

# TFS calls for calm over smoke

MORE smoke is expected from planned fuel reduction burns, the Tasmania Fire Service has warned.

The state's bushfire fuel reduction program is back underway this year, after a nightmare fire season last summer which destroyed thousands of hectares of Tasmanian wilderness.

TFS reduction unit manager Sandy Whight said planned burns are a must.

"We understand that smoke can impact on communities, so it's important the community is informed about how smoke from fuel reduction burns is planned



**UP IN SMOKE:** A Tasmania Fire Service crew conducts a burn-off near Hargrave Crescent, Mayfield, causing smoke to billow over Launceston. **Picture: Scott Gelston**

for and managed," she said.

"Each fuel reduction burn is planned to manage the many factors that influ-

ence smoke."

Fuel reduction burns are planned in the North over the coming weeks.