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## MEDIA STATEMENT

## Letter to the Editor – Published in the Herald Sun

## **Dear Editor**

As the association representing CFA volunteers, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) would like to thank the Herald Sun for your editorial "Staying fire safe" (9 Jan 2013).

All Herald Sun readers should heed its message that they must plan for bushfire safety so every member of the family knows what to do.

People living or on holidays in country areas and residents of Melbourne's outer suburbs all need to be alert to local conditions on hot days and have a plan of action.

The CFA website cfa.vic.gov.au and the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667 both offer good advice on how to plan.

CFA volunteers are trained and ready to respond to fire, rescue and road accident calls every day and night of the year, but you must do your bit too. Fire safety starts with you, because when bushfires threaten, the worst thing any Victorian can do is nothing at all.

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