



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# St John Lismore desperate for volunteers

Members of the Lismore St John Division are desperately seeking volunteers to continue their valuable service to the community, by providing first aid at local events.

Len Johnston, Events Officer, St John Lismore Division, comments;

“We have already received more than 20 requests for service in 2008, so we really need new recruits to help provide this service and retain our profile in the community.

“We would like to encourage anyone who is interested in giving something back to the community to get involved with St John.

“Without our dedicated volunteers St John would not exist. They are the backbone of our organisation and we encourage more people to join this wonderful cause.”

The Division currently has 12 volunteers, providing 2,000 hours of service and treating 350 casualties every year.

Many of these volunteers are on duty at large events including the Byron Bay Blues & Roots Festival, Splendour in the Grass, but for most local residents, St John volunteers are best known for their presence at local sporting, school and community events. Local St John volunteers provide medical assistance at events including Lismore Lantern Parade and Primex Casino.

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.

The Lismore Division meets on Thursday night at 7pm at 105 Molesworth Street, Lismore

**To find out more about St John please visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au) or call 1300 360 455.**

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