



SES

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

October 2014

Operational Call Outs :- On 3rd September (8:30pm) - Wapol advised on standby for search following day, Geraldton man missing in Port Gregory area . The following morning deployed 2 vehicles (4 people) for searching tracks looking for persons land cruiser vehicle. Mobile phone 'ping' suggest approx 25km north of Linton station. After some hours missing persons mobile 'ping' moved onto main road to Geraldton. Missing person found safe.

Training and other activities :-

1st September - Understanding Maps and Navigation Training:

Explaining Map zones and co-ordinates then night time navigation exercise finding address location and then items in the bush by bearing and distance.

5th – 9th September – Catering for Regional Vertical Rescue Team Leaders Course:

Catering for the course involved lunches and hot evening meals at remote locations along the Murchison River and within the Kalbarri National Park Gorges, as the aspiring team leaders faced the rigors of this challenging course in both day and night time situations. This also had its logistical and 4WD delivery challenges.

15th September Logistics setup for Regional Exercise:

Vehicles, Trailers, Camping gear, food and drink all set up in preparation for the weekend regional exercise at Steep Point. The next day it was cancelled..

19th – 21st September Weekend training exercise:

Kalbarri SES decided to utilize the preparation to organize a training exercise involving navigation, 4WD challenges, cliff rescue training and camp through Murchison House station and along the Zuytdorp cliffs staying at the 'Hilton'. On the Friday afternoon the group travelled to Wiliamia Pool for overnight camp out.



Wiliamia Pool

October 2014 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Weekend 2nd-5th		SES State Awards/Conference in Perth	Leaders Group
		SES Volunteer Association Advisory and Volunteer Committees	SteveC/Mac
Monday 13th	18:45	Storm Damage basics Knots/Acrow props/Ladders	SteveD/DanAll
Monday 27th	18:45	Roof Safety Systems - Rescue exercise scenario	SteveCWeekend
Formal Courses in November :- Storm & Water Damage (2 days), Rope Systems (4 days), Flood Boat (3 days)			

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Kalbarri SES Weekend training exercise (continued).

The Saturday involved Navigating for tracks (which had overgrown) and we ended up having the fight through fairly heavy bush (taking several hours) before making it to the vermin proof fence. Crossing this into the Zuytdorp reserve we made it to the 'Hilton' our target overnight camp spot. It is called the 'Hilton' because over the years a shed with some basic



facilities has evolved and added to by various people to provide some cover in a sheltered location near a rope ladder leading down to a small beach at the base of the sloping cliff. Here we met up with members of the SES Useless Loop unit who had travelled down the cliff tracks to join us for some cliff training (as they do not have a qualified trainer in their unit). Next morning on an adjacent cliff a cliff rescue training session was held until a storm front could be seen looming across the ocean towards the coast.

After packing up in the rain storm we travelled back south along the central tracks and had a 'slipping time' Treacherous slimy mud caused the lead vehicle to end up in a ditch and had to be winched out to safety. All in all a weekend of adventure and practical experience for all those who participated.. - [Mac Holt]

