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Local Broken Hill St John Volunteer Honoured for Service

Her Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir AC, DStJ, along with St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) CEO, Ms Rhonda Bignell, presented local Broken Hill Division St John volunteer, Mr Trevor Murphy, with one of the highest honours within the Order of St John on Saturday 6 May, 2006.

Mr Murphy has more than 14 years service with St John and has been the Broken Hill Divisional Training Officer since 2001. His long-standing dedication to St John now sees him bearing the title of Serving Brother.

“St John is proud to honor volunteers like Trevor Murphy, who work tirelessly to provide the highest quality first aid services to the community,” said Ms Rhonda Bignell, CEO, St John (NSW).

“Volunteers who receive these awards have made a remarkable contribution to the community. In 2005 2,300 St John (NSW) volunteers provided over 350,000 hours of service to over 30,000 people in the state,” said Ms Bignell.

The awards were presented 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.”

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

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See following page for additional information outlining the Order of St John and a biography of Trevor Murphy.

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The Order of St John in Australia Guidelines for Admission and Promotion

Membership

The Order of St John is a working order of charitably minded men and women. It is a Royal Order of Chivalry. Membership of the Order, which is an honour sanctioned by the Governor General on behalf of the Order's Sovereign Head the Queen, is awarded for service rendered to the Order, and its objects and its objects and purposes.

Before initial admission to the Order prospective members must sign a declaration that they will be faithful and obedient to the Order; uphold its dignity; support its charitable works; uphold the aims of the Christian Order; and conduct themselves as a person of honour.

Grades of the Order

Grade I	Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross
Grade II	Knights and Dames of Justice or Grace
Grade III	Commanders
Grade IV	Officers
Grade V	Serving Brothers and Sisters

All persons recommended must be men or women of honour, with high personal ethical standards.

Admission to the Order

Continuous voluntary service to the Order and its Foundations for a period of approximately ten years, provided it is exceptional, may be recognized by a recommendation for admission to the Order as a Serving Brother or Sister.

Admission for a period of less than ten years will be considered only in very exceptional cases.

Admission in higher grades will only be considered in particular and individual cases which involve special circumstances.

Promotion in the Order

All recommendations for promotion in the Order should be carefully considered from the point of view of the quality of the service rendered by the individual.

Promotions in the Order follow grade by grade.

A period of at least three but preferably five years should elapse before any further recommendation for recognition is contemplated. Only very exceptional circumstances will be taken into account for less than five years.

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Admission to the Order at the Grade of Serving Brother Trevor Allen Murphy

Mr. Murphy joined the Broken Hill Division in 1992. In addition to divisional duties he was also the Divisional Storekeeper from 1995 to 1997. In 1997 he was promoted to Divisional Officer of the Broken Hill Cadet Division and in 2001 to Divisional Training Officer.

In thirteen years of efficient service Mr. Murphy has contributed 6827 hours of public duty, an average of 525 hours per year. He has also 817 instructional meetings. He has given three years volunteer service to the Training Branch to a total of 63 voluntary teaching hours.

Mr. Murphy is a well known and respected member of the Broken Hill community. He gives many hours of voluntary service. His excellent training of the cadets has ensured many well trained and retained members of St John for the future.