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St John Cadet awarded The Hills Shire Council's Young Citizen of the Year

Taylor Page, a St John (NSW) cadet from the North Rocks Cadet Division was awarded Young Citizen of the Year on Monday 19 January at The Hills Shire Council's Australia Day Awards. The award recognises young citizens who made an outstanding contribution to the local community.

The 18-year old from Winston Hills has been a Cadet with St John Ambulance since 2002. Since then, she has contributed almost 1000 volunteer hours at various sporting and community events within the Hills Shire.

When asked the reason why she volunteers with St John, Taylor says:

"I love to volunteer with St John because it gives me the opportunity to give back to my local community while having fun and meeting new people.

"It's great to be able to provide first aid at several events from local soccer games to New Years Eve or Australia Day", Ms Page said.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, for those aged 11 to 18, who develop extensive first aid, life, communication and leadership skills. Once trained, they are able to provide first aid at events under adult supervision. They also attend various excursions and camps during the year.

Jennie Page, Taylor's mother, and also a volunteer with St John Ambulance, says her daughter's passion for volunteering goes back many years.

"Volunteering is second nature to Taylor. She started out coming along to various events with me in the scouts when she was only three years old.

"She has taken part in several fundraising projects such as Red Shield Appeal, Red Cross Calling, St Vincent de Paul's Christmas campaign and The Cancer Council", Mrs Page said.

North Rocks Cadet Division Superintendent, Ken Schneider OAM, speaks about St John Cadets as exceptional young people donating their valuable time to support our community.

"It's great to see these young heroes rewarded. It is remarkable that amidst their studies, family, work and other commitments, they still find time to do this extraordinary work" Mr Schneider said.

Having recently reached the age of 18, Taylor is she is now looking to take on the role of Cadet Leader within the North Rocks Cadet Division, with the objective of developing advanced skills such as leadership while helping younger cadets.

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

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