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THESE ARE THE DAYS WE WARN YOU ABOUT – CFA VOLUNTEERS

Local CFA volunteers say this week has the classic combination of hot weather before a sudden wind change that can make for major bushfires.

Peter Beaton from Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV) says CFA volunteers are on alert at Brigades across the state, and members of the public need to be alert too.

“These are the conditions any volunteer firefighter will warn you about; a string of hot days leading up to a gusty wind change,” Mr Beaton said.

“CFA Brigades are geared up and ready to go of course, and volunteers are asking you to play your role by staying in touch with official bushfire alerts - listening to local radio, checking the new emergency website or calling the bushfire information line,” he said.

“And while it’s tempting to close up the house and sit in front of an air conditioner, don’t forget that it’s just as important to keep an eye on local conditions by going outside for a look around every now and then.

“Remember, that fire safety starts with you, and there are lots of practical things you can do to keep yourself informed and prepared,” Mr Beaton said.

You can find up to date bushfire alerts at the emergency.vic.gov.au website or by listening to emergency broadcasters.

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Additional information

Emergency website www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

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