

Thursday 17th December will long be remembered as the day that Santa nearly didn't make it to Michelago.

Racing from a point near the corner to Tinderry Road and Burra Road, only a few kilometres from the village of Michelago, the Ti Tree Creek Fire raced wildly, fanned by hot norwesterly winds, towards homes and bushland in and near the Tinderry Range.

Homes, property and animals were lost in what was described by one rural firefighters as **'going to hell and back'**



Photo by Jeremy Mears (Colinton Rural Fire Service)