



SES

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

November 2014



Operational Call Outs :- None in October .

Training and other activities :-

2nd - 5th October - State Conference & Awards:

The Peter Keillor Award, named after a former Murray SES volunteer, is awarded to a volunteer who has gone beyond the call of duty in demonstrating a high level of dedication and commitment, was awarded to Steve Cable :- Manager Kalbarri SES. The presentation was made by DFES Commissioner Wayne Gregson and the wife of Peter Keillor.



Steve joined the SES in February 1985 in the Pilbara He moved to Kalbarri in 2006/7 and revitalised the Kalbarri SES unit into what is now recognised as one of the most skilled and experienced units in the Mid-West

Region - and beyond. The Kalbarri SES Team were a finalist in the State Team Awards - A big result for our small country town unit. The photo shows all finalists in all categories.

13th October – Storm Damage Basics:

Tools, Equipment and techniques were gone through to prepare for the future regional storm damage course.

27th October - Roof Safety Systems:

Knots and Anchors were introduced to the newer members and a refresher for the cliff rescue trained guys and girls - with a few extra knots to be practiced.

The roof Safety system does not use some of the specialist cliff rescue equipment, which are not provided to non cliff rescue capable units, so the roof safety systems rely on more basic (but still safe) equipment, .



November 2014 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Weekend 1st-2nd		Regional Storm Damage Course	Regional/SteveC
Monday 10th	18:45	Extended ropes ans Systems	SteveD/Dan
Week 10th-16th		SES Week-Wear Orange Wednesday-Open Day on 16th 2pm-6pm	Mac/Loni
Weekend 21st-23rd		Regional Flood Boat course—Carnarvon	Regional/SteveC
Monday 24th	18:45	Bull Ring Training	SteveC/SteveD

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Kalbarri SES Storm Water Damage training exercise (continued).

1st - 2nd November Weekend Regional Storm & Water Damage course:

14 Kalbarri SES members were joined by other SES volunteers from Geraldton and Shark Bay for this weekend Regional course. Storm and Water damage covers a wide spectrum of risks and challenges. Safety is one of the significant parts of this course including evaluating the risks, assessing the likelihood of occurrence and taking the steps to minimize the final impact. Or in some cases (such as asbestos) deciding not to proceed.

Water damage can cover many situations from major river flooding to flash floods to handling water damage inside a building. The techniques and use of sand bags, black plastic and pumps was taught and practiced.

For storm damage the main approach to provide temporary repair of a building using tarps was gone through. As a prerequisite is establishing a roof safety system with safe anchors.

The use of vehicles, 'solid' natural anchors (rocks, building pillars, etc.) and when nothing else is available the use of multiple star pickets roped together (see photograph on opposite page). Star pickets can also be used to stabilize ladders.

The roof safety system of ropes/harness enable ses volunteers to climb onto a roof in safety as potential high storm winds can create a dangerous hazard to personal safety. The use of tarpaulins to provide temporary repairs and hence stop any continued water egress was practiced at the storage sheds kindly made available to us at the Kalbarri Industrial Area. The use of sand bags to keep the tarpaulins in place was also practiced.

As the final assessment of their competency each student had to individually set up a Roof Safety System. In a storm be aware that the SES do not repair buildings. The SES only create a temporary 'repair' to protect against further water damage - [Mac Holt]

