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St John Maitland Cadet Division honours its young heroes

St John (NSW) Maitland Cadet Division celebrated their achievements in a ceremony on Monday 8th December at Maitland Police and Community Youth Club.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, for those 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.

Olivia Dawson, awarded 'Cadet of the Year' in recognition for her outstanding contribution to the local community, said:

"The feeling is amazing. It's great to be able to give back to the community while having fun and meeting new people."

The Dawson family got another award, with Karen Dawson, Olivia's mother and also the divisional nurse, being honored 'Member Of The Year'. This award is given to those involved with the division, whether they are a volunteer or not, who provided high calibre service during the past year.

Corey Rowland was awarded 'Junior Of The Year'. This award is for 8 to 11 year old volunteers who demonstrate commitment with St John and the local community.

Robert Ford received an award for providing the highest number of hours of voluntary service within Maitland Cadet Division.

Divisional Officer in-charge, Brendan Lovett, awarded Cadet Justin Lanesbury for improving his skills and going above and beyond for his division. Mr Lovett spoke about St John Cadets as exceptional young people donating their valuable time to support our community.

"It's an honour to reward these young heroes. It is remarkable that amidst their studies, family, work and other commitments, they still find time to do this extraordinary work" Mr Lovett said.

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