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MEDIA RELEASE

New VFBV board member supporting CFA volunteers

Jan Cleary has been a committed CFA volunteer member of both Mossi Tambo and Lakes Entrance Fire Brigades since 1996; now she's added a new dimension to her CFA work.

Jan has been recently appointed to the Board of Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV), the body that represents CFA's 60,000 volunteer members.

Like her fellow operational members, Jan is highly trained to national standards and a skilled firefighter who responds to a variety of incidents and brings a great deal of experience to her Board role.

She is a former Group Officer of Tambo Group, current Lieutenant of Mossi Tambo Brigade, a member of many strike teams when CFA volunteers have been needed to attend incidents at short notice beyond her own community, and a CFA peer who is able to help deal with fellow members suffering trauma, depression or a host of other issues.

"I want to further support our CFA volunteers who are the backbone of their communities and serve and work so well within them," Jan said. "The opportunity to advocate and initiate on their behalf is something I see as a great positive.

"Whilst CFA volunteer female members are increasing, I am also about women standing up to take on leadership roles at all levels. VFBV has given me a great chance to become involved at this level and I plan to help support our highly skilled and committed members every way I can."