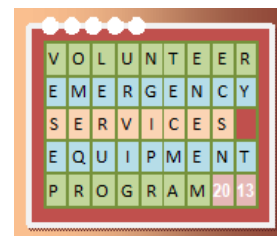




VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADES VICTORIA
assisting CFA Brigades and Groups
with a timely application for
VESEP funding

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT PROGRAM



FROM PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CFA APPLICANTS

Brigade **Warragul** *District 9*



Paul Tandberg, Captain of Warragul Brigade says that the VESEP grant enabled them to replace ageing equipment that was no longer reliable. The brigade feels safer knowing that the gear won't break down when called on in emergency situations.

The Warragul Brigade supports other Brigades in the Group. This grant has allowed them to provide a professional service to the community when it is needed most and maintain a high level of safety to their members at structural fires road accidents and the like by having personal lighting available to their crew.

Paul loves the VESEP grants program describing it as great in that it is very beneficial for smaller brigades who don't have access to fundraising and not having big cash flows through the brigade.

Warragul are hoping to win another round this year.

Asked what they thought made their application successful John mentioned the Brigade did their homework - they knew what the Brigade and the Group needed to work effectively for better community satisfaction and for the brigade to work to its full potential.

In addition John recommended the importance of having a good solid business plan for he believes this was an integral component in their success.

John's Handy Hint: is to have the Brigade Business Plan ready at least a year in advance.

2012-2013 VESEP round
 Category: **Operational Equipment**
Item: Generator & Emergency Lighting

This is good because it allows the brigade to polish up the Business Plan at the time of the application rather than starting from scratch.