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St John honours South Coast heroes

St John (NSW) honoured South Coast St John volunteers 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.

John McCulloch from Grabben Gullen received a Service Medal for 12 years of efficient voluntary service, Lindy McCarroll from Gerringong was awarded with a First Bar for 17 years efficient voluntary service and Richard Knapman from Bowral was honoured with a Second Bar for 22 years efficient voluntary service.

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.

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Photos of the event are now available.

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