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St John (NSW) invites local teenagers to give back to the community

7 October 2009. As summer approaches, Bankstown City Cadet division of St John Ambulance is encouraging teenagers 14 years-old and over to join its active volunteer team.

The division will hold an open night at the Bankstown Library on 19 October at 6pm, where volunteers will answer questions and show how teenagers can give back to the community whilst developing important skills for the future.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, who develop extensive first aid, 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.

“While some 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”, said Ahmad Rawas, Officer-in-Charge.

“There is not a time of life when first aid isn’t needed at some point.”

Cadet leader Silvana Jreige, 19, started volunteering in May.

“In only 9 months of St John I have already made friends and we have a good time while covering events.

“My favourite is the Royal Easter Show in Homebush as it’s a family event, making it a great atmosphere”, she said.

The Bankstown City Cadet division will accept 20 new cadets when it re-opens in October. The division is expected to provide over 500 hours of volunteer first aid in Bankstown and surrounding areas.

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 become a St John Cadet in Bankstown, please call Ahmad Rawas 0404 141 654. To know more about St John (NSW) visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au

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