

Bulletin

ACT State Emergency Service



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SES Belconnen Unit Wins Rescue Competition

SES Belconnen Unit will represent the ACT at the National Disaster Rescue Competition (NDRC) later this year following their win at the ACT State Rescue Competition held on Saturday, 31st March 2007.

The ACT State Rescue Competition, held every two years, allows the ACTSES to select the strongest team to represent the ACT at the NDRC. The NDRC is being held in Bunbury WA in November 2007 with SES teams from every state and territory in Australia expected to participate.

The final placement of ACTSES teams at the competition was as follows:

- 1st – Belconnen (659 points)
- 2nd – Majura (644 points)
- 3rd – Woden (590 points)
- 4th – Tuggeranong (582 points)

The NSW State Emergency Service Queanbeyan Unit also participated in the competition that gave them a great opportunity to practice in the leadup to the NSW State Rescue Competition. NSWSES Queanbeyan Unit finished the competition with a total of 637 points.

The competition director and Training Officer SES, Mr Colin Malone said "All teams that participated in the competition deserve congratulations for what was an outstanding display of their general rescue skills."

"It is without question that the general rescue knowledge and skills held by ACTSES members has significantly increased since the last competition in 2005 and this is reflected in the placements and high scores", Mr Malone said.

The competition was held at ActewAGL's Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre in Holt with the stands designed to test a wide range of general rescue skills including:

- Rescue from height;
- Rescue from depth;
- General knowledge of the GR manual;
- Hydraulics; and,

- Casualty rescue and shoring.

The Team Leader of the SES Belconnen Unit Team, Fiona Levings said "the competition was a great experience for

us. The stands were challenging but the team was consistent and performed well and we managed to finish the competition on top."



"We are grateful to the competition organisers for all their hard work and are very proud to be selected as the team to represent the ACT at the national competition in November."

"The team and our trainers have all put in a lot of hours to reach this point and I'd particularly like to acknowledge our families who have supported our training schedule over the last few months."

"It is a big thrill to see everybody's efforts rewarded in this way and we are all looking forward now to the next challenge of building our skills to be competitive at national level", Fiona said.

In thanking ActewAGL for allowing use of the facility and Mr John Monk as the site coordinator, Mr Malone also recognised and thanked the staff and volunteers of the ACTSES and NSWSES who filled the important competition roles of judges, stand managers, exercise control, logistics, moulage, catering, communications and safety.

"The competition would not have been possible without the help of the forty or so personnel that worked hard to ensure the competition ran smoothly", Colin said.

Photos and a breakdown of the scores have been included in this bulletin with the raw scoresheets to be made available to each team in the coming days. Further information on the competition is available from the Training Officer SES.





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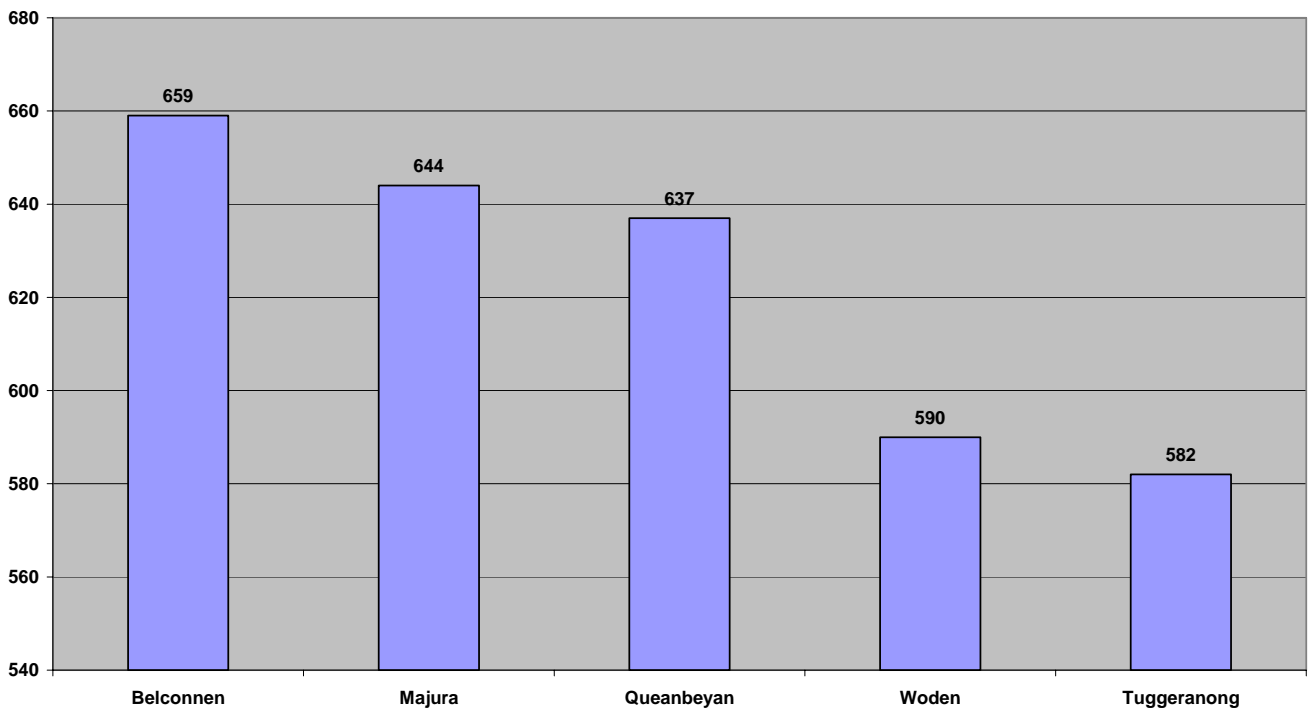


