



Warrandyte Community Association

Controlled Burns in the National Park

The Warrandyte Community Association received calls from concerned residents who complained that there was no notification of the controlled burn in February in the National Park.

“One resident, with a totally incapacitated wife, was very alarmed as he needs time to organise evacuation”, said WCA President, Dick Davies.

Mr Davies said that WCA had contacted the Park and was assured that DSE website was up to date, which should automatically update the CFA website.

Parks Victoria stated that flame heights were 1-2m at best, and all notifications were done as per normal. Parks have burnt in Feb before, and stated that they look at all possible risks, and put measures in place to manage these risks.

However, Parks have decided to put the electronic signs up as a matter of protocol in future, regardless as to where the burn is in Warrandyte.

As there are many roads around Warrandyte, with many vantage points where people can see smoke, they will never be able to capture everyone, therefore, it is important that people either check the DSE website, or ring the Bushfire Information Line (1800 240 667), which is well publicised, and they will have all the information.

The Bushfire Information Line was also notified on the day of the burn, this is the best way to get this sort of information, people should have this programmed into their phones, or have it handy around the house.

Mr Davies said that, “In discussion of the Parks Victoria response, WCA have advised them that it would be a good idea to place electronic signs at the key road intersections in Warrandyte as soon as a planned burn is scheduled.

“Most people would not otherwise be consulting the websites.”

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