



MEDIA RELEASE

St John Ambulance calls for volunteers in Armidale

22 September 2009. As summer approaches, St John (NSW) Armidale Division is encouraging local people to join their active team.

Local volunteers provide first aid in Armidale and surrounding areas, attending events such as The Armidale Show, Wool Expo, Rodeo's, Motorbike race days, concerts, cycling and sporting events. Volunteers also have the opportunity to attend larger events in the Sydney area such as Big Day Out, City to Surf and New Years Eve.

St John volunteers are highly trained with nationally recognised qualifications. The division meets every second Wednesday at the Armidale School at 7pm.

Peter Cameron, 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 members use 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 Cameron said.

There are eight St John volunteers in Armidale, providing over 1300 hours of volunteer service treating approximately 300 casualties annually.

To know more about St John (NSW) or to become a volunteer in Armidale, please call 02 6772 4319, visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or e-mail stjohnambulance.armidale@bigpond.com

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Photos are available upon request.

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