

July Brrrrrrrr

Tax Help

Starts on the 20th of July. If you need assistance lodging your tax return drop in and see us Or see more information on page 3.

Aus Alert National Test

On Monday 27 July 2026, a test alert will be sent to all mobile devices in Australia. Victorian time is 2:00pm.

For more information see pages 11 & 12

Marong Emergency Plan

The Marong Emergency Plan has been developed by the community for the community.

The purpose of this plan is to provide official information on "What To Do" during an emergency. This plan is available on our website see page 9.

Pancake Breakfast

As usual, our free Pancake Breakfast on the first Monday each month of the school term continues. Drop in for a free feed and gossip with other locals between 8:30 and 9:30am. The breakfasts for next Term are:
3rd August
7th September

Vehicle Registration Rebate

If you require assistance with your application we are here to help, please drop in during open hours.

We can help even if you do not have an email address.

Victorians can apply for a 20% rebate on their vehicle registration payments.

The rebate is limited to 2 eligible light vehicles per person on their 2025–26 vehicle registrations.

Applications will be open from Monday 1 June to Friday 31 July 2026. You will be able to apply via the Service Victoria app or website.

Free 'Fruit' Stand

"Take the First Step" to healthy eating and active living.

We are very fortunate to be participating in the Bendigo Community Health Services "Take the First Step" program.

We have a Free 'Fresh Fruit' Stand with a selection of fresh fruit, available for community members to drop in and grab what they need (during open hours).

—Janine.



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Find the Palm Tree

Somewhere located in this newsletter is hidden a grey Palm Tree from our logo, are you able to find it?

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Opening Hours (we open only during school terms)

Term Start Finish

Term 1: 27 Jan – 02 Apr

Term 2: 20 Apr – 26 Jun

Term 3: 13 Jul – 18 Sep

Term 4: 05 Oct – 18 Dec

Marong Neighbourhood House

Mon: 9.00am to 3.30pm

Tue: 9.00am to 3.30pm

Wed: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Thu: 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Fri: Closed

TOFS Op-Shop

Mon: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Tue: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Wed: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Fri: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Sat: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Activity Program

M O N	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Craft Circle	Bring along your current craft project and supplies. Enjoy a cuppa and chat while crafting. \$4 per session.
T U E	9:00am - 11:00am	Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly safe environment, facilitated by Ro. Bring along your own snacks. \$4 per family per session or \$20 for 6 sessions.
	9:30am - 10:30am	Walking Group	Meet at the Clubhouse at Malone Park. All ages and abilities welcome. Friendly, well-behaved dogs on leads also welcome. No cost.
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Family History	Kath can help you research your family history. Computers for research are available if required. Cost \$4 per session.
W E D	10:00am - 11:00am	Over 60s Exercise Class	BOOKED OUT Mobility Exercise Class. Cost \$5 per person, limited places.
	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Art Class	Artist Rob shows you how to create your own piece of art. Materials and equipment supplied. \$4 per class.
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Yoga	Decide if you want to take a break over winter. All fitness levels welcome. Cost \$20 per class.
T H U	9:00am - 11:00am	Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly safe environment, facilitated by Ro. Bring along your own snacks. \$4 per family per session or \$20 for 6 sessions.
	12:30pm - 6:00pm	Tech Support	We are available if you need assistance with your smart phone, tablet or laptop. We are also able to assist with completing online forms.
S A T	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Workshop	Judith and Shirley teach sewing, ideal for beginners. Bring your own machine. Usually fortnightly. Please call for exact dates. Cost \$4 each per class.

