



Tuross Head Rural Fire Brigade

Mmm ... so what do I have in my sack for you this year? Have you been naughty or nice?

Christmas 2011 is rapidly approaching and it's time to start thinking about gathering together all those gifts for the traditional Christmas Eve Fire Brigade Santa Run. Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year so on the afternoon of Saturday 24th December Santa will once again be touring the village bringing Christmas cheer to kids of all sizes and ages.

[NB. Please take this opportunity to make a note to yourself to drop off those clearly addressed parcels (Santa eyesight isn't as good as it was) at the Fire Station on Friday 23rd between 2pm and 6pm. Each parcel should be accompanied by a minimum donation of \$2 per parcel. This is your Brigade's major fund raising event for the year so any additional donations will be gratefully accepted].



In another fund raising activity, most of the Brigade members were recently involved in traffic control and catering for the inaugural Tuross Lake Paddle Classic. Happily the weather was very kind to us all, with the sun making a welcome re-appearance after a series of very ordinary days. But, on the other hand, the expected multitude failed to materialize and we were left somewhat disappointed by the turn-out which didn't help the Brigade coffers at all. Perhaps we should have just stuck with those 5 loaves and fishes! How many of these relaxing Brigade

members can you identify? Hopefully there'll be more work for them to do next year!

There was much more action at our recent Christmas Dinner for Members and their partners, held on Friday 25th November at the Moruya Bowling Club. Everybody took the opportunity to relax, get into the early Christmas mood and to meet and greet those other halves who have to get used to the occasional "got to go ... there's a motor vehicle accident on the highway ... see you when I see you". Sometimes it's easier for those who go than for those who stay and worry at home!





Speaking of call-outs, be thankful we aren't living in Western Australia, where some thirty one houses, four sheds and nine chalets, including the historic Wallcliffe House (built in 1865), have been lost to the fire, while 16 houses and one shop have been damaged at Prevelly, Gnarabup and Redgate (as at Sat 26th Nov).

Perhaps it's time to revisit your Bushfire Survival Plan – a few dry days and all that long grass will rapidly cure!

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Members of Tuross Head Rural Fire Service would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and generosity and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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