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# St John Awards Heroes for Community Service Efforts

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) has honoured more than 40 members of St John and the NSW community with the prestigious Community Service Awards and Priory Vote of Thanks on Thursday 27 April at the Annual General Meeting.

The honours are awarded for outstanding efforts and hours of service in providing first aid to the community.

"First aid is a vital life saving skill which our volunteer members put into practice at community and sporting events throughout the year," said Ms Rhonda Bignell, CEO, St John (NSW).

"Community Service Award recipients have dedicated their time to providing the community with a priceless service. Their endurance and commitment to first aid is the backbone of St John," said Ms Bignell.

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

As a leader in first aid training in Australia, St John trains more than 270,000 people each year.

"St John encourages people to learn this life saving skill, it's real and it's used on a day to day basis. Employers are required by law to have trained people in the workplace to provide assistance in an emergency," said Ms Bignell.

To learn first aid or to become a St John volunteer call 1300 360 455.

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See following pages for names and location of awardees. Photographs and brief biographies of awardees are available.

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### Awardees:

#### Priory Vote of Thanks Award

These are the highest awards made by the Priory in Australia.

The following St John members receive the award for their continuing outstanding service to the Order of St John:

<b>AWARDEE</b>			<b>AREA</b>
Una	Luevene	AUGUSTINSEN	Ourimbah
Elizabeth	Mary	BLAKE	South Wentworthville
Terence	John	COLEBORN	Springwood
Vanessa	Lynn	COOK	Colyton
William	Norman	COPPIN	Seven Hills
Paul	Damien	CRIPPS	Central Coast
Janice	May	DUNN	Caringbah
Alfred	John	ELLIS	Lithgow
Merryl	Anne	FOSTER	Blaxland
Robert	Louis	GHANEM	Belfield
Peter		GOODALL	Coopers Gully
Kevin		GOODWIN	Lambton
Gary	Joseph	HALL	Manly Vale
Geffory	William	HARDY	Blackwalls Park
Linda		LEE	Linfield
Andrew	Peter	LITSON	Kearns
John	Alistair	MCCULLOCH	Grabben Gullen
Kay	Phyllis	MCDONALD	Laurieton
Marija		MIKULIC	Burwood
Neil	George	MILBURN	Lavington
David	Keith	MURPHY	Marsfield
Michael	William	NEEDHAM	Mount Pritchard
Peta	Jennifer	NOVELLY	Inverell
Faythe	Diaan	PAUL	Blacwall
Marilyn	Joy	PLASKITT	Avalon
Cathryn	Carmel	PLATT	Coffs Harbour
Leonie	Dawn	POOLE	Shelly Beach
Laila		RAJA-GOPAL	Croyden Park
Dianne	Louise	REMMERT	Broken Hill
Garry	Raymond	REMMERT	Broken Hill
Daniel		SALMON	Albury
Rhonda		SCOTT	Buxton
Stuart		SCOTT	Buxton



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Annette	May	SMART	Blacktown
Malcolm		TOWLE	Kingswood
Shane	Lindsay	WEBB	Broken Hill
Matthew		WHITEHEAD	Bomaderry

### Community Service Awards – St John Members

The State Council awards community service awards to members of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) in recognition of extraordinary life sustaining first aid services provided to members of the community:

#### Special Plaque

Barry DAVIS	Coffs Harbour
Jennifer DAVIS	Coffs Harbour
Hayden HOFLAND	Hazelbrook
Glenn KELLER	Maitland
Julia MERKEL	Coffs Harbour
Tim MORTIMER	Blue Mountains Cadet Division
Christopher REEVE	Bega
John SPENCER	West Pennant Hills

### Community Service Awards

The State Council awards Community Service Awards in recognition of service rendered to the community and to St John Ambulance Australia (NSW):

#### Special Plaque

Brad FARMER  
Tanya Crowpher on behalf of GATORADE AUSTRALIA  
INSURANCE AUSTRALIA GROUP  
Ray KIRBY  
Christopher MAXWELL  
Lee MCCOY  
NORTHERN RIVERS ECHO  
Sean SMITH  
Terra SWORD

### Trainer of the Year



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The State Council awards the Trainer of the Year Award in recognition of exceptional service and ability when training and promoting first aid in the community:

Margaret WHITTAKER

### **St John "Saint of the Year"**

The State Council awards the "Saint of the Year" Award to a member or members of St John (NSW) Staff in recognition of exceptional achievement and advancement of the organisation's objectives during the year:

#### **BATHURST BRANCH STAFF**

Bernadette BRILLEY  
Amy BUTLER  
Lynn MADDEN  
Katrina PAWLEY  
Kim-Cherie PORTER

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# NSW Emergency Heroes Awarded

Members of NSW emergency service organisations were awarded for their outstanding first aid efforts at the St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27 April.

Members of the NSW Police Service, Fire Brigade and NSW Ambulance Service received St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) State Council Emergency Services Awards.

“St John is proud to honour Australians who work tirelessly to provide vital emergency services to the community,” said Ms Rhonda Bignell, CEO, St John (NSW).

“The people and organisations receiving these awards have performed extraordinary first aid, and in many cases have directly saved lives by providing first aid during the crucial first few minutes,” said Ms Bignell.

St John is Australia’s leading first aid organisation and promotes the importance of providing life saving first aid skills after any life threatening injury or incident.

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### **AMBULANCE SERVICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **Special Plaque**

Ambulance Officer

John KANNE

#### **Oberon Ambulance Station**

Ambulance Officer

Warren DILKES

#### **Orange Ambulance Station**

Ambulance Officer

Greg AYRTON

Station Officer

Vicki CAMPBELL

#### **St Ives Ambulance Station**

### **NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADE**

#### **Special Plaque**

Senior Firefighter

Frank FINLAY

Station Officer

Johnathon MOORE

Firefighter

Rodney MORRIS

#### **Campbelltown Fire Brigade**

Qualified Firefighter

Mohammad HADDAD

Senior Firefighter

Peter MORTHEN

#### **St Andrews Fire Brigade**

Senior Firefighter

Ronald RADZIETA

#### **Rosemeadow Fire Brigade**

Leading Firefighter

Ross HYLAND

#### **Wollongong Fire Brigade**

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### **Special Plaque**

Senior Constable  
Michael PEARCE  
Senior Constable  
Anthony ROSE

### **Armidale Police Station**

Senior Constable  
Matthew GIBB

### **Lake Illawarra Police Station**

Constable  
Kristie Bell  
Senior Constable  
Alan HOGG  
Senior Constable  
Peter NISSEN

### **Tweed Heads Police Station**

## **STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE**

### **Special Plaque**

Captains Flat State Emergency Service Unit

Nundle State Emergency Service Unit

Controller  
Alan WILLIAMS

### **Port Stephens State Emergency Service Unit**