



# SES

## STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

July 2014

### Operational Call Outs in June :-

Advised on 17th at 21:20 to mobilised to be at Geraldton cemetery for a search for a missing person at 08:00 on 18th. Seven Volunteers mobilized at 05:30am on 18th and travelled to location. On arrival were informed person had just been found safe.

Also on previous evening had received a request for assistance from a local resident after storms had blown sheets of tin around so responded on the way back from the search deployment and made sheets safe.

### Training and other activities :-

#### 1st June Community Support Kalbarri Canoe & Cray carnival:

SES volunteers provided river safety for canoeing events and volunteers acted as pirates for



the 'street carnival' of the capture of a local teacher and then 'forced him out to a boat on the river where the teacher had to 'walk the plank' . He grabbed the 'pirate' as he fell and both ended up in the water..

#### 9th June - Communications refresher training :

Testing 'cheat sheets' for the base station and in-vehicle WAERN radios, plus protocols and procedures was re-visited to continue refresher training in radio communications. .

#### 23rd June - General Maintenance night :

After the weekend 4WD recovery course a vehicle and general maintenance night was conducted so that all systems were 'ready to go' . [Mac Holt]

### July 2014 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Monday 7th	18:45	Search/Rescue Scenario	Steve D
Monday 21st	18:45	Round Robin 'SMEAC' appreciation exercise	Steve D/Dan

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



## SES report July 2014 (continued)

### Weekend 21st 22nd June - 4WD recovery course at Lucky Bay :



The 2 day recovery course was organized and run by Kalbarri SES instructors and trainers as a Mid West Regional course. The course was attended by 16 volunteers from Kalbarri, Geraldton, Eneabba and Morawa.

The first challenge was to travel to the course location by given map co-ordinates, only along tracks and beaches from the Kalbarri SES unit except by crossing only one sealed road. They ended up at Lucky Bay. After the recent rains the sand dunes were reasonably firm so the next challenge was to get the vehicles bogged. This the trainers did by dropping out of 4WD. Then multiple techniques had to be used by students to extricate the vehicles with personal safety a mandatory factor.

Letting tyre pressures down, Digging out, standard towing, using snatch straps, using winches, using hand operated turfer and 'thinking outside the box' with what you have available.

The latter was to use a kangaroo jack in a horizontal mode connected to an anchor (in the photo a vehicle, to extract the bogged vehicle). A lot of tricks were learnt and an overnight camp out was fun. [Mac Holt]

