

The “SLAYER” earns it stripes at Hazelwood with the CFA



- Official name:** CFA Scoresby Hose Layer. In operation as of early 2014.
- Description:** Mercedes truck carrying a Hytrans hose container with 2 km 100 mm hose. Mechanised hose recovery system.
- The job:** Hazelwood, VIC, open cut mine fire: underground coal fire. About 4 weeks of hose laying and hose recovery to support the fire attack strategy. Many kilometers of large diameter hose were deployed, recovered, deployed, recovered, deployed...
- The challenges:** Poor air quality, mud, more mud, long-term operation for the 55 members of CFA Scoresby skilled in fluid hydraulics, many different scenarios as fire evolved.
- The result:** Passed with flying colors, even in very muddy conditions with many different hose types and sizes.
- Lessons learned:** The Slayer greatly assisted the fire and de-water management operations in the mine. Large diameter hose proved invaluable during large scale fire operations. Today's hose laying and recovery technology increases firefighting and dewatering capabilities. New shiny trucks and their operators can get very dirty. Both the operators and the equipment did a great job. Thank you.



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