

Quake hits outer east Jamie First

A small earthquake has hit Melbourne's outer eastern suburbs, but caused no damage.

Registering 1.8 on the Richter scale, the quake struck Narre Warren at 12.29pm yesterday.

Geoscience Australia seismologist Dr Jonathan Bathgate said the organisation received at least 20 inquiries about the tremor.

There was an aftershock in the same location about 10 minutes after the initial quake.

"It is always difficult to tell what we are going to get. We can't rule out another earthquake in coming days," Dr Bathgate said.

This is not the first time the area has experienced an earthquake. Tremors measuring under 3 were recorded in Berwick in 1973, Officer in 1990 and Pakenham in 1997.

Dr Bathgate said "it is not uncommon to get events of this magnitude in Australia."