

First in First Aid



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Central Coast Volunteers thanked for heroic bushfire service

Two St John Ambulance Volunteers will receive a Vote of Thanks from the NSW Rural Fire Service for their assistance on the New Years Day Bushfires.

The two volunteers, Colin Starkey and Alex Holland from Woy Woy will be presented with certificates of appreciation by the Fire Control Officer for the Gosford Shire, Mr Steve Marsh.

Colin and Alex will be honoured for their initiative, dedication and selflessness in setting up a treatment post at their house to treat fire-fighters needing assistance as well as many of the residents that were unable to evacuate the area due to the road closures.

The two volunteers were on duty for 24 hours and treated numerous casualties. Four of these were transported to hospital via ambulance.

“St John is so proud of Alex and Colin, their dedication to providing First Aid and also their sense of helping the local community is inspirational. People like Alex and Colin are the backbone of St John.” Said Rhonda Bignell, CEO, St John (NSW).

“We are also very grateful for the NSW Fire Service’s acknowledgement of the combined efforts of these two volunteers. It really was a team effort across the board of emergency services.” Said Ms Bignell.

St John Volunteers provided more than 350,000 hours of voluntary first aid service to the NSW community last year and treated over 31,000 casualties.

The presentation will take place this Wednesday, 19 July, at the Meals on Wheels Centre on Ocean Beach Road at 7pm. Colin and Alex will be available for pictures and interviews.

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