



# SES

## STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

February 2014

**Operational Call Outs in January :-** None.

**Training and other activities :-**

**2nd January - Flood Boat crew training :**

Both the Flood Boat and Zodiac were used on the river for boat launching, crew responsibility training other skills required for leading up to flood boat crew work and also skippers ticket qualifications.



**12th January - Boat training continued.**

Extended boat training for more recent volunteers in man overboard techniques and towing other vessels from canoes to smaller boats (like our zodiac).

**20th January - Training Review :-**

Review of training courses, schedules and planned activities for the coming year including regional exercise and new items of equipment being acquired to support our continued skill bases in cliff rescue, storm damage, floods and cyclones..

**25th January Community support and safety setup for Adventurethon Event :-**

The Adventurethon organisation set out to provide an environment to challenge anyone's comfort zone; being a short taste of a new sport or a multi hour endurance test of skill, attitude and focus whilst surrounded by magnificent and breathtaking National Parklands and beaches, aiming to provide an experience for all types of fitness levels. Kalbarri SES provided safety marshals, first aid backup and secure radio communications for this event with two boat crews, 3 vehicle crews in shifts throughout the day involving 11 volunteers..



The Zodiac was used to position the canoe turn-around marker buoy up the river where the water is shallow and then monitor the race participants up in the higher reaches, The flood boat patrolled between the river mouth and the mid levels providing the event organizers with participants updates and ensuring their safety and well being.



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### 25th January - community support, for Adventurethon Event

Vehicle crews were positioned along the route of the 21km run along coastal cliff trails and beaches, with emergency water, first aid and oxygen capability at fixed and mobile points to also provide radio communications. Following up behind the last entrants to ensure that everyone finished the gruelling course safely.

After the 8km river paddle covered by our boat crews, the 23km mountain bike ride along the riverside tracks to Gregory Rock and back was kept safe by two vehicle crews .



### 26th January - Australia Day Community Awareness :-

During the daytime street markets and activities Kalbarri SES provided an information and safety display to inform the community and visitors what we do and what their local SES unit has been involved in and achieved over the last year.

The contribution of local organisations and weekly fund raising enabled the unit to purchase a new Zodiac boat for use as a river rescue capability in the shallow upper reaches of the Murchison River . This was put on display to show the results of their contributions. [Mac Holt]



### February 2014 Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Sunday 2nd	07:00	Flood boat crew training	Steve C
Weekend 8/9th		Regional Leaders Workshop - Geraldton	Regional
Monday 3rd	18:45	All things GPS and Exercise plus Ozi Explorer	Mac/Steve C
Monday 17th	18:45	'Bull Ring' Multi-skill challenge Competition/Exercise	Steve C/Steve D
Tuesday 18th	18:45	Flood Boat crew & skippers Ticket theory	Regional - Tim Dalwood

**Want to learn new skills? - Are you up to the challenge ? - Join us - phone 0417994277.**