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St John volunteers provide first aid at Henty Machinery Field Days

Members of the Albury St John Division had a busy week providing first aid at the Henty Machinery Field Day, which took place from 18 to 20 September.

The Henty Machinery Field Day is held annually during the third week of September each year in the Riverina region, where more than 650 exhibitors present the world's best agricultural technology for an audience of between 50,000-60,000 Australian farming professionals.

St John members were in attendance at the event from Monday 17 September to Friday 21 September, with over 80 people seeking assistance from the volunteers. Three emergency cases were referred to the NSW Ambulance Service and the Automatic External Defibrillator was also used to treat a Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

St John provided a total of 444 hours of volunteer service with up to 10 members on duty each day, including the division Registered and Enrolled nurses.

Doug Meyer, CEO of Henty Field Days, comments:

"I would like to commend the St John volunteers on their excellent work at the event. It is comforting to know that St John volunteers are always ready and fully equipped to deliver first aid when needed at large-scale events such as this."

Chris Chant, Superintendent, Albury St John Division, said:

"We are proud to be able to offer such a valuable service to the local community and provide support for great events such as this. Henty Machinery Field Days was one of the best events the Albury St John Division has had the privilege to be involved in.

"Without our dedicated volunteers St John would not exist. They are the backbone of our organisation and we encourage more people to join this wonderful cause and assist the team in providing first aid services at events.

"I would like to thank all volunteers involved and acknowledge the members who took time off work; your commitment is rewarded by knowing you did a great job."



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St John is always looking for new volunteers to join their Divisions. First Aid volunteers learn and practice First Aid, family care and other subjects to enhance their life saving skills. Members can attend training courses to learn advanced First Aid and life saving skills, communications, leadership training and participate in special event training such as major incident management courses.

Next month (October), St John is kicking off a new campaign called 'Save a Life', which aims to raise awareness of first aid and increase life saving first aid skills within the community. The theme Save a Life is about being able to save lives as a St John volunteer or learning first aid to have the skills to save a life.

The Albury Division meets every 2nd Thursday from 06:30 to 08:30pm at Air Force Cadet Facilities, Albury Airport.

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