

MEDIA RELEASE

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Zoo thanks St John for 125 years of service to the Australian Community

Taronga and Taronga Western Plains Zoos are providing free entry for all St John (NSW) members, as a thank you for 125 years of service to the Australian Community.

In June 2008 St John Ambulance Australia celebrates its 125th anniversary as the leading first aid organisation in the country, contributing thousands of hours of voluntary community service.

St John (NSW) CEO Sean Gavin comments:

“I would like to publicly thank the Zoos for their generous gift to St John (NSW). This is a lovely way to say thanks to our members for their service to the community.

“I would also like to encourage the public to help us celebrate our anniversary by volunteering, learning first aid or donating to help support our charitable services.”

Guy Cooper CEO, Taronga and Taronga Western Plains Zoos said they were pleased to be able to provide something to thank St John members.

“We hope they enjoy this free gift, as a thank you for all their hard work over the years. They really do make a valuable contribution to the community,” said Mr Cooper.

St John (NSW) has over 3,600 members who through teaching first aid, providing first aid services to the community, helping primary school children with reading and assisting the Health Department with the schools immunisation program provide more than 520,000 hours of voluntary service each year. There are 105 First Aid Services Volunteer Divisions in NSW, from Lismore to Bega, and Broken Hill to Parramatta and they treat some 36,000 casualties annually

Many of these members are on duty at large events including the Royal Easter Show and the Big Day Out, but for most local residents, St John members are best known for their presence at local sporting, school and community events.

To find out more about St John and getting involved with us please visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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