



Warrandyte Community Association

Fire Ready Communities Grant Application

The Warrandyte Community Association has applied to the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development for a 'Fire Ready Community Grant' for a Warrandyte Community Project called '*Planning for Bushfire Survival*'.

The program is very competitive and there is no guarantee that funds will be made available. However, the proposal has the enthusiastic backing of Manningham and Nillumbik Councils, the local CFA brigades and CFA Districts and the local member for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith.

Research and best practice shows that effective bushfire survival plans save lives yet it appears that most Warrandyte Residents do not have *effective* bushfire survival plans.

The project proposal consists of two stages, an initial survey and a follow up program guided by the results of the survey.

A successful outcome will ensure that more Warrandyte households will be better prepared to survive future bushfires.

WCA has a track record of high level community engagement following the bushfires in 2009. This project continues our advocacy of bushfire safety issues.

Dick Davies
President
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