



MEDIA RELEASE

St John Ambulance calls for volunteers in Lismore

12 June 2009. St John (NSW) Lismore Division is encouraging local people to join their active team this winter. The division will have a display at the Lismore Square Shopping Centre on Thursday 18 June at 6pm, where volunteers will be available to explain first hand the work they do in the community.

“We will answer questions and share experiences. People out there need to know that this is a wonderful way to give back to the community”, said Len Johnston, volunteer since 1978.

Following that, a more detailed information session will be held on 25 June at 7pm at the St John Centre, 105 Molesworth Street, Lismore.

Local volunteers provide first aid in Lismore and surrounding areas, attending events such as Primex Agricultural Field Day, Trans-Tasman BMX, concerts, local soccer and other sporting events.

There are seven St John volunteers in Lismore, who attend to 60 events per year providing over 3000 hours of volunteer service and treating 350 casualties annually.

Tom Maxwell, Officer in Charge, believes the work of volunteers is essential for St John.

“These dedicated volunteers are the backbone of St John and we encourage more people to join this wonderful cause and give back to the community.”

“While some people join St John as a stepping stone to a career in health services many others find it has application in their work as the skills are universal. There is not a time of life when first aid isn't needed at some point” Mr Maxwell said.

St John volunteers are highly trained with nationally recognised qualifications. The division meets every Thursday at 7pm at the St John Centre.

To know more about St John (NSW) or to become a volunteer in Lismore, please call Barbara Veling at 02 6686 5028 or visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au.

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