



# SES

## STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

January 2014

### Operational Call Outs in December :-

#### 10th December - Water Bomber refill.

Team of 3 volunteers mobilised to Kalbarri Airport in support of fire operations on eastern edge of National Park.

#### 14th December - Search for activated marine Eperb (emergency beacon).

The co-ordinates indicated by local police as being 30km north of Kalbarri and 3km from shore on land!

Two teams travelled to stated location - nothing found due to incorrect reading of coordinates. Accidental tripping of Eperb near Murchison river mouth was the cause.

#### 31st December - Support of police at incident.

1:00 am call out to Incident at indigenous camp (Kellie's camp) at Paradise Flats, Kalbarri. Several transportation trips by 4WD of police and equipment to location and recovery of the deceased person to town morgue 13 hours later.



### Training and other activities :-

#### 9th December GPS training.

Understanding of co-ordinate systems and their presentation on different GPS devices was followed by practical exercises to project waypoints and go to co-ordinate locations to find specific items. Radio communications protocols were also re-enforced during the practical section of the exercises.

#### 15th December End-of Year presentation and Awards.

Most volunteers, family members and some employers turned up for this end of year event. The presentation review on the big screen projector (prepared by Loni) of the years activities was a reminder of the operations, training and achievements (including our new storage and garage facility). Graham Roberts-Pearson (Grum) was awarded his belated 5 year medal and training certificates were presented. The Regional District Officers Tim Dalwood and Ado DeKleer also attended to show their support for the active Kalbarri SES Unit.

Sadly Kalbarri SES volunteers were involved us in recovery of three deceased persons during 2013, which is a reminder to everyone to stay safe in 2014 - [Mac Holt]

### January 2014 Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Sunday 12th	07:00	Cliff Rescue Training in the field	Steve C
Monday 21st	18:45	Cyclone/Storm preparation	Steve C
Sunday 26th	08:00	Australia Day demonstration/recruiting	Mac/Steve
Ad-Hoc	TBA	Flood Boat continuation training	Steve C

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

## Friday Night fun at the Gilgai Tavern benefits the local SES.

For almost 2 years Kalbarri SES has been running meat pack raffles at the Tavern, each Friday evening between 5:30 and 7pm, with the proceeds enabling the SES to fund the extra items which make it more effective.

Last year the major acquisition, which was part funded by the proceeds, was a 3.4 metre Zodiac for use in shallow water search and rescues.

The good value meat packs have been put together by the local 'T-Bone' butchers every week for all this time. The photo above shows Jay and Mark holding two meat raffle packs (each consisting of 2 smaller trays). Each Friday these two meat packs can be won for a minimum outlay of just \$2 !

For the last 2 weeks during the holiday season a third raffle has been introduced - a 'Seafood' pack, supplied by Karine from the Raw Prawn. This was suggested by one of the regulars and has proved to be very popular..

On Friday December 28th the first meat pack was won by 'lucky' Syd - pictured being presented with it by Mac Holt.

The second meat pack raffle was won by Maeve and Wayne (photo below left) and the Seafood pack was won by Tash and Jay (photo below right).

The Friday evenings are not just about raising funds for the SES it is as much about interacting with the community and all having a bit of fun.

Thank you Kalbarri (and visitors) for your continued support [Mac Holt]

