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What if it's Warrandyte! Are you ready? Warrandyte Bushfire Scenario Workshop

The disastrous fires in NSW have once again highlighted the need for everyone in Victoria to be prepared for the upcoming fire season,

But what will you do when a fire breaks out in Warrandyte? Are you ready?

If your plan is to go will you *actually* leave early or wait and see?

Have all the family talked it through? What if something unexpected happens? Have you a plan B, C ...?

These and other possible situations and questions will be posed to residents at the next 'Bushfire Scenario Planning Workshop'.

Lew Wilson, Manningham's Municipal Emergency Management Co-ordinator will conduct the event assisted by Warrandyte identity, Bruce Turner, Phoenix Facilitation, who has run several WCA community events.

Local Emergency Services Officers – CFA, Police, Parks, Council, Primary Industries – will be on hand to assist together with representatives of the local schools.

The Warrandyte Community Association's 'Be Ready Warrandyte' project held a successful pilot workshop earlier in May involving all local emergency services.

"Ninety per cent of participants in the pilot said that their plan helped them through the simulation and advised that, if they couldn't leave early, they now have, or plan to have, a B, C, D ...contingency plan," said WCA President Dick Davies.

"Most participants said that they would recommend this exercise to friends and neighbours.

"Based on the pilot, we have refined the program to address real issues that may arise in Warrandyte, particularly relating to schools.

"We encourage all residents to attend to gain a better understanding of their fire plan and how it may be challenged in reality."

The Workshop will be held at Anderson's Creek Primary School on Thursday 28th November, 7.00-9.00pm and places are already filling up so interested residents should book now.

To register email info@warrandyte.org.au or phone 'Be Ready Warrandyte' on 9844 5855.

The 'Be Ready Warrandyte' project is funded by the 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.

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