

Midwest-Gascoyne Regional Exercise

Lynton Station, Shire of Northampton 13-15 September 2024

Friday the 13th in the afternoon, Lynton Station was descended upon by the Midwest-Gascoyne region SES units—Kalbarri, Geraldton/Greenough, Meekatharra, Moora and ICV crew from Geraldton. The regional career staff attended as well.

As always, the friendly flies decided to accompany us just to make sure we keep the 'Aussie wave' happening at regular intervals.

Exercise Coordinator extraordinaire, Steve Cable, had all of the scenarios planned well. Saturday morning started off with GPS familiarisation skills, Clarke Mast with repeater radios installed, basic First Aid and Winch Recovery Techniques utilising different systems.

After we had lunch prepared by the talented Ms Trina, the teams were sent out to do some Comms set up on a nearby hill. Search techniques were practiced looking for a missing person, and to do a rescue taking advantage of our rope systems to haul a stretcher up a steep incline.

At the end of the day with everything packed up, it was time for dinner and fellowship around a campfire. Many stories were told, some were stretched and accompanied by infectious laughter. A breakfast of bacon and eggs got us going the next morning.

Teams received orders at the ICV who deployed once more: some for search, another search along the beach and another for a vertical rescue at the White Cliffs where skills were put to the test. All these scenarios were carried out to a high standard with no safety compromised.

Its good to see different units working together towards a common goal while also getting to know other team members and how they work. It is great to see SES members using their weekends to apply the skills they have learned over the years.

We could not function without delicious food and are so blessed to have Ms Trina look after us in the catering department.



Special thanks needs to go to Steve Cable and his dedicated team whose organisation made the weekend the success it was. Also, having career staff involved meant they could put their Incident Controller skills to test their skills.

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