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[Marong Neighbourhood House Page](#)



[Marong Neighbourhood House Group](#)



[Marong Neighbourhood House Playgroup Group](#)



[Marong Neighbourhood House - Op-Shop Page](#)



Website: www.marongnh.com.au



Op-shop website: marongnhh9.wixsite.com/marongopshop

Services Offered

Photocopying & Printing

For a small charge per page, document photocopying, printing of digital photographs, or printing documents in most popular formats can be done:

	A4	A3
B&W	\$0.20	\$0.30
Colour	\$0.40	\$1.00

Laminating

Documents can be protected by having them laminated. The fee per sheet is:

- \$1.50 for A4-size
- \$2.50 for A3-size

Binding

A4-size documents up to 80 pages costs \$2.00. Plastic & Card cover sheets are 50 cents each.

Community Garden

Our community garden plots provide food share for the community.

Our worm farms, herb beds and fruit trees (apricots & plums, lemons & limes) are well established. If you'd like to grow your own produce, but don't have the room, plots are available for rent at \$10/year plus \$10 deposit for a garden key.

Computer Use

It is assumed that everyone has computer and internet access these days but that it not the case for everyone. We have computers with internet access available for use.

Please drop in during open hours for this service.

Free Wi-Fi

We offer password-protected Wi-Fi internet. When you drop in just ask for the password.

TOFS Op-Shop

Our Op-Shop (The Old Fire Shed Op-Shop or just TOFS), is located at 16 Cathcart Street, Marong.

All items are affordable and in excellent condition.

Details of opening hours are on page 1.



Free Library

We now have included childrens books.

It is free to borrow from the thousands of books.

Drop in and have a look during our open hours.

See the "Book of the Month" on page 5.

Have a look at the catalogues on our [website](#) or via QR code



Venue Hire

The Marong Neighbourhood House is available to hire at the following rates:

- Meetings: \$10.00
- Group Bookings: \$50.00
- Birthday Parties: \$50.00

There is a limit of 50 people inside the building. Please contact us for further information.

Recycling

We are a recycling drop-off point for the CoGB e-waste programme, soft plastics, blister packs, and Mobile Muster. More details on page 4.

IT Assistance

Now days everything is online and we understand that not everyone knows how to navigate the internet. We provide assistance with safely accessing online services for everyday requirements e.g. MyGov, Centrelink, Super.

Tax Help

Need help lodging your tax return? If you earn \$70k a year or less and have simple tax affairs, the ATO's community-

based Tax Help program is for you! Appointments are available in person at Tax Help centres at Marong Neighbourhood House, from the 20th July with ATO-trained volunteers. To find more info and check if you're eligible, visit ATO website [HERE](#) OR drop in during open hours.



The newsletter can be emailed or posted to you at no charge. Please provide us with your details either by email, phone, or in person and we will add you to our distribution list. Your details will be kept confidence.

Spotlight

Family History

Our Family History guru Kath is in
Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 3pm.

Kath has vast knowledge of where to start your search and the free resources available. Kath also has access to various online databases that she assists with searching your family.

If you are interested in doing your family history you just need to bring along all the information you have on your family, for example family names and where they lived, and Kath will get you started on your journey.

Cost is \$4 per session.

Recycling Programs



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

**CLOSE
THE
LOOP**

We are a drop-off point for soft plastic waste. Three bins for soft plastics are situated beside the pathway at the side of the House.

An arrangement has been struck between the City of Greater Bendigo and the Close the Loop company. The plastics we collect are taken to the Council collection point at Eaglehawk, and from there it is passed to Close the Loop for recycling into pallets, crates, trolleys, and road-base additive.

Nobody wants to pick the plastic out of the bin piece-by-piece, so **please** drop it off in see-through bags. Thank you.

If you drop your old mobile in to us, we will get it started on it's recycling journey in an official MobileMuster satchel. MobileMuster and their recycling partner companies then recover over 95% of the materials—glass, aluminium, precious & rare metals, plastic—even the paper and cardboard of the packaging are all saved from land-fill.



EUFS
Pharmacies Est.1916

The Pharmacy that supports your Community!



pharmacycycle™



Thanks to EUFS sponsorship, we take all brands of used, over-the-counter medication blister packs and Webster packs for recycling. Please ensure your blister packs are completely empty and dry before dropping them off. The programme accepts only the actual blister packs – do not include anything else. The blister packs are sent to Pharmacycle, then the metal foils are re-smelted and the plastics are melted down for reuse.

