



## MEDIA RELEASE

# St John Ambulance calls for volunteers in Wagga Wagga

**27 March 2009.** As winter approaches, St John (NSW) Wagga Wagga Division is encouraging local people to join their active team.

Local volunteers provide first aid in Wagga Wagga and surrounding areas, attending events such as Agricultural Shows, Rodeo's, Relay for Life, Motor Cross, Go Karts, concerts, cycling and sporting events.

Recently, many volunteers were deployed to Victoria to assist those in need during the bushfires.

St John volunteers are highly trained with nationally recognised qualifications. The division meets every Wednesday evening (during school term) at Lake Albert Scout Hall, Angel St, Lake Albert at 7pm.

Faye Rutledge, Divisional Superintendent, 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" Ms Rutledge said.

There are 16 St John volunteers in Wagga Wagga, providing over 2200 hours of volunteer service treating approximately 600 casualties annually.

To know more about St John (NSW) or to become a volunteer in Wagga Wagga, please call 0419 616 482 or visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au).

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**Photos are available upon request.**

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