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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CFA VOLUNTEERS BETTER PREPARED FOR ALL SCENARIOS AT WATER PLANT**

East Gippsland volunteer firefighters will be better prepared for a wide range of scenarios at the Woodglen Water Treatment Plant, following comprehensive information tours of the site.

East Gippsland Water hosted special information tours on July 16 for all local brigades involved in the emergency response plan for the plant, with more than 70 volunteers from 10 brigades participating.

Glenaladale Fire Brigade Captain Rick O’Haire said the sessions had been arranged to make sure local brigade volunteers know what to do in any situation that might arise at the plant.

“It’s better to be prepared in advance and this was a valuable opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the site and receive an informative brief on the operating protocols from experts,” Mr O’Haire said.

“Participating in events like these are just a part of what CFA volunteers do to make sure we’re professionally prepared and ready for any scenario.”

Brigades attending were Glenaladale, Fernbank, Lindenow South, Hillside, Flaggy Creek, Mt Taylor, Bengworden, Paynesville and Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance which both have HAZMAT capability.

Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria CEO Andrew Ford said volunteers are a vital part of local communities and being trained and experienced means they are always ready, practiced and proficient to help out locally and elsewhere when required.

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