E-waste recycling

The City of Greater Bendigo has provided Marong Neighbourhood House with one of their small e-waste stations. Drop your e-waste items into us anytime—the e-waste station (bin) is under cover on the side verandah—and we will make sure they don't end up in landfill. We accept any small to medium sized mains or battery powered items, as well as:

Small taped-up batteries

Printer cartridges

Optical disk drives

Double adapters & power boards

USB memory/SD cards

Cables and leads

Computer keyboard & mouse

Chargers

Multi-adapter plugs



Book of the Month

Oscar and Lucinda

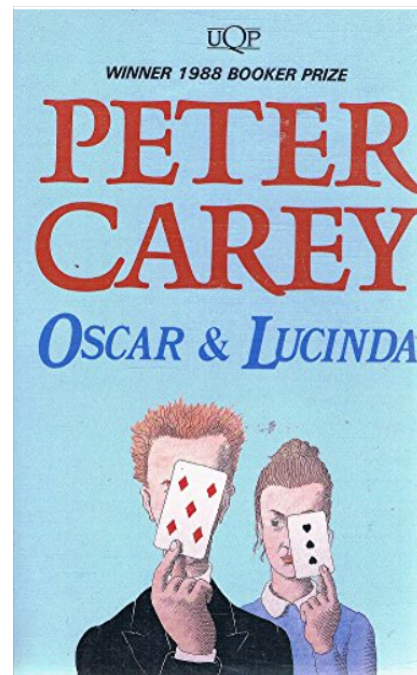
Author: Peter Carey

The book tells the story of Oscar Hopkins, an Anglican priest from Devon, England, and Lucinda Leplastrier, a young Australian heiress from Parramatta.

They meet on a ship from England to Australia. Lucinda is the owner of a glass factory in Sydney and is returning from a commercial trip to London. Oscar grew up as the son of a fundamentalist Plymouth Brethren minister and naturalist, who believes he has joined a more compassionate church with the Anglicans.

The travellers discover that they are both gamblers, one obsessive, the other compulsive. Lucinda bets Oscar that he cannot transport a glass church from Sydney to a remote settlement at Bellingen, some 400 km up the New South Wales coast. This bet changes both their lives forever.

Genres: Australia, Historical Fiction, Romance.



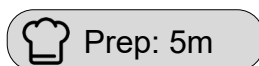
Recipe of the Month

Bacon, Broccoli & Parmesan Pasta

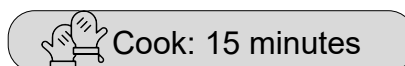
This quick bacon and broccoli pasta dish is a wonderful weeknight dinner recipe which only takes 20 minutes. Stir through fresh parmesan cheese to add the right balance of flavour.



Serves: 4



Prep: 5m



Cook: 15 minutes



Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

375g Casarecce pasta
2 tbsp olive oil
4 rashers bacon, chopped
300g broccoli, trimmed and coarsely chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
Salt and pepper to taste
1½ cups (125g) Parmesan Grated

Method

Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil and cook pasta according to packet instructions. Drain, reserving ½ cup of the cooking water.

Heat oil in a large heavy based pan over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook, stirring frequently for 3 minutes or until browned.

Add broccoli and garlic and reduce heat to medium. Cook for a further 3 minutes or until broccoli has softened but still retains a bite.

Stir in cooked pasta and pasta water and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper and stir through half the Parmesan.

Serve immediately topped with remaining Parmesan.





