



HUFF STUFF

Newsletter

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Greetings everyone,

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday break. Thankfully it was free from any emergency events. There was a bushfire on Christmas Eve near Mulgoa but it was quickly brought under control. Crews from the upper mountains were deployed but were home in time for Christmas Day.

Apart from that RFS and SES crews have been involved in two search and rescues and one carry out in the area, all with successful results.

It was good to meet up with those of you who were able to attend the volunteers' morning tea. 'Volunteering Australia' reports that 5.8 million Australians or 31 per cent of the population volunteer, making an estimated annual contribution of \$290 billion to our economic and social good. So to all of you who give up your time, whether it's for HUFF or any other activity, remember that you are a very important part of our society.

And on that note we welcome on board a new HUFF Facilitator, Zuzzana Kutena who will represent Kenny Street in Mount Victoria. This is one of the most bush fire prone streets in Mount Victoria so it is great to have someone there. Thank you Zuzzana!

There is still plenty of hot weather ahead so stay alert and informed.



Blackheath/Mt Victoria RFS Brigade brought Christmas cheer to young and old alike with Santa runs in Blackheath and Mount Victoria.

From the NSWRFs website:

Report a cigarette butt tosser

Throwing lit cigarette butts from cars and trucks is dangerous. Cigarettes can start bush and grass fires, and place lives at risk. You can do your bit by reporting people who throw lit cigarette butts from vehicles.

You can report a cigarette butt tosser by going onto the RFS website and filling out the form under 'Report a Cigarette Butt Tossler'. Alternatively you can call 1800 679 737 and leave a message and an officer will make contact. The penalty for discarding a lit cigarette is \$660. If it's day of total fire ban, the fine is doubled to \$1320.

Kind Regards, Mina Howard

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