

Cadets ready to go to next level

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In recent months, 40 Narrabri and Wee Waa High School Year 10 (and some Year 9 at Wee Waa) students have been taking part in the annual NSW SES youth engagement program.

One day a week, they have learned what the SES is all about - largely through learning at school and visits

to other emergency services.

The purpose of the cadet program is to provide a pathway into their local SES unit should they wish to join.

And the students got the chance to put what they have learned to the test last Wednesday at Cameron Park, where the cadets took part in an activity day.

SES Namoi region learning and development officer Graeme Geyer

said cadets practised search-and-rescue, throwing rescue bags, forensic land search, 'jack and pack' rescues, stretcher carrying and rope skills.

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As well as learning SES skills they were also taught about flood safe behaviour, such as not going into flood water, and storm preparation.

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Two Narrabri cadets have gone on to join the local unit this year - Jake

Bradford and Talisha Lewis - while Tyrone Hemsley didn't take part in cadets but is a high school student who joined the unit this year.

Both Jake and Tyrone were at the activity day to lend a hand.

There were also volunteers from the Narrabri, Barraba and Gunnedah units, Mr Geyer said. Anyone interested in joining the Narrabri SES unit can call 0428 243 056.



LEFT: Jake Bradford, 16, and Tyrone Hemsley, 17, are Narrabri High School students who are now members of the Narrabri SES unit. Jake did the cadets course last year and both were on hand to help at the SES cadets day. Telisha Lewis is another student at the school who did the cadets course last year and is now a member of the Narrabri unit.



RIGHT: Wee Waa High School students Dylan Dixon and Sam Gallagher team up with Ruby Ford of Narrabri High School to pull in a 'victim' on a stretcher.



Narrabri High School student Rhys Douglas, left, sends out a throw bag while Year 10 year adviser Rick Partridge, right, got into the swing of things as well.



Chris Silver is better known as a member of the Narrabri Volunteer Rescue Association but is also the Christian youth worker at Narrabri High School and was happy to help out at the SES cadets day. Here he shows his throwing style.

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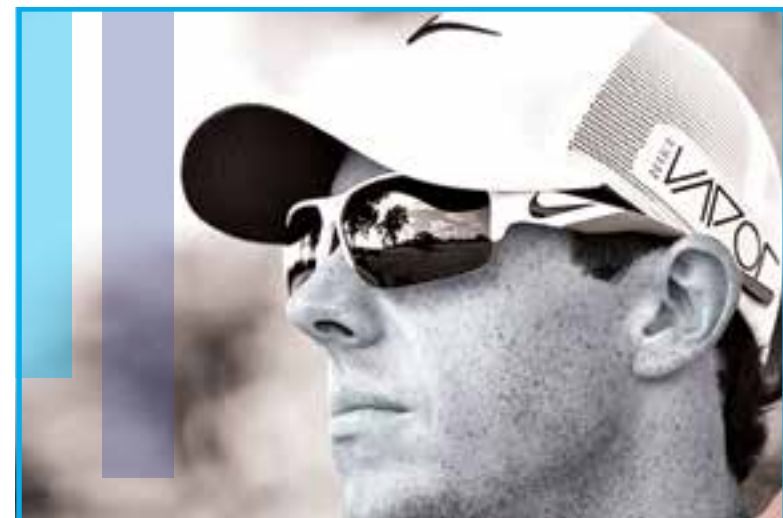


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