Activity Page

Sudoku

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3			9					5
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		7					5	6
	3			6				
6			7			9		

Marong Roads & Street Names

A	N	E	L	G	R	R	C	A	R	L	I	N	M
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YORKSHIRE
MCKIMMIE
CARLIN
ORMOND
FLETCHERS CREEK
ERINDALE
FRANKELS
LANDRY
EVERMORE
BRAMPTON
ALLIES
FILCOCK
OLDBRIDGEWATER
BIRCHALLS
GRAYTON

Riddles

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. What month of the year has 28 days?
3. What goes up but never comes down?
4. What gets wet while drying?
5. I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I?
6. I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?
7. What has many keys but can't open a single lock?
8. What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty?
9. What can't be put in a saucepan?
10. What has one eye, but can't see?



Brain Teaser

B BOW W	 EASY	COFFEE
CHOICE CHOICE CHOICE CHOICE	come → Spring Summer Autumn Winter	I'LL GET IT
 check check check check	I'm You	 ILL
AGENT	 N 	noon good

Community Information



A vibrant green poster for the 'curiosity' exhibition. At the top left, a LEGO bee sits on a purple flower. Below it, a large LEGO figure of a boy with black hair and a red shirt is shown from the chest up. The background is filled with various scientific and technological icons made of LEGO bricks, including a DNA helix, a rocket, a globe, a planet with a ring, a microscope, a lightbulb, a gear, a bridge, a beaker, and a magnifying glass. The text 'building breakthroughs in LEGO® bricks' is written in a white, playful font across the top. The word 'curiosity' is prominently displayed in a large, white, rounded font inside a purple speech bubble. Below this, the dates '3 MARCH – 29 NOVEMBER 2026' and the location 'at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre, 7 Railway Place, Bendigo 3550' are listed. At the bottom, there are logos for LEGO Certified Professional (Ryan McNaught), Discovery Science + Technology Centre, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria (Every bit different), City of Greater Bendigo, and La Trobe University. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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curiosity

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DISCOVERY
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CENTRE

BENDIGO
ART GALLERY

VICTORIA
EVERY BIT DIFFERENT

CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY

Get your tickets at: discovery.asn.au



Marong Neighbourhood House acknowledges that we work and live on the country of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We celebrate the rich heritage and the continuing culture of the First Peoples of this nation.

Marong Neighbourhood House celebrates, values and includes people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.

Community Information

Marong & District Emergency Plan

MARONG & DISTRICT EMERGENCY PLAN

WHAT TO DO DURING A LOCAL INCIDENT: FIRE, FLOOD, STORM, TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, ETC

WHAT TO EXPECT IN AN EMERGENCY

- Road Closures/ Road Blocks/ Limited access
- Loss of Power & Communications
- Limited Visibility
- Isolation (cut off)
- VicEmergency App
- Emergency Plus App

WHAT TO TAKE

- Prescriptions/ Medicines
- Phone, Charger & Radio
- Food & Water
- USB sticks, Photos and Important Documents
- Torch & Batteries
- Pet Needs

STAY INFORMED (official source)

Police, Fire, Ambulance 000
State Emergency Service 132 500
VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226

VicEmergency www.emergencyvic.gov.au
ABC (news/alerts) www.abc.net.au/emergency
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) www.bom.gov.au

ABC Radio (local) - 91.1 FM
Gold FM - 98.3 FM
KLFM - 96.5 FM

City of Greater Bendigo Emergency Dashboard www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/emergency

PREPARE NOW

- Develop a personal incident plan, with a trigger to leave
- Make sure your vehicle has fuel or adequate charge
- Prepare an Emergency Kit & 'Go Bag'
- Stay Up-to-date (official source, not social media)

WHEN DO I LEAVE?

- When your incident plan is activated
- When advised by VicEmergency, CFA, SES, Vic Police, radio

IF YOU LEAVE (activate your plan)

- Notify family/friends when you leave
- Drive to conditions

LEAVE EARLY

DO NOT drive in flood water or smoke. DO NOT rely on electricity during an incident.



QR Code for Website



Or Website link [HERE](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/emergency)

MARONG RISK PROFILE

Marong is a growing rural residential town, surrounded by farmland and areas of Bush. The Bullock Creek is a significant natural feature of the town, offering a valuable wildlife habitat and home to river red gums. The creek flows from the south to the north of the town, through the Golf course, Malone Park and intersects the Calder Highway at the Primary School. The town has a rich history comprising of gold fields, farming and sporting opportunities.

