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St John Volunteers Honoured by Governor

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, DStJ, Governor of New South Wales officially honoured 32 St John (NSW) volunteers for their outstanding service to the community at a ceremony at Government House on Saturday 6 May, 2006.

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

“The volunteers receiving these awards have made a remarkable contribution to the community. In 2005 over 2,300 volunteers provided 350,000 hours of service to over 30,000 people in the state,” said Ms Bignell.

The awards are 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 volunteer information.

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St John volunteers honoured:

Suburb	Name	Award Received
Taree	Mr Dennis Buxton	Promoted to the Grade of 'Commander Brother'
Kingscliff	Mrs Fay Gleave	Promoted to the Grade of 'Commander Sister'
Hornsby	Mrs Vivienne Miller	Admitted in the Grade of 'Commander Sister'
Kingscliff	Mr Robin Potts	Admitted in the Grade of 'Commander Brother'
Heckenberg	Mr Allan Hutchinson	Promoted to the Grade of 'Officer'
Wollongong	Mrs Maria Lemme	Promoted to the Grade of 'Officer'
Warners Bay	Mrs Joyce Mottram	Promoted to the Grade of 'Officer'
Werrington Downs	Mrs Rhonda Alexander	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Whalan	Mr Kevin Arklay	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Hawkesbury	Miss Jennifer Berghofer	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Gilgandra	Ms Barbara Bignell	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Port Macquarie	Mrs Barbara Binnie	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Bathurst	Mrs Ann Clydesdale	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Hamilton	Mr Phillip Cousins	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Blue Mountains	Mrs Cheryl Cuzner	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Greystanes	Mr David Czerkies	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Bathurst	Mr Barry Deveney	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'

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Mount Sugarloaf	Mr David Downie	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Ryde	Mr Patrick Gillespie	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Sutherland	Mr Francis Gorrel	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Bankstown	Mr Harold Greenaway	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
St Marys	Mr Matthew Griffiths	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Heathcote	Mr John Hay	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Parramatta	Mr William Johnston	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Orange	Mr Stephen Karger	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Hamilton	Mr George Keifer	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Macarthur	Mr David Lawrence	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Singleton	Mrs Cornelia Merritt	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Sister'
Broken Hill	Mr Trevor Murphy	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Blaxland East	Mr Barry Townsend	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Hawkesbury	Mr Brian Warwick	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'
Marrickville	Mr Jason Whyte	Promoted to the Grade of 'Serving Brother'

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