

Joint Incident Management Team - Community Information

Warrnambool Incident Control Centre Nurdle Response Update

Sunday 3 December 2017 – Edition 3

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, DELWP and Wannon Water staff will continue to collect nurdles today between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm today at Port Fairy East Beach, Golfies Beach and Flume Beach.

Local community members and crews collected nurdles from the Port Fairy East Beach, Shelly Beach and Killarney Beach yesterday collecting approximately 20,000 nurdles.

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

The IMT has developed information materials, including a Nurdle Collection Information sheet. (Refer to www.wannonwater.com.au/nurdles)

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.

COLLECTION POINTS

The Incident Management Team has changed the staging areas for today based on intelligence collected yesterday. These three locations have the highest density of nurdles at this time.

- Ritchie Street, East Beach, Port Fairy
- Golfies car park (Golfies Beach - Mills Road)
- The Flume car park, Warrnambool

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 TIMES

Sunday – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

NURDLE DROP-OFF POINTS

Wannon Water, 25 Gateway Road (Mon-Fri)
Pavilion Café, Warrnambool
Hopkins Point Milk Bar
Shelly Beach
Killarney Beach
Levy's Point car park
Killarney Point car park

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

No meetings today.

STAY INFORMED

For more information refer to the websites and Facebook pages below.

Community Group Facebook
“Good will nurdle hunting”

Wannon Water
www.wannonwater.com.au/nurdles

Warrnambool City Council
www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Moyne Shire Council
www.moyne.vic.gov.au

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