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## Chris Bowen MP celebrates St John Fairfield Cadets' achievements

Assistant Treasurer and Federal Member for Prospect, Chris Bowen MP, will present achievement awards at a St John Ambulance Fairfield Cadet Division ceremony on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December to be held at the St John Ambulance Centre in Fairfield.

The night includes the two 'Cadet Of The Year' awards, voted by cadets and senior volunteers. It recognises and rewards the young volunteers for their outstanding contribution to the local community.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, for youths aged 11 to 18, who develop extensive first aid, life, communication and leadership skills. Once trained, they are able to provide first aid at events under adult supervision. They also attend various excursions and camps during the year.

Mr Bowen believes that St John cadets are exceptional young people donating their valuable time to support our community.

"It's an honour to have had such a long involvement with St John in Fairfield. It is remarkable that amidst their studies, family, work and other commitments; they still find time to do this extraordinary work.

Each and every St John cadet is a valuable asset to our community and deserves to be recognised for their selfless contribution," Mr. Bowen said.

Divisional Superintendent, Cleone Robson, says Mr Bowen has always been a strong advocate of the voluntary work that St John does in and around the local area.

"Many people may not be aware that Chris Bowen is also the President of the Fairfield Cadet Division. He is very supportive of our work to provide the highest calibre voluntary service in the local community."

The presentation night is a special night for St John volunteers and invited guests.

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**Notes to editor – About the night**

**All Media are invited to attend.**

**Location: St John Ambulance Centre, Vine Street Fairfield (opposite the Fairfield Leisure Centre)**

**Photos will be available after the event.**

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