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Bunkers Take Off!

'Be Ready Warrandyte' has been pleasantly surprised at the strong response to its proposed 'Bunkers or Bunkum!' Forum.

'Within hours of sending out a preliminary email to our contact list we had 50 participants registered with the number now at 100 with weeks to go', said Warrandyte Community Association President, Dick Davies.

'The Forum has clearly hit a nerve, residents want to know more about the pros and cons of building a fire bunker.'

Mr Davies emphasised that neither the WCA, local Councils nor the CFA endorsed any particular bunker design or product.

'The Forum is to clarify issues to enable residents to make up their own minds, he said.

The Forum, part of the WCA 'Be Ready Warrandyte – Living with Bushfire Risk' program, will be held on Thursday 19th September, formally from 7.00-900pm at the Warrandyte Community Church.

However, participants who have built bunkers are invited to present their designs or photographs on posters or displays before and after the event.

'Participants who come early from 6.30pm or stay afterwards for tea and coffee will be able to discuss their concerns with those presenting displays.

Those wishing to present a poster, photos or a display must register with 'Be Ready Warrandyte' a week prior to the event to enable organisation.

Further information from Jodi Clark 9844 5855 or www.warrandyte.org.au .

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