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Help goes both ways for St John Ambulance in Bathurst

16 June 2009. St John (NSW) is used to helping others, whether through its volunteer work or teaching first aid in the community. However, this time, it was St John being assisted.

A donation by NSW Government will help the St John (NSW) Bathurst Cadet Division to upgrade their mobile first aid post as well as the purchase of life-saving oxygen and defibrillation equipment.

NSW Premier Nathan Rees and the State Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin MP, handed a \$5,500 cheque to St John at the Bathurst Public Forum, held on Wednesday 10 June.

The Premier said St John Ambulance Cadets, 11-17 year old volunteers, are an example for many adults.

“These cadets, some as young as 11 years old, are already actively engaged in assisting those in need in our community.

“It is very reassuring that St John is always there supporting our community, and at the same time, contributing to the development of our youth. I’m pleased we were able to provide them with this support”, The Premier said.

Bathurst Cadet Division’s superintendent, Mr John Clary, believes the work of volunteers is essential to the local community.

“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.

“It is remarkable that amidst their studies, family, work and other commitments, they still find time to do this extraordinary work”, he said.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, for those aged from 11 to 18, who develop extensive first aid, communication and leadership skills. Once trained, they are able to provide first aid at events under adult supervision.

In 2008, when St John Ambulance celebrated its 125 years of service in Australia, over 4,000 volunteers provided more than 450,000 hours of voluntary service across the state in the areas of first aid, early literacy, immunisation and ophthalmic care.

To know more about St John (NSW) or to become a volunteer in the Bathurst area, please visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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