

## Joint Incident Management Team - Community Information

### Warrnambool Incident Control Centre Nurdle Response Update

#### Friday 1 December 2017 – Edition 1

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

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

#### **WHAT HAS HAPPENED TODAY**

Due to severe weather, no nurdle collections have been carried out today to ensure and maintain public and crew safety.

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 today, the Incident Management Team is in full swing and is currently developing a long-term nurdle management strategy with Wannon Water. This includes devising the most effective collection strategy, working collaboratively with community efforts and developing 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 are many potential hazards to consider, such as weather (storms to sun burn), wildlife (snakes, spiders), sharps (e.g. sticks and glass), dehydration, and tidal considerations, so take care, plan your activity and be aware of your surroundings.

#### **FORMAL COLLECTION POINT**

The Incident Management Team 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)

Community members are encouraged to attend these sites for nurdle collections. Access to bottled water, Incident Controller: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **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**

**Saturday 2 December**