



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### St John honours Broken Hill heroes

St John (NSW) honoured Broken Hill St John volunteers and members of the community at their Annual Awards 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 were awarded for providing outstanding first aid in emergencies.

**Please find a full list of Western Suburbs awardees below.**

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

“St John was 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](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au).

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Photos are available if requested.

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**Community Service Awards**  
**Great Saves by members of the community**

Sarah Ray – Broken Hill  
Blair Stephens – Broken Hill

**Grand Prior Awards**

Jusara Caple – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
James Green – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
Brittany Hillier – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
Krystle Mukics – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
Nicollette Norley – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
Kyara Pascoe – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
Peggy Pope – Broken Hill Cadet Division  
Aleesha Searle – Broken Hill Cadet Division