

Laying the groundwork

In recent months, several Wee Waa High School Year 9 and 10 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 the Wee Waa 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 in Narrabri, where the cadets took part in an activity day.

SES Namoi region learning and development officer Graeme Geyer said about 40 cadets from Wee Waa and Narrabri High Schools practised search-and-rescue, throwing rescue bags, forensic land search, 'jack and pack' rescues, stretcher carrying and rope skills.

"It gives them an idea of some of the skills they need if they want to join their SES unit," he said.

As well as learning SES skills they

were also taught about flood safe behaviour, such as not going into flood water, and storm preparation.

Volunteers from the Narrabri, Barraba and Gunnedah units helped out on the day, Mr Geyer said.

Anyone interested in joining the Wee Waa unit can call 0427 454 089.



RIGHT: Wee Waa High School students Madison Doring, N'Kayla Gaydon and Harmoney Cotten with Narrabri-based SES small groups trainer Peter Crawford at the cadets day.



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



RIGHT: Wee Waa High School teacher Kirsty Kelly takes part in hauling in a stretcher along with student Lewis Rosser. Mrs Kelly did the cadets course with the kids at the school.

Man dead after Cryon plane crash

A man has died after a light plane crashed at Cryon on Saturday.

Police said the incident happened at a Cryon Road property about 10am.

Emergency services were called to the property and arrived to find a plane on fire.

Fire and Rescue NSW firefighters extinguished the blaze, with

police from Castlereagh Local Area Command at Walgett investigating.

The man, the single occupant of the plane, died at the scene.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau would begin an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident and police will prepare a report for the Coroner.

Walgett policewoman wins top award

Walgett-based police officer Lisa Jones has become the first female nominee to win the prestigious Rotary NSW Police Officer of the Year Award.

Sergeant Jones, the Crime Coordinator and Licensing Officer attached to Castlereagh Local Area Command at Walgett, was a finalist in the Field Operations category of this year's awards.

Judges deemed that her unwavering commitment to her

community as well as her local policing achievements made her worthy of the overall award. Sergeant Jones was announced the winner by Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione at a function in Sydney on Friday night.

The mother of four has been a driving force behind scores of local initiatives including organising a leg of the White Ribbon Ultra-marathon; co-ordinating a 'Safer By Design' CCTV project for the Walgett CBD;

managing a Christmas lolly drive for children; and facilitating community engagement with police at local shows and events.

Sergeant Jones has been at the forefront of local child protection and anti-domestic violence programs, is a crucial part of her command's Aboriginal Strategic Direction youth strategies and also regularly participates in community drug and alcohol education programs.



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- Date:** Thursday 17th November 2016 at 10:00am
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- View:** View from 8:00am day of sale.
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