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**RE: Local resident receives Young Volunteer award from
Australian Institute of Emergency Services (AIES)**

On 14th July, Pendle Hill resident and St John (NSW) volunteer Mickael Gieules received the 2009-10 Australian Institute of Emergency Services Young Volunteer Award.

The award recognises one young person for outstanding and ongoing contributions and commitment to the community through his or her membership of the emergency services as a volunteer.

AIES Vice President NSW Divisional Committee member, Peter Dixon, highlighted the work St John cadets do and their eligibility for the award.

“Mickael is a great role model for other young volunteers across the country. His dedication to St John as a Cadet Leader, member of the St John Youth Council and his many years experience within St John means he is perfect for the award” Mr Dixon said.

Mickael was honoured to receive the award.

“It is an honour to receive the award. I really enjoy volunteering with St John and get so much from being a part of the organisation.” Mickael said.

Mickael receives a fully sponsored voyage in the sail training ship Young Endeavour where he can develop skills in teamwork, leadership and communication.

Mickael was presented his award in front of the James Craig at the National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour.

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Notes to editor:

Photographs are available. Please contact Ellen Gregory on 0400 934 755 or 02 9745 8880.