



SES

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE - KALBARRI

February 2012

Operational Call Outs January:-

9th January until 26th January :- With the huge bush fires in-land from Carnarvon and Gascoyne junction, Kalbarri deployed rotating teams to provide logistics support to the fire crews. The fires covered an area of 700,000 hectares and threatened several stations. The fires were started by lightning strikes and in some places the flames were up to 15 metres high. The teams had to utilize all their 4WD capabilities to the full travelling 100's of kilometers to provide water, food and personnel to the sharp end, over churned up sand and after some rains, in mud higher than the wheel arches. Long hours, some days 5am until midnight in hot and challenging conditions.

Occasionally some interesting sights like the mud built birds nests attached to old stone water tanks.

Hard Yaka for Mark, Brandon, Ben, Dan and Dave.

January Training :

With both our vehicles up north we did not have the resources for the 4WD recovery techniques training - and with the building floor needing anti-slip paint application the unit had to be cleared out.

Cyclone IGGY :

Kalbarri SES is arguably the strongest unit in the Mid West Region. As such, we are turning into the nucleus of a strike team for the region . At FESA request, as of Saturday 28th January 10 unit members were packed up ready to deploy early the next morning, to Carnarvon and Coral Bay area, to provide the strike team should Iggy hit land. At 8:30 pm Saturday we were stood down.

New Members :

Welcome Annette Worthington and Andrew Sturgess.- [Mac Holt]

February 2012 Training/Activity schedule :-

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 13th	18:45	Storm Damage
Monday 27th	18:45	Roof Safety systems
Coming up - Generic Team Leader and Search team leader courses		

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