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‘THANKS A BILLION’ TO ALL VICTORIAN VOLUNTEERS

Local people are being urged to say ‘thanks a million’ to volunteers, for national volunteer week.

But Peter Beaton from Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria says it should be more like thanks a billion.

“Volunteer organisations are worth so much to the community,” Mr Beaton said.

“For example CFA volunteers train to national professional standards and protect 60% of suburban Melbourne and all of country Victoria,” he said.

“Just their labour is worth close to a billion dollars a year – before you consider the properties they save or the huge cost if they had to be replaced by a paid service.”

“So Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria wants everybody to track down a volunteer from any organisation this week and say thanks a billion – they are worth it,” Mr Beaton said.

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