



VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADES VICTORIA

STATEMENT

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VOLUNTEERS MOURN THE LOSS OF THE HON. JANE GARRETT MP

CFA volunteers are saddened to learn of the loss of the Hon. Jane Garrett MP who passed away last night from breast cancer.

On behalf of all CFA volunteers, VFBV offers its deepest condolences to Jane's family, friends and colleagues, particularly her husband James, and children Molly, Sasha and Max.

Our respect and admiration for Jane was profound, and Jane left her indelible mark on us during her time as Emergency Services Minister between December 2014 – June 2016.

Jane's courage and integrity knew no bounds, and we are heartbroken that her long battle with breast cancer has taken her from us so early.

In Jane's maiden speech to Parliament in 2011, Jane invoked the words from the blockbuster movie Avatar "I see you" to describe her drive and passion to respect others, and the values instilled in her from her loving and devoted parents Graeme and Pam. Respect for the dignity and worth of others, respect for rights, our duty to overcome prejudices, and fight against inequity and injustice.

Jane 'saw' CFA volunteers, and her staunch compassion, integrity and respect will never be forgotten. Throughout her time as a member of parliament she fought for a more equitable and just and inclusive society, and never stopped believing that compassion and empathy could change the world.

Jane was an inspiring and brave minister and true friend. She will be sorely missed.



About VFBV: VFBV is established under the Country Fire Authority Act and is the peak body for CFA Volunteers in Victoria. VFBV works tirelessly to represent, advocate and support CFA volunteers to the CFA Board and management, governments, ministers, members of parliament, councils, instrumentalities, business and the public. Our vision is for **Strong Volunteerism, Embraced to Build Community Resilience for a Safer Victoria.**

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