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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

April 2015

Operation in March :- Cyclone Olwyn.

Wednesday 11th - Cyclone Olwyn formed as Category 1 (growing in Intensity) SES Kalbarri on standby for deployment.

Friday 13th - 08:00 regular 3 hourly teleconferences for updates from BOM & DFES. Olwyn now Cat 3 with winds of 180km/hour at Exmouth and projected tracking to continue down to Kalbarri.

09:00 : SES Hazard Manager for Cyclones - Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meet to prepare Kalbarri for minimum Cat 1 Cyclone around midnight. Preparations for community advice, safety and evacuation centre.

11:00 : Olwyn Cat 3 heading for Carnarvon. SES decision to go to Yellow alert status at 12:00, mainly for the community to get prepared for storm in Kalbarri, with wind speeds projected at 120km/hour plus.. Community advice poster distributed. River/Boat ramps closed. Northern roads closed from Kalbarri up NW Coastal Highway.

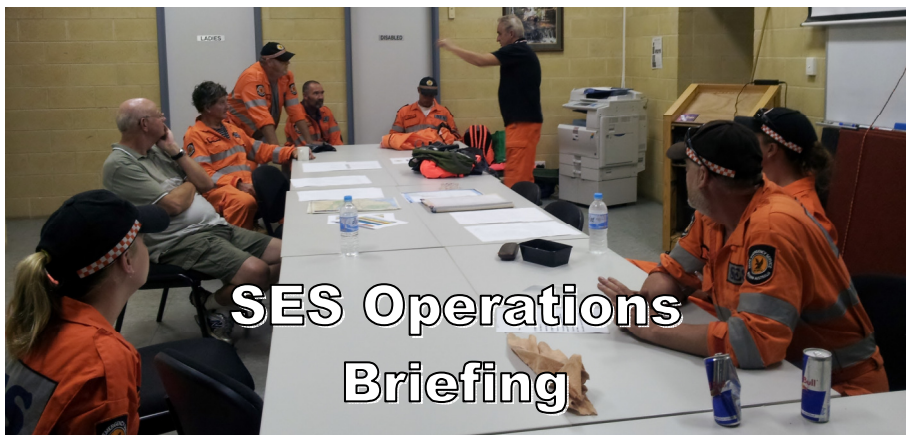
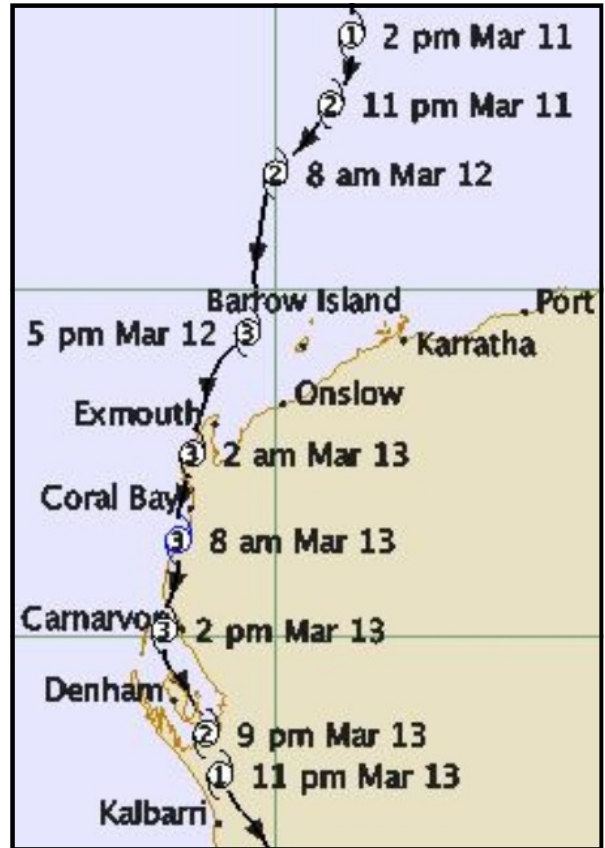
[**Note:** Alert summary - **Blue** : Prepare, **Yellow** : Take action & go home, **Red** : Take Shelter.]

14:00 : Olwyn Cat 3 - 25km west of Carnarvon, wind speeds of 146km/hr - heading for Denham as Cat2 + around 5 pm and projected to pass close to Kalbarri as Cat 1+ with wind speeds 120km/hr around midnight or early am Saturday.

Local SES Incident Management Team established supported by DFES and local groups. Community advice to work towards closing businesses and take action to prepare...

17:00 : Olwyn Cat 2 passes east of Denham - still on track to pass close to Kalbarri as Cat 1 cyclone building up from 8pm to 11 pm with 'eye' around 1 am.

17:30 : SES teams briefed and setup storm damage response equipment and vehicles ready if required for the next hours.....



SES Operations Briefing

April 2015 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Monday 6th	18:45	Bull Ring challenge—variety of activities	SteveC/SteveD
Monday 20th	18:45	Radio Communications procedures and Exercise	SteveC/Garry
Continuing		Work on New Outdoor Classroom project	Mac

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Kalbarri SES April report (continued).

18:00 : SES operations centre in Kalbarri manned overnight for possible calls for assistance and to prepare street/lot maps for the morning.

20:00 - 01:00 : Olwyn passed east of Kalbarri - over Hawks Head lookout at reducing Cyclone power - more like a winter storm.

Saturday 05:30 : SES teams briefing for reconnaissance of all streets in Kalbarri.

06:00 : Three teams deployed involving 12 volunteers (girls and guys) with base communications and street by street reports.

07:00 : All Kalbarri and Port Kalbarri street checked out by SES teams and Wapol for any storm damage - No significant damage observed to trees, power lines or buildings.

08:00 : last DFES /BOM teleconference with decision to cancel cyclone alert level at 09:00
DOT maintained river/boat ramp closure until Sunday midday.

Operation de-brief by SES/LEMC reviewed what transpired with a few lessons learnt for the future. Kalbarri was fortunate that Olwyn slowed down once it crossed land.

But what could have been had to be prepared for. All the guys and girls from local emergency services, SES, VMRS, VFRS, St Johns and Wapol, Health, DPaW and Shire worked together with the objective to keep the Kalbarri community as safe as possible.

Training and other activities :-

2nd & 16th March :- Regular training nights covering a small rescue scenario and mapping.

Weekend 20th - 22nd Search Team Member course run by Kalbarri in Shark Bay.

Weekend 28th - 29th Manage Injuries course in Kalbarri with SES volunteers from Kalbarri, Geraldton, Carnarvon, and Morrowa. . . [Mac Holt]



Aimee & Andrea
at 05:30 ready to go.



Recon Teams
waiting to deploy.