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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

April 2014

Operational Call Outs in March :-

25th March Search for missing 29 year old woman in Shark Bay.

The Polish lady (on a visitors visa) was identified as missing early on the Monday morning and a search was started by local SES volunteers. Early on Tuesday, Kalbarri SES joined other SES volunteers from Carnarvon and Geraldton in Shark Bay. Local Police, Fisheries Dept. and DPaW staff joined in the Air and Land search for the missing woman. Every block and building in Shark Bay and surrounds was searched but at the end of the day no sign of the person was found.

Training and other activities :-

2nd March - Flood Boat Training :

Continuation flood boat training was conducted in the river.



3rd March - Rescue Scenario :

Injured casualties on top of the rescue tower with blocked stairs. The first challenge - how to reach them, applying first aid and then working out how to rescue them to the ground resulted in some 'out-of-the box' thinking - A good learning scenario.

17th March - First Aid : Introduction to new first aid kits and equipment.

Weekend 29/30th March - 4WD Techniques Course - MH Station :

Kalbarri trainers conducted a Mid-West Regional 4WD skills and techniques course on Murchison House station - and in the river, over the weekend with 12 students from Kalbarri, Morrova, Geraldton and Shark Bay.

A couple of hours of techniques theory followed by review of the SES vehicle and equipment was followed by the only way to really learn - getting out there in the sand mud and water. Getting bogged in soft sand or mud is easy - knowing the techniques and equipment to use means that getting yourself out of the predicament can also be easy - plus maybe a bit of shovelling. The use of winches and what to use to anchor the winch - trees or make your own anchor out of what you have available and other 'tricks' were also learnt.

Crossing a river means you check out the depths and hazards by getting wet and walking the route first. Then using items like black plastic in front to keep the engine compartment and electrics dry. [Mac Holt]



April 2014 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Monday 14th	18:45	First Aid Scenario -	Steve
Monday 28th	18:45	Round Robin—multi-skills challenge	Steve D

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