

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POMONAL & YARRAM GAP FIRE UPDATE



Ararat Rural City

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 2025

LOCALS SHINE AT EAST GRAMPIANS BUSINESS AWARDS



Ararat Rural City's top businesses were recognised Wednesday night at the 2025 East Grampians Business Excellence Awards, with E2E Growth Consultants named Business of the Year. It was a standout showing for Pomonal locals, including Barney's Bar & Bistro winning for Outstanding Customer Service. Runners-up included Black & Ginger Wines (Best New Business and Outstanding Customer Service runners-up) and Block & Cleaver Hospitality (Professional Services runner-up).

PREPARATION TIP: COUNCIL CAN HELP WITH VEGETATION REMOVAL QUESTIONS

Reducing the vegetation around your home is one of the most important things you can do to keep your home safe in a bushfire. Because you're living in a rural area, you may not need a permit to clear trees, branches and scrub from around your home.

The easiest way to check if you need a permit or not is to simply give Council a call on 5355 0200 and we can help advise what you need to do. You can also find more information at www.planning.vic.gov.au (search for Vegetation Removal).

POMONAL RECOVERY CENTRE TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Council's Pomonal Recovery Centre will be closed from **Tuesday 4 November 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 REMINDER

Until **November 9** Council is providing a rubbish skip at the Moyston Transfer Station on Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm and Sundays from 2pm to 5pm to help locals carry out their pre-summer property clean up.

Whilst most of us know what needs to be done for a property clean up, it's worth checking out the CFA website for their latest tips, just to refresh our knowledge. The main thing is to get onto it nice and early - maybe get a headstart this weekend!

Visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

NEED BETTER FIRE GEAR?

GRANTS NOW OPEN

An opportunity for local farmers to strengthen their on-farm fire protection.

For information go to: www.blazeaid.com.au