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Bega's own Pride of Australia

St John Ambulance (NSW) would like to congratulate St John Member, Beau Geekie for his nomination in the 2006 Pride of Australia Medal. The Pride of Australia Medal is a national award program which runs annually.

The awards are made up of ten categories that celebrate and honour values and attributes including bravery, courage, leadership community spirit, mateship, fair play, tolerance, hard work and generosity.

Beau, of Pambula, was nominated within the Community Spirit category. This category celebrates Australians whose selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions have enriched or improved the quality of life for a local community.

Beau has accomplished so much for his 19 years. He established the night time bus services, developed youth information services, transport services, youth health and driver education projects.

Aside from his volunteer work at St John, where he is the Youth member for the Southern Region, and Acting Chair of the State Youth Council, Beau is also a member of some other 15 community groups and committees

Beau has applied and received more that \$300,000 in funding for community projects over the last three years. In addition to his philanthropic work, Beau is also studying full-time a university degree in a Bachelor of Nursing.

Nominations are judged by a panel of local community leaders and senior representatives from News Limited newspapers. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Thursday August 10.

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