

DISTRICT 9800 DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE



As at October 2020

Year to date activity across the two DRP designated regions of St Arnaud and Numurkah has been quiet for a number of reasons:

- Mental health programs—on hold due to COVID restrictions;
- Financial vouchers
 - St Arnaud between programs with no current plans for new tranche;
 - Numurkah current program in action, expiring March 31st, 2021;

Other donations – Jeans West stock of 4 boxes of clothing distributed to Numurkah schools and the Foodshare Distribution Project.

Seasonal Update Good rainfall across Victoria has seen gains on last year's rainfall and slight increases on average rainfall. While St Arnaud has seen 11% more rain this year than the long term average, Numurkah is 2% down on the average. The nature of the rainfall has been sparse and steady – good soaking and beneficial for our communities' economies and state of mind.

The drought afflicted regions of Numurkah and St Arnaud need long term, sustained ABOVE average rainfall in order to break the drought and ultimately resolve the two regions' financial and mental well-being.