

First in First Aid



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# St John (NSW) Congratulates Volunteer for OAM

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) congratulates St John volunteer Debbie Nilsson, recipient of the 2006 Order of Australia Medal, presented for service to the community, particularly through St John Ambulance Australia.

Since joining the Balmain Cadet Division in 1968 Debbie has volunteered over 10,000 hours of her time to the community. She has held a number of important appointments within St John, including Divisional Officer of Sydney University Division, one of the largest Divisions within St John and is currently the Regional Chairman of the Greater Metropolitan Region of St John, overseeing volunteer activities throughout the area.

"Debbie is a dedicated volunteer with St John (NSW) and it is wonderful that her commitment to our organisation and the community has been recognised with this Order of Australia Medal," said St John (NSW) CEO, Rhonda Bignell.

"The volunteer spirit is alive and well at St John and we are proud to have Debbie, and the thousands of volunteers like her, who work tirelessly to ensure a safer community," she said.

Debbie is not only a highly trained member dedicated to providing first aid at community and public events, she is also an accredited first aid trainer.

In recognition of her continued service to St John, Debbie is currently a Commander Sister in the Order of St John and in 2003 received her 4<sup>th</sup> Bar to the Service Medal of the Order of St John, awarded for 32 years efficient service.

St John is a self funded charity and Australia's leading and largest first aid provider, providing the nation with quality training, products and volunteer services.

Volunteer activities in St John (NSW) include first aid volunteers at community and public events in their familiar black and white uniforms, volunteer first aid trainers, and volunteers in Community Care Programs.

Such volunteer programs are funded through the sale of first aid kits and products, and the teaching of first aid courses.

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