

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Join the St John (NSW) Immunisation Program in Newcastle**

St John (NSW) is looking for volunteers to join their Immunisation Program and assist the NSW Health Department when immunising secondary school students against a range of vaccine preventable diseases.

To become a volunteer St John runs Immunisation Program Courses for people who wish to give back to the community and provide assistance for a worthy cause.

The volunteers support the health professionals by checking consent forms, answering questions, assisting students both prior to, and after immunisation.

The FREE four hour course will be held in Newcastle on 19 March. On completion of the Immunisation Program Course, participants will be shown a schedule of the school visits throughout the year, and given the opportunity to nominate which schools they wish to attend.

To be eligible for the Immunisation Program you must be a minimum 18 years of age and have successfully completed the Immunisation Program Course.

“The St John Immunisation Program Course is a great way to help students and give something back to the community. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and experience, and value the benefits of immunisation,” said Marcia Chalmers, Community Care Manager.

#### **Course details:**

<b>When</b>	Wednesday 19 March 2008
<b>Where</b>	St John Ambulance (NSW) Australia Training Room Court Street, Adamstown
<b>Time</b>	9:30am – 2:30pm
<b>Cost</b>	FREE
<b>Bookings</b>	02 9219 6842

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