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4500 St John Volunteers Recognised During Volunteer Week

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) would like to take the opportunity of Volunteer Week to thank the 4500 volunteers for their continued dedication to St John and the community.

St John has volunteers in a range of areas including providing first aid services at public and community events, teaching first aid to community members and groups, and community care programs.

At the weekend 21 St John volunteers were honoured for their dedication to St John (NSW) by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, DStJ, Governor of New South Wales. The volunteers were admitted to or promoted within the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in a ceremony at Government House.

St John achievements last year:

- Treated 314,444 casualties at events
- Contributed 435,813 hours of voluntary first aid and community care service
- Provided 13,406 hours of community care voluntary hours
- Trained more than 17,000 people through volunteer training areas and more than 76,000 across the whole state.

"Volunteer Week is a time to thank all the people who are dedicated to looking after the community. St John (NSW) volunteers give many hours of their time and we offer each one our appreciation," said Mr Sean Gavin, Chief Executive Officer (Acting), St John (NSW).

"The families of our members also deserve a special thanks for supporting their loved-ones dedication to volunteering. St John also recognises the community members and businesses who support our volunteers by choosing St John as their first aid supplier for the provision of first aid training, kits and products," said Mr Gavin.

St John (NSW) welcomes new volunteers and offers strong support and training programs to provide them with life-long skills and knowledge.

To find out more about volunteering with St John (NSW) or to show your support by learning first aid or buying first aid equipment contact St John (NSW) on 1300 360 455 or www.stjohnnsw.com.au.

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