



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# St John volunteer receives Newcastle Community Award

Patrick McDonald, 65, of Hamilton St John Division, has been nominated and accepted for a 2007 Newcastle Community Volunteers Award.

Patrick joined St John in 1992 because he wanted to help people and make a difference in the community.

These awards recognise outstanding effort and achievement by Newcastle individuals or community groups in areas such as teaching, volunteering and environmental activities.

The awards aim to show appreciation for the service, commitment, effort and achievements that make a difference to the lives of people in Newcastle, whilst also acknowledging community service and celebrating community participation and community spirit.

Patrick was nominated by Raelene Tate, Regional Business Development Manager, St John (NSW) Newcastle.

"I nominated Patrick for providing excellent first aid services to the community and providing first aid training to Newcastle schools," said Raelene.

"Pat is a committed first aid services volunteer who is always professional and shows a very caring attitude, particularly to children.

"St John receives fantastic feedback from the schools as he represents a grandfather figure in the eyes of the children who respond to him very well.

"The St John goal is to have one person in every family trained in first aid. Pat is striving to reach this goal by teaching first aid in schools."

Patrick will receive his award at a presentation hosted by Sharon Grierson MP (Federal Member for Charlestown) on Monday 8 October.



This month St John (NSW) is launching 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. St John is encouraging people to undertake first aid training to help provide a safer community for everyone.

To find out more about St John (NSW) please visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au) or call 1300 360 455.

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