



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### St John honours Western Suburbs heroes

St John (NSW) honoured Western Suburbs 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 from the event are now available.

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### **Special plaques: Outstanding services at World Youth Day**

Eric tam – Bankstown Division  
Didier Moutia – State Operations Officer - Blacktown  
James Chandler – State Cadets Officer - Cecil Hills  
Kerrie Hall - Regional Superintendent - Chullora  
Michele Davidson – State Staff Officer - Penshurst  
Mark Hutchings - State Staff Officer(Cadets) - St Marys South

### **Community Service Awards**

#### **Great Saves by members of the community**

Peter Badger - Bradbury  
Tom Fletcher - Blacktown  
Jennie Friend - Rooty Hill  
Leslie Harrison - Rooty Hill  
Elizabeth Roantree - Oakhurst  
John Saraceno - Glendenning  
Ian Warhurst - Rooty Hill

#### **Grand Prior Awards**

Lachlan Coppin - Blacktown Cadet Division  
Dayanna Grageda - Miller Combined Division  
Shevera Gunasekera - Western Suburbs Cadet Division  
Amanda Nicholson - Penrith Cadet Division  
Sarah Nicholson - Penrith Cadet Division  
Natalie Pocock - Granville Division  
Derrick Robson - Fairfield Cadet Division  
Jessica Robson - Fairfield Cadet Division  
John Walden - Fairfield Cadet Division

#### **Service Awards**

##### **Service Medal of the Order - 12 years efficient voluntary service**

Robert Baker - Granville Division  
Rayleen Johnson - Hawkesbury Cadet Division  
David Jones - Western Sydney Training Area  
Brent Murray - Macarthur Division  
Patricia Zaubzer - Blacktown Division

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

Walter Gray - Parramatta Division  
Edward Hajjar - Marrickville Division  
Rhonda-Lee Hutchings - State Staff  
Malcolm Little - Westgate Training Area



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

William Coppin - Blacktown Division  
Ronald McWhirter - State Staff  
Ian Russell - Western Suburbs Division

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

Shirley Chantler - Miller Combined 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