

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

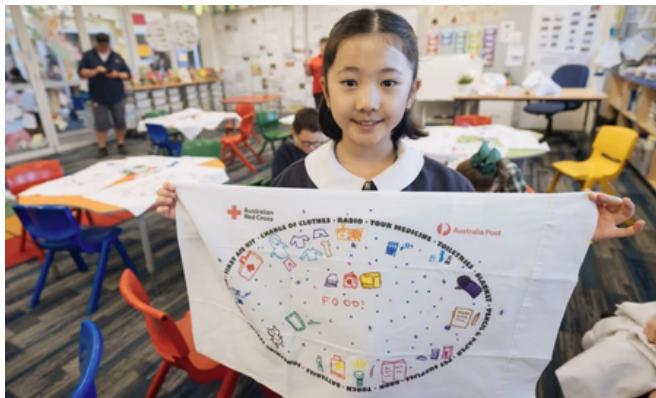
POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE



Ararat Rural City

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 2025

'PILLOWCASE' WORKSHOP TO HELP KIDS PREPARE



The Red Cross will be at the Pomonal Primary School on November 14 to talk to students about how to prepare for, cope with and respond to emergencies. As part of the 'Pillowcase' workshop, each child will receive a pillowcase to decorate and take home as the start of their own personal emergency kit. The sessions will also include discussions about different types of emergencies, how to stay calm, and how to seek help if needed. The workshop is supported by Ararat Rural City Council and Grampians Community Health. Students from Buangor, Maroona, Moyston and Willaura will also take part.

PREPARATION TIP: MAKE TIME TO GET YOUR BUSINESS READY

We know from experience that visitors look to local businesses for help and advice during a bushfire. Help your customers stay safe by giving them information about Fire Danger Ratings and restrictions in Summer. And, because we're in a high-risk bushfire area, businesses also need a fire plan. CFA offers a free, 30-minute e-learning module to help you create a fire plan to help protect your business, your staff and your customers before and during a bushfire. **To watch, please go to <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-and-during-a-fire/fire-ready-kit/preparing-your-tourism-business>**

POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE TEMPORARY CLOSURE

A reminder that Council's Pomonal Recovery Centre will be closed until Tuesday 25 November. If you require assistance during this time, please call the Emergency Management Coordinator on 5355 0231 or Council Customer Service on 5355 0200.

RUBBISH SKIP NOW CLOSED

The skip has now closed for the time being at the Moyston Transfer Station. Thank you to everyone who took rubbish to the tip as part of their pre-summer property clean up.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST DROUGHT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The recent rain has been heartening for our region, but for local farmers still requiring support to address the impacts of drought conditions, the Victorian Government has a range of programs available. We have a list of the programs and website links at www.ararat.vic.gov.au/business-support. You can also ring Agriculture Victoria on 136 186 or email drought.support@agriculture.vic.gov.au

EVENT: BLOKES IN THE BUSH

Local men over 40 are encouraged to get along to Alexandra Oval Community Centre in Ararat on November 24 from 6pm where prostate cancer survivor and AFL legend, **David Parkin OAM** will talk about the importance of understanding prostate health and what he's learned from his own health journey. Tickets are \$50 per person and include dinner and a complimentary drink. **To book, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com> and search for 'Blokes in the Bush'.** Enquiries: 0417 316 920. All proceeds will go to the Male Bag Foundation and the Blue Ribbon Foundation – Ararat Branch.