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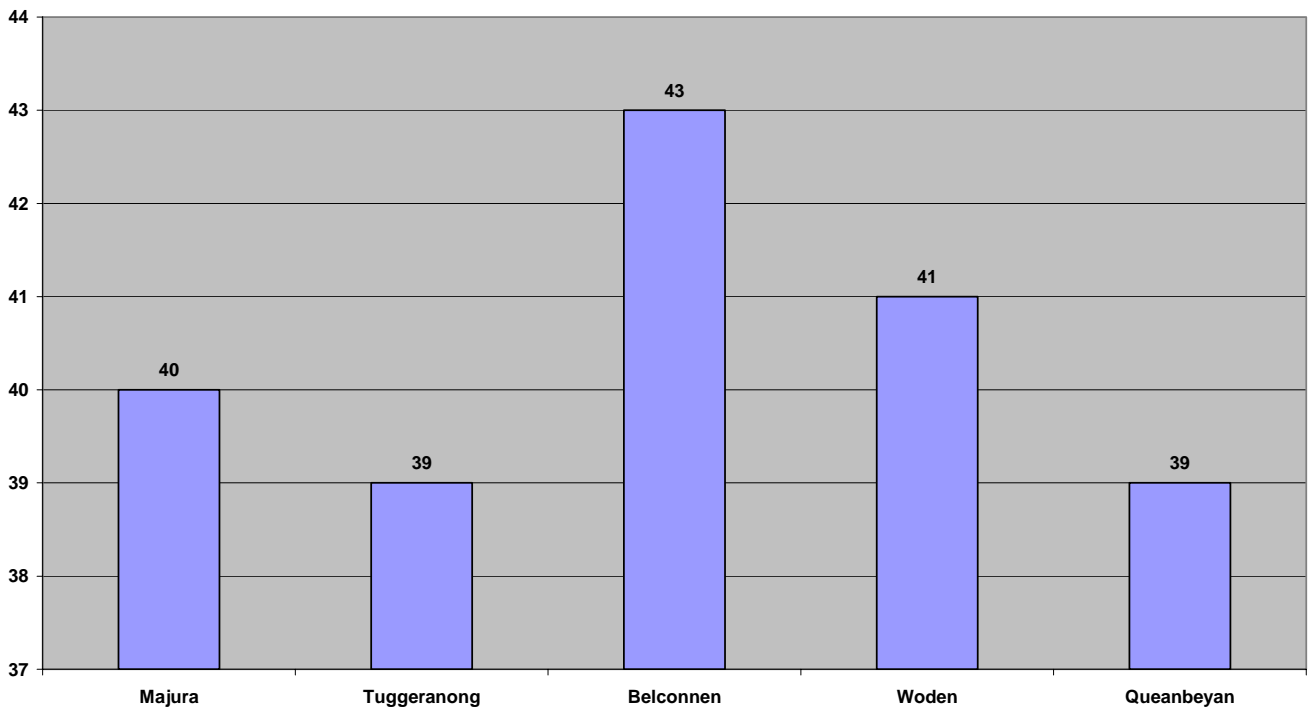
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Total Score v Team



Team Performance at Q&A Stand



Team Performance v Stand

