

## Joint Incident Management Team - Community Information

### Warrnambool Incident Control Centre Nurdle Response Update

#### Saturday 2 December 2017 – Edition 2

#### **WHAT IS A NURDLE**

Nurdles are small plastic pellets about 3 millimetres in diameter used in the manufacturing of plastic products.

#### **WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY**

Local community members supported by DELWP and Wannon Water staff will be collecting nurdles today between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

Working in stormy weather is dangerous and we advise community groups not to venture to district beaches during severe weather.

Further advice can be found on agency websites and the community Facebook page, updated daily.

While there were no crews working on beaches yesterday, the joint agencies IMT is in full swing and is currently developing a long-term nurdle management strategy. This includes devising the most effective collection strategy, working collaboratively with community efforts.

The IMT has developed information materials, including a Nurdle Collection Information sheet.

To get your Nurdle Collection Information sheet go to your nearest formal collection point as listed below.

#### **KEY SAFETY ADVICE**

We ask all community members to take necessary steps to work safely on beaches as there many potential hazards to consider, such as weather (storms to sunburn), wildlife (snakes, spiders), sharps (sticks, glass, etc.), dehydration and tidal considerations, so take care, plan your activity and be aware of your surroundings.

#### **FORMAL COLLECTION POINT**

The Incident Management Team in consultation with community and local government has established three key collection points to coordinate the safe collection and disposal of nurdles. These locations are:

- Ritchie Street, East Beach, Port Fairy
- Killarney Beach
- Thunder Point Carpark (for Shelly Beach)

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Community members are encouraged to attend these sites for nurdle collections. Access to bottled water, sunscreen and safe collection and disposal instructions will be available.

#### **COLLECTION TIMETABLE**

This weekend over two days:

**Saturday – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Sunday – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

#### **OTHER NURDLE DROP-OFF POINT**

Wannon Water, 25 Gateway Road (Mon-Fri)

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

No meetings today.

#### **STAY INFORMED**

Take the time to access the agency and community websites and Facebook pages:

**Community Group Facebook**  
**“Good will nurdle hunting”**

**Wannon Water**  
[www.wannonwater.com.au](http://www.wannonwater.com.au)

**Warrnambool City Council**  
[www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au)

**Moyne Shire Council**  
[www.moyne.vic.gov.au](http://www.moyne.vic.gov.au)

**DELWP**  
[www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au)

#### **NEXT UPDATE**

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