Mark’s Desk
This week is Volunteer Week and I would like to personally thank you all for the time and effort that you have put into St John Ambulance supporting the community. I especially would like to thank your families who support you every time you Volunteer; without their support you would not be able to Volunteer.

To all the members who are mothers I hope you have had a great Mothers’ Day. I spent Mothers’ Day at Darwin Life Expo PR Stand. I took my children to give my wife a break.

On Saturday I supported the Darwin Cadets doing their fundraising at Harvey Norman. It was also great to see Katherine Combined Division out at the local Tick Market.

Alice Springs had a lot of rain last weekend, with all sporting events getting cancelled, which was a shame.

I will be away from the Office as of Thursday and returning on Monday as I am travelling to Adelaide to attend their Conference.

Mark Ferguson MStJ
Director First Aid Services

Thank you to our 500+ AMAZING volunteers!

St John Volunteers are awesome people, recognised and valued not just by St John but by the whole community, and being a St John volunteer speaks volumes about who you are as a person. We love our volunteers and would like to thank them for their support, commitment and their service to the community.
St John Ambulance Station opens in Humpty Doo

9 May 2016

Territorians living in the rural area who need urgent health attention will be better serviced with the opening of the Humpty Doo Ambulance Station today.

Minister for Health John Elferink, along with Chief Minister Adam Giles, inspected the new centre which will allow an expanded ambulance service in the rural area.

“St John currently services the rural area’s 23,000 residents from their Palmerston station,” Minister Elferink said.

“In the last quarter there were 559 ‘000’ call-outs in the rural area.

“By having an ambulance station in Humpty Doo, it drastically cuts down the time rural residents will have to wait for urgent medical treatment.”

Chief Minister Adam Giles welcomed the opening of the new station which comes after the signing of the new $149 million, five year agreement signed between the Northern Territory Government and St John Ambulance Australia (NT) in February.

“The new agreement is an increase of $46 million, compared to the previous five-year agreement, allowing St John to employ additional staff and buy new ambulances and equipment,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“It is expected ambulances operating from the new Humpty Doo station will improve call-out times by 10-15 minutes to areas like Humpty Doo, Coolalinga, Virginia and Bee’s Creek compared with the current call-out times from Palmerston.

“There will also be a similar improvement in call-out times for people living towards Jabiru.”

St John CEO, Ross Coburn said: “This is a product of our new contract negotiations that works towards meeting work demand in the rural environment.

“We are very pleased to be able to get additional resources to meet demand and assist with the heavy workload of our staff.

“This has only been achieved through government support with additional resourcing as part of the new five year contract.”

St John will use a fluid deployment model based at Palmerston to staff the new station and will continuously review the transition process.

In addition to an enhanced service for the rural area, St John will also start a new 24/7 patient transport crew in Palmerston.

"The new station is great news for rural Territorians and the hard-working St John staff dedicating their time to the service of the NT," Minister Elferink said.

Media Contact:

For Chief Minister: Joss Papworth 0418 979 633
For Minister Elferink: Grant Stockwell 0447 917 632

*The new station is at 39 Vereker Street, Humpty Doo.*
Chief Minister Adam Giles cuts the ribbon, watched by St John CEO Ross Coburn, John Elferink and Dr Len Notaras of the NT Department of Health

Director of Ambulance Operations Mick McKay shows the Chief Minister inside an ambulance

Operations Manager Craig Garraway & Support Services Manager Kevin Blake with the Chief Minister

Dabsco Golf Day

Nadia Packer, Mandy Paradise, Kathy Allen and Dawn Bat helped out at the Dabsco Golf Day, held on Wednesday
Katherine News - Leanne McGill

Katherine Division had some fun last week with Thursday evening training including a scenario outside with a 'casualty who had a fractured left tibia and fibula' just conveniently next to Vollie Car 192. James, Bruce, Megan, Anthony, Lorinda and Leanne attended and managed the client in two-way learning and teaching session.

Then Saturday morning saw us setting up a promotional display at the Katherine Markets with a great deal of community interest and interaction. Balloons, ambulances, pamphlets, information sheets and answers to questions were readily given out while we also sold first aid kits, raffle tickets and subscriptions.
Sunday morning took us and 192 out to the Natural Terrain Motocross flat track for a first of season meet and a good roll-up of bikes and competitors - adults and little ones. A great time was had by all and Megan and Leanne breathed in dust and exhaust noise as a good preparation for Finke Desert Race.... A huge thankyou to everyone for their involvement.
Thanks to Fiona Reid for these photos of the duty, with NTES and Hospital, for the 50km bike ride on a long, hot windy day.

Some bikes ready to go

Fiona being sun smart

Bongo helping put up the tent

Helen and Justin

Yes, we made it!!
Alice Springs Youth
Manual handling – scoop and stretcher: photos courtesy of Rae Cotton
Darwin Life Expo
Thanks to Debbie Garraway for these photos:

Flu Vac Information
Anyone wishing to have a flu vacs you will need to make an appointment using these clinics:

- CDU Medical Centre (Dripstone Road, Alawa) - 08 8901 8800
- Palmerston GP Super clinic (Palmerston) – 08 8919 8919

You will need to show your St John NT ID Badge at the check-in desk in order to receive the vaccination for free.

