



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## St John thanks over 700 volunteers for their contribution to World Youth Day

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the 700 St John volunteers who were on duty at events during World Youth Day.

Major General Warren Glenny, Commissioner of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), comments:

“Our volunteers worked tirelessly throughout World Youth Day, ensuring the safety of pilgrims at all major events. At Randwick Racecourse crowds were larger than the entire population of Canberra, and St John volunteers were there treating pilgrims for problems such as blisters, to other conditions such as fractures and mild hypothermia.

“I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for the amazing work they did because without them, there wouldn't be a St John. Many of our volunteers took annual leave from their paid employment to serve at this event, and for that we are extremely grateful.

“World Youth Day is a demonstration of the ongoing commitment of St John to the community and we are very proud that our volunteers enable the valuable work of our organisation to continue.”

St John Ambulance Australia was the official provider of first aid at World Youth Day, with volunteers from across Australia and also from the United Kingdom and South Africa.

St John provided first aid post teams, Bicycle Emergency Response Teams (BERTs), and an Advanced Casualty Management Centre (ACMC). The ACMC was staffed by volunteer doctors, nurses and paramedics, as well as appropriately experienced St John members. Members liaised with Ambulance Service NSW (ASNSW) and NSW HEALTH to provide the very best in first aid response treatment.

From Tuesday 15 July to Friday 18 July, St John had at least 22 posts around Sydney, and at Randwick Racecourse on the weekend there was another 22 posts, with 12 posts at Centennial Park.

St John (NSW) welcomes new volunteers and offers strong support and training programs to provide them with life-long skills and knowledge.

To find out more about volunteering with St John (NSW) or to show your support by learning first aid or buying first aid equipment contact St John (NSW) on 1300 360 455 or visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au).

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