RISK STATEMENT

The Marong community is exposed to natural disasters and emergencies. Parts of the town are at risk of inundation from the Bullock Creek, when in flood. The outer areas of the town are at risk of Bushfire and Grass fire.

The township is centred at the intersection of the Calder, and Calder Alternative Highways. The junction of the two highways presents an identifiable hazard. The increasing traffic, in particular heavy vehicle traffic, compromises the safety of the town.

Marong is at risk of a transport accident involving the main intersection (Calder/Calder Alternate Highways) and the Allies Road and Calder Highway intersection.

Marong is at risk of being isolated during an incident due to road closures.

The new people moving into town present challenges of having no experience with severe weather events or fires.

WHAT ARE OUR VULNERABILITIES?

- Parts of the community are exposed to inundation from Bullock Creek
- Areas of the community area exposed to bushfire and grass fire
- No assigned locations available for community members to assemble during an emergency/incident/disaster
- Town can become isolated due to road closures
- No pharmacy - no access to medications if isolated
- No supermarket - no access to food if isolated
- Many new residents not experienced with rural/regional living
- Lack of residents engagement in planning at a personal level

WHAT ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED?

COMMUNITY

- Understand the communities vulnerabilities
- Identify potential hazards in the community
- Understand the communities risks
- Stay connected

PERSONAL

- Prepare a personal incident plan
 - Know your evacuation route
 - Emergency kit
- Prepare your home
- Check on your Neighbours

DID YOU KNOW?

Marong has no Neighbourhood Safer Place/Bushfire place of last resort

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Riddle Answers

- An egg
- All of them
- Your age
- A towel
- A barber
- A bank
- A piano
- A blackboard
- It's lid
- A needle

Brain Teaser Answers

- Crossbow
- Eggs over easy
- Coffee break
- Multiple choice
- Come into season
- I'll get over it
- Raincheck
- I'm bigger than you
- Illegal (ill eagle)
- Double agent
- Rock n roll
- Good afternoon

Lucky Local Giveaway 2026

The City of Greater Bendigo is delighted to launch the Lucky Local Giveaway 2026.

Shop at participating local businesses (listed [HERE](#) or via QR code) for your chance to win big!

We're giving away one hundred and twenty-four \$250 vouchers. The participating business voucher will be selected at random.

It's easy to enter:

Spend \$20 or more at any participating business

Scan the QR code

Complete the entry form (providing a photo of your receipt)



Celebrating Our 2026 Youth Councillors

The City of Greater Bendigo Youth Council has commenced its second year of a two-year term with six new, and eleven returning, Youth Councillors for 2026.

The Youth Council is a strategic advisory and advocacy committee of young people whose role is to represent the voice of young people aged between 14 and 25 who live, work or study in Greater Bendigo.

This year returning Youth Councillors Alyssa Beaton (Mayor), Ella Filsell (Deputy Mayor), Bailey Dolan (Deputy Mayor), Aidan Sanders, Amelia Westbrook, Annie Dalton, Freiya O'Connor, Hamish Knight, Lucas Thredgold, Mollie Hartje and Rafferty Brasier have been joined by new Youth Councillors Anya Singh, Ava Parker, Bailey Leach, Grace Wells, Hayden Ferrari and Simone Richter.

The Youth Council represents the views of young people on a range of City plans and programs that impact them and represents

young people at civic and other events and activities. It also fulfils a key goal of the Council Plan Mir wimbul 2025-2029 to ensure young people thrive and are empowered to lead.

Over the past seven years, Youth Councillors have contributed to nearly 60 City plans, strategies, policies, and projects. They have also co-designed and overseen the development of the City's Youth Action Plan and represented young people on several advisory committees.

