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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

JULY 2015

Operation in June :- Kalbarri Storm Damage.

June 21st 16:00 :- Water spout crossed land and caused damage to roof of near coast property in Sequita Way, Kalbarri. Team deployed and perform temporary repairs to front and rear roof of property. Activity completed and stood down at 19:00.



Training and other activities:-

Weekend 5th-7th :- 3 Day Regional Single Rope Rescue course held in Kalbarri. Rescue Team Leader Steve Duncan was being assessed as a step towards his instructor qualification. Safety is top priority with students under the eagle eyes of Instructors Steve Cable, and from DFES Tim Dalwood and Ado DeKleer. The course involves acquiring skills and techniques to become proficient in use of rope equipment for descending, ascending, cross-over and rescue of climbers in difficulty in space with jammed equipment or rope issues. This course is a grueling one as it requires concentration and use of personal physical capability - skills that are required when a real scenario of this type occurs. Course Students were from Kalbarri, Geraldton and Useless Loop.

July 2015 Scheduled Activities

Date	Time	Activity	Organiser(s)
Monday 6th	18:45	HF/QMAC Communications	Garry
Weekend 17th-19th		Search Team Leader Course (Shark Bay)	Regional
Week 27th-31st		Level 1 Incident Controller Course (Geraldton)	Regional
Weekend 31st-3rd		Rope Rescue Systems Course (Kalbarri)	Regional
Continuing		Completion Work on New Outdoor Classroom project	Mac

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Kalbarri SES July report (continued).

Single Rope Rescue Course:-



Kalbarri volunteers who passed this course were Adrea, Andy and Michelle - you can see their concentration effort and commitment in the photos above.

Monday 8th June :- Regular training night involving rope techniques.

Monday 22nd :- Search Scenario with 2 casualties - man with broken leg and his son - on the north side of the river.

Considered like a real operation - call out, communications, SMEAC , deployment, sit-reps, etc.. The Flood boat was rolled out and team deployed on the river to search in suspect area. In this night time event the flood boat dropped the team on the north shore and then continued shore line search. Search team progressed along north shore and found the two people. The 'casualty' was provided with first aid and stretchered to the flood boat and transferred to the main boat ramp. On completion of the exercise the de-brief reviewed to understand lessons learnt.

Community activities

Each Friday night Kalbarri SES provides meat pack and seafood pack raffles in the Gilgai Tavern with proceeds to support our other activities enabling us to be successful in achieving further grants for facilities to improve our capability and community responses.

In the last 4 years we have obtained grants for the training tower (now used for local, regional and statewide courses to improve the skills and training of volunteers). The garage and storage shed to maintain our equipment and as a forward deployment store for Regional disasters. The current project as an outdoor classroom at the joint SES/VFRS facility will provide training facilities in all conditions - Thank you to the following organisations.



Kalbarri SES July report (continued).

Community Activities:- Shine Visit :20th June-

SHINE is a complementary program that educates and empowers young women within a broader school setting.

SHINE works with young women who are at risk of disengaging from the education system and society, negatively impacting their employment and life opportunities into the future. The students are often experiencing traumatic events in their lives affecting their ability to participate and be supported in a conventional classroom environment.

SHINE aims to motivate and engage with the students to attend school by offering hands on training in work experience and other safe environments to foster confidence, communication and trust.

Kalbarri SES hosted a group of 'Shiners' from Geraldton to experience what we do and to learn about trust of others - When you are hanging in there you learn to trust the SES guys who setup the safety systems.

The girls had a fun and 'trusting' experience in Kalbarri.



Kalbarri SES July report (continued).

Community Activities:-

For over 4 years Kalbarri SES has been promoting the provision of mobile phone coverage in the local Kalbarri National Park to minimise response notification times and our ability to provide rescue services in a timely manner.

We are set to benefit from three new and improved telecommunications towers under the second stage of the Royalties for Regions-funded Regional Telecommunication Project (RTP) and the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

The new towers, are located on Meanarra Hill (to the east of Kalbarri), The Loop in Kalbarri National Park and upgrade to the Ajana tower where the Kalbarri road meets the NW Highway.



'Adopt-a-Spot' Kalbarri River Clean-Up

Sunday 28th June

The weather was magnificent, as was the lush green vegetation and the first signs of wild flowers. It was truly, a fantastic time and area to enjoy the freedom of the bush.

In order to keep our town and in particular the 'paradise flats region of the Murchison River pristine, a group of 30 locals undertook to conduct a river clean up from the Kalbarri boat ramp to Gregory Rock.

We collected 45 rubbish bags weighting in at about 4kg a bag. Coupled with other bits and pieces about 250kg of rubbish was removed.



This was conducted under the "Adopt-a-Spot" - Keep Australia Beautiful programme in conjunction with Kalbarri SES, Kalbarri Visitors Centre and the Northampton Shire. Hopefully this will encourage people to take their rubbish with them and preserve this nature's playground for all to enjoy. [Mac Holt].....

