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To Whom It May Concern

**Letter of Support for Warrandyte Community Association's:  
'Be Ready Warrandyte – Heat, Fire & Frailty' Grant Application**

I am writing to you as Manager Community Safety for CFA's Eastern Metropolitan Region in support of the Warrandyte Community Association's (WCA) 'Be Ready Warrandyte – Heat, Fire & Frailty' grant application for the 'Resilient Community Program'. The WCA's application is based on a project that aims to encourage vulnerable people in the Warrandyte community to prepare effective heatwave and bushfire survival plans.

Older people in heatwave and bushfire prone areas do not readily seek or receive bushfire safety information and can therefore be viewed as a group that has increased vulnerability in the event of a bushfire. In order to effectively engage and inform this community group the WCA is proposing to develop a community engagement program that seeks to elicit the views of older well-established residents as to how best to inform the design of heatwave and bushfire messages in the future.

The project proposed by the Warrandyte Community Association will directly engage and educate vulnerable community groups, through a number of methods resulting in a planning resource which will be available for other communities.

CFA will be assisting the Warrandyte Community Association through this project, both through the preparation and delivery of information to the community. This will ensure the content and information presented is accurate and aligned with current Government and CFA key messages.

CFA is pleased to support this funding application. If you require further information please feel free to contact me on **8739 4012**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T Garrett'.

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