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Governor honours heroes

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, DStJ, Governor of New South Wales officially honoured 65 St John (NSW) volunteers and 11 members of the general public for their outstanding life sustaining service to the community at a ceremony at The Great Hall, Sydney University on Saturday 14 October.

Members of the public were honoured for their bravery in taking the steps to saving someone else's life. First Aid is an essential skill that is used to save lives by St John volunteers and a skill that is encouraged by St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) and protected by the Good Samaritan Act.

"First Aiders are a vital part of our community, St John volunteers provide over 350,000 volunteer hours per year to the people of NSW," said Ms Rhonda Bignell, CEO, St John Ambulance Australia (NSW).

Saving lives is not only limited to St John volunteers, "we encourage people to learn first aid and to use their skills when necessary, these awardees are living proof that First Aid does save lives," said Ms Bignell.

"The volunteers in their familiar black and white uniforms save people from cardiac arrests and severe dehydration at major events throughout the state. This year they saved a man who suffered a cardiac arrest at the City to Surf, who was present on Saturday to thank his saviors".

Awards were also presented to the St John volunteers for long term commitment to providing the highest quality voluntary first aid services to the Australian community and fulfilling St John's mission of helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger.

Ms Bignell says that, "It is this commitment to helping others that is the backbone of St John and we value the extraordinary work that our volunteers do every day of the week."

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Please see following pages for award recipients from your area.



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Special Plaques – For organisations that have supported St John over the last year.

Bonnie Doon Ladies Club
Boronia Park Public School
Commercial Club Albury
NRMA
Rooty Hill RSL

Pagewood
Boronia Park
Albury
Gosford Branch
Rooty Hill

Community Service Awards

Great Saves – Members of the public

Katherine Clay	Tamworth
Adrian Gruzman	Woollahra
Anne Lofts	Bathurst
John Cook	Bathurst
Glenn Bennett	Bathurst
Geoff Moase	Bathurst
Faith Daubney	Cambridge Park
Carlos Henry	Jamisontown
Sergeant Jonathan Cornelius	Penrith
Constable Matt McDougall	Penrith
Constable Kyle Rodger	Penrith

Great Saves – Members of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)

Amy Hutchings	Wallsend Cadet Division
Adam Coombes	Greater Metro Sydney
John Wakefield	Greater Metro Sydney
Halie Clark	Bathurst Cadet Division
Mickael Gieules	Holyroyd Cadet Division
David Stevenson	South Sydney Cadet Division
Steven Cachia	Penrith Division
Beau Geekie	State Reserve
Jace Hay	State Staff

Edeline Jenkyn Trophy

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The Edeline Jenkyn Trophy is awarded on the criteria that the cadet has been most exceptional during 2006.

Bronwyn Kelman

Bathurst Cadet Division

Cadet Corporal Elliot Williams

Lower North Shore Cadet Division

Peter Falkland Award

The Peter Falkland Award is awarded annually to the Cadet of Cadet Leader who is considered by the criteria as the most outstanding throughout 2006.

Cadet Sergeant Andrew Stevens

South Sydney Cadets

Grand Prior Badge

Sharon Burchett

Molong Cadet Division

Scott Chamen

Ryde Cadet Division

Shailee Fardell

Molong Cadet Division

Danielle Flatley

Blacktown Cadet Division

Suellen King

Fairfield Cadet Division

Chloe Sharpless

Molong Cadet Division

Robyn Whybrow

Lower Blue Mountains Cadet Div

Kyla Young

Blacktown Cadet Division

Service Medal – 12 years efficient service

Jennifer Berghofer

Hawkesbury Cadet Division

Neil Beveridge

Mt Sugarloaf Division

Deborah Bird

Shoalhaven Division

Lorraine Borg

Blacktown Division

Aaron Borrow

Wallsend Cadet Division

Jodie Borrow

Mt Sugarloaf Division

Allan Boxsell

Shoalhaven Division

Raymond Braiding

Wollongong Training Area

Brian Chan

Bankstown Division

Louise Coleborn

Blue Mountains City Division

Quentin Field

St George Division

Brian Halligan

Scout Training Area

Ian Harkness

Sydney University Division

Michael Hutchinson

The Lakes Division

Glenn Keller

Maitland Division

James Kelly

Kingscliff Division

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Denise Lewis
David Pheeneey
Justin Phillis
Robert Reid
Viviana Roberts
Phillip Rust
Leon Sawyer
Karen Wallace
James Whitby

Sutherland Cadet Division
Shoalhaven Training Area
Central Coast Cadet Division
Bankstown Division
Central Coast Training Area
Wollongong Division
Wollongong Division
Mt Sugarloaf Cadet Division
Fairfield Division

The First Bar of the Order is awarded for 17 years efficient voluntary service.

David Althofer
George Brown
Michelle Cooper
Frank Gorrel
Fin Macneil
Brian O'Shea
Cleone Robson
James Townsend
John Ward
Jason Whyte

Mudgee Division
Northern Region
Sutherland Division
Sutherland Shire Training Area
Chief Professional Officer
NSW State Reserve
Fairfield Cadet Division
NSW State Reserve
State Staff
Marrickville Division

The Second Bar of the Order is awarded for 22 years efficient voluntary service.

The recipients are:

Martha Ban
Jennifer Davis
David Lawrence
Adrian Medioli
Robert Walker
Ian Wardman

Ryde Division
Coffs Harbour Division
Macarthur Division
Wallsend Division
Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai
Parramatta Division

The Third Bar of the Order is awarded for 27 years efficient voluntary service.

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Laurel Russell

Western Suburbs Division

**The Fourth Bar of the Order is awarded for
32 years efficient voluntary service.**

Sandra Haring

Broken Hill Cadet Division

**The Fifth Bar of the Order is awarded for
37 years efficient voluntary service.**

The recipients are:

Lynn Berghofer

State Staff

**The Sixth Bar of the Order is awarded for
42 years efficient voluntary service.**

Kathleen Miller

Ophthalmic Hospital