

### **Operation in February :- None.** Training and other activities:-

Monday 1st:- Team building challenges. With new members attending training ior the first time it was appropriate to run team challenges to encourage thinking 'outside the bix' and to trust the instructions of a team leader. The first challenge was for a mixed team to get each other over a 1.5m barrier with nothing to assist them.

The second challenge saw Loni in her stokes litter sedan chair trying to direct her blind slaves around an obstacle course.

The first section was guiding them by voice alone, to the door of the storage shed.--not really difficult. Then through the door way and over and around obstacles. Loni forgot the 'slaves' could not see her hand directions and learnt that instructions had to be verbally detailed and exact. At times it was as if the 'blind was leading the blind' - much to the mirth of the remaining members. But safety was paramount.







#### March 2016 Scheduled Activities Date Time Activity Organiser(s) Weekend 12th-14th Regional Single Rope Rescue course in Kalbarri Regional DO's Monday 14th 18:45 AIIMS awareness course-pre-requisite for all courses Tim Dalwood Monday 28th 18:45 Map Reading and Navigation Exercise Mac 17:30-19:00 Gilgai Fundraising Meat/Seafood packs Community/Engagement Mac Fridavs Want to learn new skills? - Are you up to the challenge ? - Join us - phone 0417994277. - Visit us on Facebook for all the latest news and stories - facebook.com/kalbarri.ses -

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#### Monday 14th :- Tower SRR Training

An introduction to the more recent recruits to the training tower (and introduction to the new D4 device for SRR/RRS trained members).

The new guys soon realized that the 'thrill' of going over the edge for the first time, to abseil down, was a very different experience (and took much longer) to having to climb back up the tower using the ascender gear. The effort going up was huge—but as with most things learning the technique and rhythm helped more than individual strength to body mass ratio.

For the previously qualified guys it was continuation training in SRR techniques as much as becoming familiar with the updated 'D4' device and learning it's 'sweet-spot' parameters.

# Monday 29th :- Waern Radio setups, tips and tricks Training

Setting up the Waern radios for practical use 'out-there' and introducing the quick guides, tips and tricks, and cross-band use in remoter locations was gone through by Regional District Officer Ado DeKleer . .[Mac Holt]





