came together to reconnect, support the development of their Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), and plan for the future.

A further follow-up workshops will be held at Pomonal Hall on 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.



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.**



2025 EAST GRAMPIANS BUSINESS AWARDS: VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Residents are encouraged to give their favourite businesses a thumbs up by voting in the 2025 East Grampians Business Awards People's Choice category for your favourite local business. This is the only major awards category in which the winner is decided by online votes from residents. You can vote for any business, small or large, rural or CBD-based, operating within Ararat Rural City. Voting closes 30 September 2025.

Scan the QR code to vote for your favourite business now.

