



Tuross Head Rural Fire Brigade

January/February 2008

On Tuesday 12 February your local Brigade held its first meeting for 2008. Amongst many items tabled was the passing on of congratulations, given at the scene by attending police, to the Brigade for their professionalism at a recent motor vehicle accident (MVA). And speaking of MVAs, the Brigade has turned out to some 10 accidents over the past 12 months (4 in 2008 already)! This is more than double the average over the past 7 years. So while the rain has been a blessing in reducing the number of bush fires (only 4 attended compared with an average of 12), it has been a major factor in creating mayhem on our roads. Please take it easy out there!

Our President, Marilyn Dredge, also handed over a cheque kindly donated by the good folk of Tuross Head Community Aid. It has been earmarked for a much needed upgrade to our Heavy Bush Fire Tanker – a mechanical hose winder. I'm sure thanks will be extended far into the future for that donation.

And for those who think their block needs a good burn off ... Paul Cook, Community Safety Officer, RFS Far South Coast Team, Eurobodalla and Bega advises that "the RFS manage the issue of fire permits in the Bushfire Danger Season. These permits are required during the summer and in unseasonably dry times to help insure fire safety (but are not required for camp fires). For a fire permit please call Terry Lines on 44739473 or Bob Dredge on 44738191. The Eurobodalla Shire Council also has some rules relating to smoke that prohibit backyard burning in urban areas. Where genuine hazard reduction is proposed in urban areas the RFS can issue a Bushfire Hazard Reduction Certificate that covers the council smoke control requirements. For information on these certificates please call the Fire Control Centre on 44742855".

Once again: don't forget that Tuross Head Brigade is always after new members to share the load. So anyone over 18 is invited to become part of the growing team up here in Drake Street. Training is held Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 and from 9am to noon, the first Saturday morning of each month.

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