

FIRE SAFETY

Honour for pilot



Pilot David Black was killed while assisting in firefighting operations last month.

THE pilot killed during firefighting operations on the NSW South Coast last month has been honoured with a posthumous award for his work in protecting the community.

David Black died when his plane crashed west of Ulladulla.

David's family were recently presented with the NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner's Commendation for Service.

"While David was not a member of the NSW RFS, he was a part of the NSW RFS family," Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said.

"David's death was tragic, and has affected the RFS family very deeply.

"David will forever be remembered by the NSW Rural Fire Service not only as a successful businessman and an accomplished pilot, but also as a well respected member of the fire fighting community who lost his life while serving and protecting others."

"His professionalism and courage will never be forgotten.

"Our thoughts continue to be with David's wife and three young children," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

Take care camping in forests

THE Forestry Corporation of NSW (formerly Forests NSW) is reminding campers and visitors to State forests in the south west slopes region of NSW around Tumut, Batlow and Tumbarumba of camp fire restrictions.

Forestry Corporation regional Operations and Protection manager based at Tumut, Charlie Taylor, said a Solid Fuel Fire Ban was in force in pine plantations and hardwood forests to help prevent bush fires on days that have not been declared Total Fire Ban days.

"Extremely dry conditions and high winds mean we are experiencing a very a challenging fire season" he said.

"Gas appliances are not affected by the Solid Fuel Fire Ban, but care should still be taken when using them in the forests."

Mr Taylor said the Solid Fuel Fire Ban in State forests applies every day throughout the summer.

■ For further information phone the Forestry Corporation's Tumut office: 6947 3911.

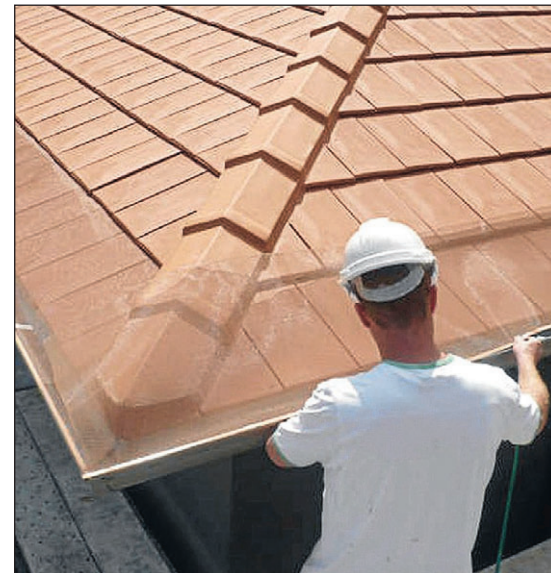
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MERITON Environmental Earthworks owner Ross Meriton worked through the night after fires broke out near his Oura home in January.

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