



SES

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

August 2014

Operational Call Outs in July :- None

Training and other activities :-

7th July - Roof Safety Scenario:

A roof safety training was conducted with a practical roof access and safe practice exercise.

21st July - Rescue Scene risk analysis, response and execution planning :

A risk assessment training on three different scenarios was performed including car crash injured victim extraction, retrieval of victim (dummy) off mezzanine floor with blocked stairs and electrocution of victim whilst on top of vehicle roof rack. Teams had to identify risks, mitigate dangers and come up with execution plans for resolving the situations. Also to familiarize with the SMEAC process to produce the 'orders' .

3rd August - Community Support - Camp Quality wesCarpade breakfast:

SES volunteers organised the donation by local businesses of all the needed produce and cooked a breakfast for 75 guys and girls at the start of the WesCarpade 2000km motoring adventure & fun trek by from Kalbarri to Dampier via station roads / bush tracks. This is the culmination of their fundraising to help create a better life for children living with cancer and their families - a great cause. [Mac Holt]



August 2014 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Monday 4th	18:45	Cliff rescue scenario	Steve D
Sunday 10th	10:00	Flood Boat exercise	Dan
Saturday 16th	09:30	Video for Finalists State Team Awards night (October 2-3)	Mac/Steve
Monday 18th	18:45	Navigation/Mapping Exercise	Mac
Saturday 23rd	09:00	LEMC joint emergency services exercise	Mac/SteveD

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

Kalbarri SES in the finals for two 2014 SES State Awards.

Each year SES teams and individuals are recognized for their contributions as volunteers throughout Western Australia, at the annual conference in Perth in early October.. There are over 70 SES units and around 2,000 SES volunteers State wide.

The SES Unit Team Award (One of three finalists) :-

[Awarded to a SES unit or team who have initiated a new idea, worked collectively to achieve outstanding results in a particular area or undertaken a community awareness project]

Kalbarri SES Unit conducts local and regional training at least 100 times a year, to provide and maintain the high skill levels necessary for safety in potentially dangerous situations. The unit has been deployed on operational call outs for floods, cyclones, searches, rescues, storms, etc., a total of 69 times in the last 5 years, travelling as far north as Broome, down the coast from Carnarvon to Perth and Inland from Meekatharra through to York. In the MidWest Region Kalbarri Unit is looked on as a first call out strike team because of its experience and expertise to be able to manage virtually any natural hazard emergency.

Kalbarri Unit is an integral part of the Kalbarri Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and work towards mutual co-operation and support with and for the other emergency services in the town. Also, we have actively participated in working towards constructing better safety communications within the national park and community.

Kalbarri SES unit participates in Statewide technical decision groups within DFES, such as future vehicle requirements, use of computers during operations and represent Country North of the State on the SES Advisory Committee to the DFES commissioner

Kalbarri SES unit has a great group of girls and guys who have achieved the skill levels and capability to work together to support the widespread community - but as important the unit, where possible, includes some fun activities so that the team can relax and enjoy the SES part of their life.

We have reported our activities in the local Kalbarri TownTalk monthly paper every issue for the last five and a half years, so that the local community is aware of who we are and what we do. These reports are also available on the SES Volunteer Association web site.

Kalbarri SES Unit has lifted its profile to a professional standard across all aspects of SES and we are very proud of our units status locally and regionally.

The Peter Keiller Award (One of three finalists) :-

[In honour of former Murray SES volunteer Peter Keillor, this award is presented annually to a volunteer who has gone beyond the call of duty in demonstrating a high level of dedication and commitment to the SES.]

Steve joined the SES in February 1985 in the Pilbara after being a volunteer in the Ambulance service. He moved to Kalbarri in 2006 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. Steve has built Kalbarri SES to be one that has demonstrated its preparedness, ability to respond and safety. Steve has demonstrated his own abilities and results in all these areas over many years and operations, passing this onto other SES volunteers. His commitment to the ethos of the SES is exemplified by his promotion within Kalbarri SES unit of "Our role is to save lives and assist people in difficulties". To do this requires extensive continuous training and practical skills learnt, to provide the experience, safety and application in real emergency operations. [Mac Holt]