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Be  Ready Warrandyte

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Random Hackers Kind to Warrandyte

Thanks to Random Hacks of Kindness (RHoK), Warrandyte is the first township in Australia to have a dedicated bushfire warning webpage.

The unique Warrandyte Fire Watch, consolidates local fire warnings, alerts, traffic and weather information and has been created for the Warrandyte Community Association's 'Be Ready Warrandyte' Project by the international organisation Random Hacks of Kindness.

'Be Ready Warrandyte' Project Manager Jodi Clark and website designer Cameron Boyle, launched the page at a RHoK showcase event in Melbourne and received very positive feedback.

Ms Clark said the site brings together information from the CFA, Bureau of Meteorology and VicRoads already refined to the Greater Warrandyte area.

"Warrandyte Fire Watch also has a twitter feed where the community can let others know quickly what is happening and where.

"It might be a road blockage due to a fallen tree, or traffic accident which will take time to come through the regular channels.

"The great thing about this technology is that it can be adopted by any other local township or area and update features will be added over time as the site is refined," she said.

RHoK organiser Pete Cohen said that through Jodi and Cam we had actual representatives from the Warrandyte community which helped us to understand the problems and to make decisions.

"Our motto is 'hacking for humanity' and that is what our volunteers do – use their technology skills for social good. RHoK's purpose is to bring together people who are experts in technology with those who are experts in natural disasters.

"Jodi was an engaged problem owner who was quick to answer questions, do research, use her contacts and brainstorm features," Mr Cohen said.

The 'Be Ready Warrandyte' project is funded by a Victorian Government's Fire Ready Communities Grants Program. Manningham Council, Nillumbik Council, the Warrandyte Community Bank and the Community Market Committee have also provided funding support.

Warrandyte Fire Watch can be accessed at www.warrandyte.org.au/fire-watch

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