

First in First Aid



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New St John Ambulance Division in Cobar

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) will launch a new division in Cobar this week, to provide pre-hospital care at community events.

The Division has been possible due to a generous donation of \$5,000 from Joblink Plus which will cover the costs of crucial life-saving and first aid equipment plus uniforms for our volunteers.

Regional Superintendent Geoff Kiehne said, "A new St John division will be a great asset for the community of Cobar, providing first aid and pre-hospital care at public events."

"We aim to make a useful contribution in Cobar and hope community members will support our presence. We encourage people to find out more about first aid skills and also about joining the Cobar Division." Said Mr Kiehne.

Cobar local and Ambulance officer, Anita Hodgkinson will be running the division and looks forward to the challenge ahead.

"Regional communities such as Cobar benefit significantly from the presence of St John Division, our capabilities have increased and we have the capacity to provide Advanced Life Support in the event of an emergency.

"From a social perspective, St John is a fantastic organisation that offers support and training to our members. Being a St John member increases self-confidence and awareness and teaches skills for life." Said Ms Hodgkinson

Another plus for the division is the donation of a brand new defibrillator from NRMA. Defibrillators increase the chance of survival from sudden cardiac arrest significantly.

For further information about St John volunteers contact 1300 360 455 or visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au.

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The St John Cobar Division will be launched this Thursday evening at the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club. To attend contact Kate Kelly, Communications Officer on 9219 6856 or 0410 220 872. Interviews and photo opportunities will be available on the night.