

MEDIA RELEASE

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Molong St John volunteers receive Community Group of the Year Award

The Molong St John Cadet Division received the Cabonne Council Community Group of the Year Award, after being nominated by an anonymous citizen.

The Division was presented with a framed certificate by the Australia Day Ambassador Wayne Sharp at a ceremony held at the Molong RSL on 26 January 2008. Cabonne Council Mayor Mr John Farr was also in attendance, announcing the recipients of the Australia Day Awards.

The Award was accepted by Divisional Superintendent Julie Dean on behalf of the Molong Cadet Division. Divisional Officers Elizabeth Newstead and Kerry Burchett were part of the ceremony along with a group of 13 Cadets, Juniors and a Cadet Leader.

Ms Dean comments on receiving the award:

“We are so excited that someone, a local citizen unknown to us, nominated our group. What a start to 2008 for us!”

Although the St John volunteers were there to simply receive the award, their first aid skills were soon needed. After the ceremony an elderly lady slipped and fell in the cool room whilst helping with the afternoon tea.

Ms Dean comments:

“St John was called to assist her, so very quickly the first aid kits came out of the car boot and we prepared to examine her extensive wounds; a large laceration to the head and two large avulsions on her arm.

“An ambulance was called but being a sprightly lady she insisted on walking out of the RSL auditorium. We assisted her to the ambulance and she sat in the front passenger seat apologising for all the trouble she had caused. We have followed up on her condition and she is back in her flat with the Community Nurses visiting daily to dress her wounds. We all hope to be that resilient at the age of 92!”

To find out more about St John or becoming a volunteer visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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