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Governor honours St John heroes

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, DStJ, Governor of New South Wales officially honoured 92 St John (NSW) volunteers for their outstanding life-sustaining service to the community at a ceremony at The Great Hall, Sydney University on Saturday 13 October.

St John volunteers were honoured for their service to St John (NSW), as well as a number who were involved in major emergency situations during the year.

Robyn Galwey, General Manager Training, St John (NSW) comments:

“St John is proud to honour our volunteers who give up their time to provide first aid at public events or teach first aid in their communities.

“St John volunteers provide over 350,000 volunteer hours per year to the people of NSW. Our volunteers in their familiar black and white uniforms are seen at major local and community events and our community care volunteers provide much needed services to young people in schools.”

The awards are presented to the St John volunteers for long term commitment to providing the highest quality voluntary first aid services to the Australian community and fulfilling the St John mission of helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger.

Each of the volunteers recognised met the yearly efficiency requirements which include maintaining high level first aid skills, providing hours of community service at community events, teaching the community first aid or being involved in St John Community Care programs.

“It is this commitment to helping others that is the backbone of St John and we value the extraordinary work that our volunteers do every day of the week,” said Ms Galwey.

“The volunteers receiving these awards have made a remarkable contribution to the community at events such as Australia Day, ANZAC Day, New Year’s Eve celebrations, concerts and all kinds of community events around the state.”

Members of the public were also honored alongside St John volunteers for their response in first aid emergencies.

To become a St John (NSW) volunteer or to learn first aid call 1300 360 455 or visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au

Please see below for a full list of awardees.

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Community Service Awards

Great Saves by members of the community

Graham Meyer - For giving life sustaining CPR to a work colleague

Great Saves by members of the NSW Fire Brigade

James Reddish, Deputy Captain - For giving successful CPR to a rescued casualty on a shop awning of a burning building

Richard Stevens, Senior Fire Fighter & Benjamin Sullivan, Station Officer - For successfully resuscitating a member of the public when off duty

Great Saves by members of St John (NSW)

Debra Kaye, Albury Division - For giving successful CPR to a member of her local community

Christian Kunde, Dylan Snape, Daniel Willis - For rendering excellent first aid to a nine year old child with suspected spinal injuries

David McLeod, Bathurst Cadet Division and Louise Wilson, Sydney University Division - These two members successfully resuscitated a probationary member of St John at the Bathurst Car Races

Grand Prior Badge

Hannah Bortkevitch, Warners Bay Division

Charlotte Cassell, Molong Cadet Division

Katie Cavanagh, Taree Cadet Division

Halie Clark, Bathurst Cadet Division

Patrick Coppin, Blacktown City Cadet Division

Jhoana Grageda, Miller Combined Division

Alexandria Nicolaidis, Wallsend Cadet Division

Stephanie Roach, Mt Sugarloaf Cadet Division

Olivia Sanoubane, Miller Combined Division

Delicia Sanoubane, Miller Combined Division

William Young, Blacktown City Cadet Division



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Peter Falkland Award

Ashley Weir, Wallsend Cadet Division

Edeline Jenkyn Trophy

Shevera Gunasekera, Western Suburbs Cadet Division
William Young, Blacktown City Cadet Division

Service Awards

Service Medal of the Order - 12 years efficient voluntary service

Warren	Beeton	Manly-Warringah Division
Christine	Bullock	State staff
Steven	Cachia	Penrith Cadet Division
Christopher	Chant	Murray Training Area
Julie	Dean	Molong Cadet Division
Noel	Eather	Hawkesbury City Division
James	Frost	Mosman-Willoughby Division
Robert	Ghanem	Sydney University Division
Peter	Good	Maitland Division
Kaydn	Griffin	State staff
Gary	Hall	Manly-Warringah Division
Adam	Heine	Hamilton Division
Shane	Jenkins	Maitland Cadet Division
Andrew	Litson	Macarthur Division
Jason	Mayo	Adamstown RSL Cadet Division
Terry	Mitchell	Peninsula Division
Merrilyn	Pedernana	Broken Hill Training Area
Rhonda	Scott	Southern Highland Cadet Division
Stuart	Scott	Southern Highland Cadet Division
Lydia	Sharpin	South Sydney Cadet Division
Leonard	Smith	Bulli Division
Ron	Smith	State staff
Natalie	Walker	Glebe Division
Damien	Wardrope	Lake Macquarie Cadet Division
Kevin	White	The Lakes Division
Rodney	Whittle	South East Training Area



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First Bar to the Service Medal of the Order – 17 years efficient voluntary service

Anthony	Cheong	Sydney University Division
Darren	D’Arcy	Regional staff
James	Daly	Broken Hill Training Area
David	Hagney	Central West Training Area
John	Hay	State staff
Ingolf	Hickling	Cooma Division
Mark	Hutchings	State staff
Allen	Hutchinson	State staff
Valerie	Hutchinson	Regional staff
Terence	Kitching	North West Training Area
Dennis	Lavender	Hawkesbury City Division
Rosemarie	Malone	Griffith Division
Phillip	Mitchell	Central West Training Area
Sally	Ormond	Lake Macquarie Cadet Division
Grahame	Stoddart	Hamilton Division
Frank	Vella	Bankstown Division
Margaret	Vincent	State staff
Mark	Young	Regional staff

Second Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 22 years efficient voluntary service

Kevin	Arklay	Regional staff
Barbara	Binnie	Manning Division
David	Corrie	Cessnock Division
Terrance	Crawley	Western Suburbs Cadet Division
Michele	Davidson	State staff
Glenys	Ellenbacher	Maitland Division
Edward	Furnell	Regional staff
Warren	Haddock	Operations Support Division
Kerrie	Hall	Regional staff
Rosemary	Hegner	State staff
Geoffrey	Kiehne	Regional staff
Maria	Lemme	Wollongong Division
Colleen	Lonsdale	Wallsend Cadet Division
Thomas	Maxwell	Lismore Division
Didier	Moutia	Granville Division
Joan	Owen	Coffs Harbour Division
John	Tyler	St George Division



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Third Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 27 years efficient voluntary service

Helen	Banu-Lawrence	State staff
John	Christie	Hawkesbury City Division
Graham	Howlett	Maitland Division

Fourth Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 32 years efficient voluntary service

Joan	Benstead	Macarthur Division
Gregory	Sneddon	State staff
John	Stewart	Broken Hill Division

Sixth Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 42 years efficient voluntary service

Lindsay	Allan	Mayfield Cadet Division
Norman	Beattie	Regional staff
Ervin	Haga	Marrickville Cadet Division
Leslie	Osmond	Regional staff

Eighth Bar to the Service medal of the Order - 52 years of efficient voluntary service

Mr John David Spencer A.M, GCStJ

For his continuous loyal service and valuable contribution in many areas of St John including member of NSW Board, Member of State Council, Commissioner of First Aid Services and currently Director of Training.