



MEDIA RELEASE

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St John honours its heroes at ceremony

St John (NSW) will honour 83 people (St John volunteers and members of the community) at a ceremony at The Great Hall, Sydney University on Saturday 11 October.

The awards are presented to St John volunteers for long term commitment to providing the highest quality voluntary first aid services to the community and fulfilling the St John mission of helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger.

Members of the community will be awarded for providing outstanding first aid in emergencies.

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

“St John is extremely proud to honour our volunteers who give up their time to provide first aid at public events, teach first aid in their communities or provide community care services. They are the backbone of St John and we value the extraordinary work that our volunteers do every day of the week.

St John first aid volunteers are on duty at large community events including Big Day Out, New Year's Eve celebrations, the Royal Easter Show and the City to Surf. They are also at local sporting, school and community events. St John Community Care volunteers provide assistance to the NSW Department of Health with their immunisation program, as well as help children learn to read in schools.

In NSW alone, each year St John typically:

- supports and trains around 3,000 first aid services volunteers
- treats more than 36,000 first aid casualties
- provides over 400,000 hours of voluntary first aid and training services
- supports about 500 volunteers who are involved in early literacy and immunisation community programs

To become a St John (NSW) volunteer or to learn first aid call 1300 360 455 or visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au.

Please see below for a full list of awardees. Photos will be available after the event.

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Community Service Awards

Great Saves by members of the community

Peter Badger - Bradbury
Tom Fletcher - Blacktown
Jennie Friend - Rooty Hill
Leslie Harrison - Rooty Hill
Sarah Ray - Broken Hill
Elizabeth Roantree - Oakhurst
John Saraceno - Glendenning
Blair Stephens - Broken Hill
Ian Warhurst - Rooty Hill
Greg Watkins - Coffs Harbour

Great Saves by members of the NSW Fire Brigade

Dragan Bilbija - Senior Firefighter
Peter Grose - Senior Firefighter
Quentin Johnson - Station Officer
Andrew Moss - Retained Firefighter
James Russell - Captain
Jason Schnepf - Retained Firefighter
Ross Wilton - Senior Firefighter

Grand Prior Awards

James Adams - Bathurst Cadet Division
Jusara Caple - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Lachlan Coppin - Blacktown Cadet Division
Dayanna Grageda - Miller Combined Division
James Green - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Shevera Gunasekera - Western Suburbs Cadet Division
Brittany Hillier - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Krystle Mukics - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Amanda Nicholson - Penrith Cadet Division
Sarah Nicholson - Penrith Cadet Division
Nicollette Norley - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Rebecca Parry Bolton - Albury Cadet Division
Kyara Pascoe - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Natalie Pocock - Granville Division
Peggy Pope - Broken Hill Cadet Division
Brenden Robins - Central Coast Cadet Division
Derrick Robson - Fairfield Cadet Division
Jessica Robson - Fairfield Cadet Division
Aleesha Searle - Broken Hill Cadet Division
John Walden - Fairfield Cadet Division

Peter Falkland Award

Charlotte Robinson - Glebe Cadet Division



Edeline Jenkyn Trophy

Jessica Robson - Fairfield Cadet Division
Dylan Snape - Blacktown Cadet Division

Service Awards

Service Medal of the Order - 12 years efficient voluntary service

Deb Ainslie - Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Division
Robert Baker - Granville Division
Shane Barton - St George Division
Peter Bennett - Mid-West Division
Marlene Boshier - Central Coast Cadet Division
Adam Boyce - Central Coast Division
Peter Burson - Northern Region
Terence Coleborn - Blue Mountains City Division
Leanne Cooper - Coffs Harbour Training Area
Martin Cuzner - Upper Blue Mountains Combined Division
Chi Fong - Paddington Division
Rayleen Johnson - Hawkesbury Cadet Division
David Jones - Western Sydney Training Area
Linda Lee - Sydney University Division
Brett McCarthy - Bankstown Division
John McCulloch - Goulburn Division
Lola Mills - North Coast Training Area
Julie Munro - Central Coast Division
Brent Murray - Macarthur Division
Jessica Nilsson - Sydney University Division
Dianne Remmert - Broken Hill Division
Maryanne Rowe-Kelly - Bankstown Division
Wayne Senior - Blue Mountains City Division
Leslie Watton - Ryde Division
Patricia Zaubzer - Blacktown Division

First Bar to the Service Medal of the Order – 17 years efficient voluntary service

Barbara Bignell - Western Region
James Bishop - Hunter Training Area
Steven Bone - Maitland Division
Sophie Carr - Paddington Division
Barry Deveney - Bathurst Division
David Downie - Mount Sugarloaf Division
Stephen Finlay - Hunter Training Area
Patrick Gillespie - Ryde Division
Walter Gray - Parramatta Division
Edward Hajjar - Marrickville Division
Rhonda-Lee Hutchings - State Staff
Leonard Johnston - North Coast Training Area
Malcolm Little - Westgate Training Area
Lindy McCarroll - Kiama Division
David Miller - Hornsby & Sydney North Training Area
Barbara Veling - Lismore Division



Second Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 22 years efficient voluntary service

Geoffrey Arigho - Central Coast Cadet Division (2002)
Dudley Barlin - Mid North Coast Training Area
Kenneth Chu - Glebe Division
Pauline Clare - New England Training Area
John Clary - Bathurst Cadet Division
William Coppin - Blacktown Division
Fay Gleave - North Coast Training Area
Leslie Hodges - Central Coast Training Area
Richard Knapman - Southern Highlands Training Area
Warwick Mackay - Hawkesbury Division
Kenneth Martin - Broken Hill Training Area
Ronald McWhirter - State Staff
Vivienne Miller - Hornsby & Sydney North Training Area
Pela O'Reilly - State Staff
Ian Russell - Western Suburbs Division
Alfred Smith - North Coast Training Area
Robert Teusner - Broken Hill Training Area
Dennis Trevithick - Kingscliff Division

Third Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 27 years efficient voluntary service

Geoffrey Arigho - Central Coast Cadet Division
Helen Connolly - Broken Hill Division
Christopher Moore - Ryde Division
Stephen Potts - Southern Region
Helen Waterhouse - Ryde Division

Fourth Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 32 years efficient voluntary service

Shirley Chantler - Miller Combined Division
Mark Compton - Receiver General
Anthony O'Reilly - Western Suburbs Division

Fifth Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 37 years efficient voluntary service

Daniel McEwen - State Staff
Karen Schneider - Campbelltown Training Area
Rhonda Sneddon - Sydney Greater Metropolitan Region

Sixth Bar to the Service Medal of the Order - 42 years efficient voluntary service

Nola Osmond - Warners Bay Division
Milan Stenek - Adamstown RSL Cadet Division

Eighth Bar to the Service medal of the Order - 52 years of efficient voluntary service

Trevor Mayhew - State Staff