

MEDIA RELEASE

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Bulli St John Division needs new home

Bulli St John Division is urgently seeking a new meeting place, as they are being forced to leave their current location at the Bulli Police Station as it is being sold.

The Bulli Division currently conducts its meetings and training sessions at the Police Station buildings, in order to provide a professional voluntary first aid service to the local community.

The Division is one of the oldest working divisions in Australia with over 100 years of commitment to serving the community. They currently have eight members and provide first aid at events throughout the northern suburbs of Wollongong right through to Helensburgh. These events include the Bulli Show, skateboarding competitions and the Thirroul Seaside Festival.

As the premises will no longer be available shortly, the Division is seeking an alternative place to meet and store their equipment.

Len Smith, Divisional Superintendent of St John Bulli Division, comments:

“Ideally the new location would consist of a secure storage room to safeguard valuable modern specialized equipment and medical supplies, as well as a meeting room for multi-purpose use with tea-making facilities. We also need a small lock-up garage to store a collapsible first aid trailer.

“The Bulli Division is not in a position to make rental payments as St John is a not-for-profit organisation, relying heavily on donations to continue essential first aid work.

“We are appealing to the community for assistance and support in relocating the Bulli Division to another venue, preferably in the Fairymeadow to Thirroul area.”

Please contact Julianne Lennon at the Wollongong St John Branch on 4229 2788 with any information or suggestions.

The Division is also always looking for new members to join the group. First Aid volunteers learn and practice First Aid, family care and other subjects to enhance their life saving skills. Members can attend training courses to learn advanced First Aid and life saving skills, communications, leadership training and participate in special event training such as major incident management courses.

To find out more please visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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