



# **Tas-E Fire News**

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## **★ Review of TFS/SES Integration Possibilities ★**

**A Steering Committee has been formed to review the role of SES in Emergency Services in Tasmania. The Steering Committee consists of senior managers from TFS, Police and SES. John Gledhill and Mike Gallagher are TFS representatives on this committee.**

**As part of this review, the Steering Committee has appointed a working party to identify potential options for future co-operation between SES and TFS.**

**The Working Party includes a member from Tasmania Police, TFS and SES. District Officer Chris Arnol is representing the TFS on this group. The group aims to complete a draft discussion paper by 20 August.**

**This discussion paper will be submitted to the Steering Committee for consideration.**

## **Latrobe Fire Brigade – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August saw Latrobe Fire Brigade celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A dinner was held at the Latrobe RSL with a commemorative medallion being presented to everyone who attended. There was a large turnout of current and past members of the brigade as well as the Acting Chief Officer, Peter Alexander and several recently retired members of regional management. The evening was made all the more enjoyable by the fact that all members could attend - thanks to Devonport volunteers manning Latrobe station for the evening.

## **Lauderdale Community Forum**

**The Lauderdale Community Forum was held on Sunday August 10 at Rokeby Police Academy. The Bacon Labor Government organises these forums as a means of encouraging direct communication between the community and the Premier and his Ministers.**

**The Lauderdale Community Forum focused on emergency services and TFS was represented by the Acting Chief Officer Peter Alexander, Director Community Fire Safety Damien Killalea, Brigade Chief Tony Davidson and representatives from brigades in the Clarence Municipal area. The forum was a very positive event for all involved.**

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### **TFS/TFGA Working Party**

TFS is currently working together with the TFGA, UFU and volunteer associations to develop an education program for rural communities. The aim of this program is to improve safety and co-operation between TFS and rural communities during the fire season. The group also aims to clarify the legal rights and obligations of TFS and those fighting the fires.

The group is meeting again in early September. It is hoped that the initial parts of this education program will be up and running during the 2003/2004 fire season. The program will also contain longer-term initiatives.

A report on the progress and outcomes of this working party will be included in *Fireground* in the near future.

### **Recall on Faulty Sunbeam Electric Blankets**

**Date:** 18/07/2003

**Supplier:** Sunbeam Corporation Limited

**Category:** Electrical Appliance Products

**Product Info:** Supplied with Sunbeam Electric Blanket Models: BL2121, BL2151, BL2321, BL2351, BL2421, BL2431, BL2451, BL2471, BL2521, BL2531, BL2551, BL2571, BL2721, BL2751 and BL2771. Sold in Australia during 2001 and 2002. The control subject to recall is removable from the electric blanket and can be identified by the colour of the slide switch, which is either transparent blue or clear. Please note that non-removable controls and controls with solid blue slide switches are NOT affected.

**Defect details:** There is a possibility that the white plastic casing may separate, which may cause the control to cease operating, and may expose live 240V internal components. This is caused by the fastening mounts cracking, as a result of the screws being over-tightened during the manufacturing process.

**Consumer action:** Consumers who have affected controls should cease using the controls and contact the Recall Information line on 1300 138 774 for information on the procedure for return and replacement. This line is open from 8am to 6pm EST, 7 days.

### **★ Upcoming Events ★**

- 31 August – Tasmania Volunteer Fire Brigades Association AGM - Campbell Town Town Hall, 1pm (luncheon served at midday)**
- 3-5 October – AFAC Conference, Sydney**
- 11 October – Kettering Fire Station Opening**
- 12 October – NW Region Competitions, to be held at Ridgley**
- 17 October – Chief Officer, John Gledhill to open the Flinders Island Show**

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