



Firefighters Kate Carpenter and Jenni Raines test out the new LED monitors and equipment at Cranbourne CFA.

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Great help fighting fire for good guys

CRANBOURNE CFA is warning residents to be fire-ready, as the summer bushfire season starts.

Station officer Stuart Curnow said the brigade has brought in new technology costing around \$3000, with help from the Good Guys Cranbourne.

The equipment offers updates on weather, wind, and lightning activity across the state, and the location of fire hydrants.


It also provides information on every call-out, allowing firefighters to track fires using a mapping system, to calculate the best

routes to reach incidents.

Mr Curnow said: "It's a significant improvement, assisting us getting to the job and with a ready supply of up-to-date information on weather conditions."

He urged residents to listen to warnings and be prepared.

"We believe we live in an urbanised area, but it doesn't mean there's no risk for us," he said. "We do have urban corridors pushing into scrubland, and grasslands."

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