

## Tuross Head Rural Fire Brigade



As we come to the end of another year the members of the Tuross Head Rural Fire Brigade wish you all a Happy New Year in 2010 and thank you for all the support you gave us in 2009. We are especially grateful for all those who dug deep during our most enjoyable "Santa Run" on Christmas Eve. For over five hours Santa and his elves hand delivered hundreds of parcels and lollies to excited girls and boys throughout Tuross Head and the surrounding district.



Regrettably Christmas Day brought us a sharp reminder that fires can happen when we least expect them. In yet another example of dishwashers turning into firebombs, a house in Beatty Crescent suffered extensive fire damage. Prompt action by observant passers-by ensured that both the Tuross Head RFB and NSW Fire Brigades, Moruya promptly responded to the fire, following a triple zero call (000), thus avoiding a potentially much more serious incident. In 2008, Today Tonight "alerted viewers to possible tragedies in 25,000

Australian kitchens, with defective dishwashers causing serious house fires. An electrical fault in a number of big name electrical appliances causes them to suddenly ignite and burn down kitchens, sometimes destroying whole houses. Dangerous dishwashers are thought to have caused 239 fires in Australia, burning down bench tops, whole kitchens, and in some cases, setting alight, melting and destroying whole homes and their contents". Ensuring your dishwasher is only run when you are there to supervise it would go a long way towards avoiding a major fire. "A plague of burning dishwashers sounds like something that would happen after the 6th seal has been opened, but no. It's real and it's happening now. You may have a dishwasher in your very home that is, at this very second, thinking about lighting itself on fire" (consumerist.com) ... so add dishwashers to tumble dryers as another possible source of fire in the home!



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