



Tuross Head Rural Fire Service

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (RFS) is the world's largest fire service. Some 70,000 volunteer members provide emergency services to over 95 percent of NSW. Tuross Head has an active brigade based in Drake Street and, while most people are aware that the RFS fight bush fires, at this time of the year we are more likely to be called out to house fires or motor vehicle accidents.

You can do a lot to ensure your family stays safe this winter. All residents are advised to change the batteries in their smoke alarms, ahead of increased use of heaters, electric blankets, and log fires. Remember that all NSW residents **MUST** (by law) have at least one working smoke alarm installed in their homes. This includes rental properties, owner occupied, and temporary accommodation. To find out more about preparing your home against fires why not visit the RFS web site (www.bushfire.nsw.gov.au), or the NSW Fire Brigade web site (www.nswfb.nsw.gov.au), both of which are chock full of sensible advice.

If you are interested in finding out more about the activities of your local RFS, or even joining the team, then you are always welcome to join us at our weekly training sessions (every Wednesday evening after 5:30pm) or our monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm). Becoming a volunteer fire-fighter is easier than you may think and your local Brigade offers training ranging from basic fire fighting, village fire fighting and first aid to breathing apparatus operation. And the RFS doesn't just offer fire-fighting roles – there are a multitude of vital areas that require volunteers, such as communications and catering. In fact there is a job for nearly everyone in the RFS. Why not give it a go, you won't regret it.