Registrations for 2027 opened in April and will close for first round offers on June 30, 2026. First round offers will be sent to families that meet the Department of Education and Training's priority of access guidelines by mid July. Second round offers will be sent to families in mid- to late-September and subsequent offers will be sent out from October.

The AusAlert™ national test

Monday 27 July 2026

In October 2026, the Australian Government is launching AusAlert – a new national warning system that uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices.



What is AusAlert?

AusAlert is a fast and reliable way to help communities be informed and better prepared during local and national emergencies.

What is AusAlert for?

AusAlert gives the Australian Government and state and territory emergency services organisations the ability to send national or local alerts about disasters. These could be natural hazards such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and tsunamis, or events like public health emergencies, security threats or biosecurity incidents. It's just one of the many ways we're helping to keep Australians safer in times of disaster.

When will AusAlert be live?

AusAlert will be ready to use on 1 October 2026, but before it launches, the system needs to be tested across Australia. This is called the AusAlert national test.

What's involved in the AusAlert national test?

On Monday 27 July 2026, an AusAlert test message will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia. You may receive a test alert on your mobile phone, tablet or smart watch.

What time will the AusAlert national test be sent?

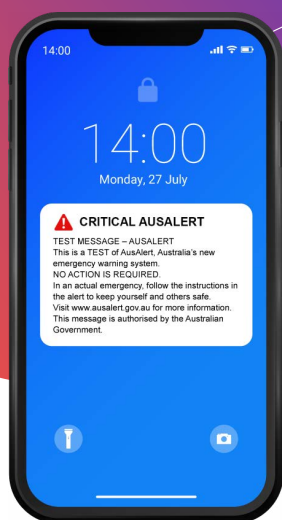
- **2:00 pm AEST** Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania
- **1:30 pm ACST** Northern Territory, South Australia, Broken Hill (NSW)
- **12:00 pm AWST** Western Australia

What will the AusAlert national test sound like?

The AusAlert test message is a Critical Alert. It will cause your mobile device to vibrate and will be delivered with a loud siren-like warning sound that lasts about 10 seconds. It will make this noise even if you've set your device to 'silent' or 'do not disturb' mode.

What will the AusAlert national test look like?

Depending on your device type and operating system, an AusAlert test message will look something like this:



Is an AusAlert a text message?

No, an AusAlert isn't an SMS or text message – it's an 'alert'. It will appear as a notification on your mobile device's screen and will show up during phone calls and app use, and on lock screens. You'll need to close the notification once you've seen the message, otherwise it will remain on your screen.

Will my mobile be able to receive the AusAlert national test?

Mobile devices such as compatible mobile phones and some tablets and smart watches will receive the AusAlert national test. AusAlerts are expected to work on iPhones 11 and up running iOS 16.4 or later, and Android phones and tablets running Android 12 or later. Always install the latest software updates on your device when asked so you're ready to receive AusAlerts.

What do I do if I receive the AusAlert national test?

As this is just a test, you don't need to do anything. But in an actual disaster an AusAlert will let you know the type of emergency, where it's located, how serious it is and how to respond. It will also tell you the name of the emergency organisation that has sent the AusAlert and where to find more information about the emergency. You should always read and understand the AusAlert and follow the instructions to keep yourself and others safe.

What if I don't receive the AusAlert national test?

This is fine – you don't need to do anything. Your device might not be compatible, or maybe it wasn't connected to a mobile tower at the time of the test. If you have information you'd like to pass to the AusAlert team, you can fill in the 'I didn't receive a test alert' form on the AusAlert website at ausalert.gov.au/feedback

What if I don't want to receive the AusAlert national test?

AusAlerts contain important information and should be turned on to help keep you safe. The AusAlert national test is a Critical Alert, which you can't opt out of. If receiving it could disrupt you or cause you or a loved one to feel unsafe, please turn off your mobile devices or switch them to aeroplane mode before the test time in your location and leave them off for at least one hour.

What if I receive the AusAlert national test while driving?

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