



Junior Search and Rescue as a Member Recruitment and Retention Activity

The Junior search and rescue courses are growing in popularity across the State. Sydney Branch has run “Junior SMAR” over the past few seasons. Hunter Branch ran a Junior SMAR last season and kindly provided their course notes. The activity was trialled at Cudgen in early October 2020.

The following weekend a program was delivered at Brunswick SLSC. 16 Brunswick Under 14’s and 4 Under 14’s from Byron Bay SLSC took part in the full version over 3.5 hours. The course was popular with those who attended. Cudgen JAC has arranged to run another course on the last weekend in November inviting Cabarita Beach and Salt JACs to attend.

The Aims Developed for the FNC Branch activity are:

1. Provide a fun activity for senior JAC to gain relevant search and rescue knowledge and skills
2. Encounter aspects of SLSA BM syllabus and aspects of Royal Life Saving syllabus
3. Meet with other senior JACs in an environment different to competition
4. Provide pathways to higher awards in SLSA
5. Encourage senior JACs to become leaders within their club

Any clubs wishing to host a Junior SMAR activity as a means of engaging with their Under 13’s and Under 14’s or attracting new members should contact the Far North Coast Branch Director of Member Services, David Field to schedule an activity and yes, it could be a summer holiday activity.

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