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St John Western Suburbs Division desperately seeks new volunteers

Do you wish you had the skills to save a life?

St John Western Suburbs Division is currently looking for new volunteers, so join up now!

There are 31 St John volunteers in the Western Suburbs, providing more than 3,000 hours of volunteer service annually and treating over 1,000 casualties.

Many of these volunteers are on duty at large events including the New Year's Eve celebrations, but for most local residents, St John volunteers are best known for their presence at local sporting, school and community events. These events include Relay For Life at Concord and the Five Dock Festival.

Carmel McLean, of St John Western Suburbs Division, comments:

"Many young volunteers have found St John Cadets to be a valuable stepping-stone for career as an ambulance officer, nurse or in medicine.

"Without these dedicated volunteers St John would not exist. They are the backbone of our organisation and we encourage more people to join this wonderful cause and assist the team in providing first aid services at events.

"However, if you aren't able to volunteer, learning first aid is still extremely important, especially in ensuring the safety of your family. Even if you never have to use the skills, knowing you could save a life means you can be prepared for any emergency."

The Western Suburbs Division meets every Wednesday night at 45 Belmore Street, Burwood at 7.30pm.

St John is always looking for new volunteers to join their Divisions. 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.

In June this year St John Ambulance Australia celebrates 125 years of service, commemorating thousands of hours of voluntary community service, and remaining the leading first aid organisation across the country. As part of celebrations, St John is encouraging the community to get involved with the organisation through one of three ways. This includes becoming a volunteer, doing business with St John through first aid training or buying a first aid kit, and by making a donation.

To find out more please visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 0439 677 371.

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