

Media Release

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SOD TURNED ON NEW PYALONG FIRE STATION

The Allan Labor Government is getting on with delivering essential fire services in central Victoria, with construction of the new Pyalong Fire Station now underway.

Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes today joined Country Fire Authority (CFA) Pyalong Fire Brigade volunteers at the site – 3 Eades Way, Pyalong – to turn the first sod and mark the beginning of the build.

The new station will have fit-for-purpose amenities, including a motor room with two reverse-in bays, storage spaces, operational areas, a multipurpose room, and separate turn-out spaces for men and women volunteers.

It has been designed with sustainability in mind, and includes a solar panel system, rainwater recycling, water-sensitive urban designs in the landscaping, and the option to install an electric vehicle charging station in the future.

The new station will also include a new car park and a two-bay storage shed.

Pyalong Fire Brigade has served its community since 1937. Over the past three years, the brigade has averaged 36 call outs a year, including motor vehicle and rescue incidents, and grass, scrub and structure fires.

The CFA brigade includes 78 volunteers, including 44 operational members.

Bendigo-based contractor Colbrico has been appointed to build the fire station, with completion set for next year.

While the state prepares for the potential of an early fire season, Victorians are also urged to have their fire plan ready, and prepare for the risks of grass and bushfires.

Having a bushfire survival plan with your family, reducing the vegetation around your home by mowing lawns and clearing gutters are some of the most important things you can do to prepare for the high-risk period for fires.

For more information on how to prepare for fires and other emergencies download the VicEmergency app or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes

"The Pyalong Fire Brigade has proudly supported its community for more than eight decades, and this new station provides our volunteers with the resources they need to continue their essential work, protecting the community and saving lives."

"We need to do everything we can to keep communities safe this fire season and bushfire preparedness is the best way to do it."