



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## St John volunteers on duty at World Youth Day

This year St John Ambulance Australia is the official provider of First Aid at World Youth Day 2008, which takes place in Sydney from Tuesday 15 to Sunday 20 July 2008.

More than 500 St John volunteers from across the country will be on duty at World Youth Day events, providing rapid response teams, First Aid post teams and an Advanced Casualty Management Centre (ACMC).

The ACMC will be staffed by volunteer medical officers, nurses and paramedics, as well as appropriately experienced St John members. Members will liaise with Ambulance Service NSW (ASNSW) and NSW HEALTH to provide the very best in First Aid response treatment.

Sean Gavin, CEO of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), comments:

“St John members will provide more than 20,000 hours of service to the community during World Youth Day and we are continuing a long, proud tradition by being part of this amazing event.”

St John is encouraging those attending World Youth Day to seek out their closest St John First Aid post if they are in need of first aid or medical assistance during the event.

St John First Aid posts will be situated at:

### **Tuesday 15 – Friday 18 July**

- CBD Venues:
  - Hyde Park = 2 posts
  - St Mary's Cathedral = 1 post (only operational on Friday 18 July)
  - Domain = 2 posts
  - Sydney Opera House = 1 post
- Barangaroo = 12 posts
- Darling Harbour = 4 posts
- Mary Mckillop Place = 1 post

### **Saturday 19 July**

- Randwick Racecourse = 22 posts
- Pilgrim Walk = 8 posts (including Egress on Saturday night)
- Mary Mckillop Place = 1 post



## Sunday 20 July

- Randwick Racecourse= 22 posts
- Centennial Park = 12 posts
- Ingress/Egress Sunday = 3 posts
- Mary Mckillop Place = 1 post

To keep safe at all events St John urges those attending to follow some basic first aid tips:

- If you are sleeping out bring warm clothes, including a waterproof jacket, warm hat, thick socks, warm sleeping bag and thick ground sheet
- Bring wet weather gear
- Keep your fluids up by drinking plenty of water
- Throughout the day don't forget to apply sunscreen every two hours and to wear a hat
- Plan when you will eat so you don't skip a meal
- Bring your own prescribed medications, such as ventolin and insulin
- Beware of broken glass when walking and sitting
- If you or any of your family or friends need help, seek out your nearest St John post and a volunteer will assist you

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