If you live outside of the Darwin area please contact the Volunteer office for more information on how to get your flu vac.
Anzac Day in Cambodia

https://www.facebook.com/groups/373285719537544/

St. John Phnom Penh at ANZAC DAY 2016 ceremony at the Australian Embassy.
This week’s featured Adult First Aid Competition was held in Raintree Park, Darwin in 1995. The person hanging in the parachute harness is Brian Maden. Brian had been a paratrooper in the British Army and a champion skydiver in civilian life. He was also a notable St John volunteer.

I believe that the parachute scenario was repeated for the National Competitions in Alice Springs in 2004. I’ll look through our archives for those photos to feature another week. Meanwhile, next week we’ll take a stroll down Casuarina Beach …
Finke - in years gone by

Going through our photographic archives I found these pics that you may find interesting:

Above: 1997

Below: 1994

Stuart Oxford

Stuart & Michael Oxford
St John Ambulance around the world – Matabeleland

https://www.facebook.com/BYSTJOHN

http://stjohnmatabeleland.weebly.com/
Volunteer First Aid Services

Position Vacant

9th May 2016

SUPERINTENDENT
NHULUNBUY DIVISION

To Applicants for Promotion:

Please submit:

1. A copy of any Management Training Course Certificates
2. A letter or email to support application
3. Copy of CV with details of previous employment and experience

Direct all applications to: Warren Purse
Territory Superintendent
Email – territory.super@stjohnnt.asn.au

Closing date for applications: COB Friday 27th May, 2016

Please Note

1. Assistance in orientation to the position will be available if required
2. Management Training Courses are conducted
5. A duty statement is available from the Volunteer Office.

Running man challenge -
St John NZ: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLXgfSPiOZ
Wellington Free Ambulance: https://www.facebook.com/wellingtonfreeambulance/videos/1103732306336656/
Hello Everyone,

A quick reminder for everyone intending to attend a First Aid Course. All Volunteers must fill out a VFAS 2.8 form and have this signed by your Superintendent. This must be done and handed to the Volunteer Office prior to the course – not on the day. If this is not done, you may find yourself being given a bill to pay for the course.

I am planning to run a series of workshops to cover Cert III Basic Health Care – Advanced Responder level. This will be split into a series of modules which will allow members to attend sessions at different times and days. This will most likely start in September – when all the duties start to slow down. Happy for anyone interested to drop me an email with suggestions for days etc. or just to let me know you would be interested. For those people who are currently working on the Cert II (a prerequisite),

**Paperwork** - Every time you attend a duty, the paperwork for the duty must be completed and handed in to the volunteer office. This includes the DMS printed duty paperwork as well as any Patient Care Records and non-clinical records. These are legal documents and must be fully completed. We are still receiving PCRs that are poorly completed. If any Divisions need help in this, please let me know.

**Vehicle check sheets** – All vehicles must be checked using the vehicle check sheet before commencing a duty. The check sheet should be found in the folder with the vehicle log. Don’t forget the drug kit check. All completed paperwork must be sent to the volunteer office. If there are missing items or something not working, let the volunteer office know so that we can rectify. Most items can be restocked from the stores supply from each centre, so do your checks before leaving for the duty.

If you have not done the [Child & Vulnerable Persons (Child protection) Online course](mailto:mandy.paradise@stjohnnt.asn.au) you will drop to Obs. If there is anyone who is still having trouble doing this, please let me know as we have a solution now.

**If you require any further information on any training issue please contact me:**

   Email: [mandy.paradise@stjohnnt.asn.au](mailto:mandy.paradise@stjohnnt.asn.au)

   Phone: 8922 6205
## St John Ambulance Australia (NT)
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### Provide First Aid

**Provide First Aid**  
(1 day Flexi)

**When:** Sunday May 29th  
**Where:** Palmerston Volunteer Centre, Cook St., Farrar  
**Time:** 0830 - 1700  

Some pre-course work to be completed prior to attending.  
All VFA$2.8$ forms to be signed by Superintendent and sent to Volunteer Office.  
Closing date: COB Friday 13th May.

**ALL ENQUIRIES TO:**  
mandy.paradise@stjohnnt.asn.au  
Ph: 8922 6205

### Provide Advanced First Aid

(Requisite to become a First Responder)  

**When:** Sat 4th & Sun 5th June 2016  
**Where:** Darwin Training Hall, Ross Smith Ave, Parap  
**Time:** 0830 - 1700  

**Pre-requisite** – Current PFA (gained within last 6 months)  
All VFA$2.8$ forms to be signed by Superintendent and sent to Volunteer office.  

**Close date:** COB 20th May 2016  
**ALL ENQUIRIES TO:**  
Mandy.paradise@stjohnnt.asn.au  
Ph: 8922 6205
Certificate IV Training & Assessment

Now open for applicants

**Closing on 28th October 2016**

All approved volunteer Trainers & Assessors must have the full TAE40110 + LLN. Peter Le Cornu has kindly agreed to run another course in Darwin.

**Where:** Casuarina Centre

**Date:** Sat 12th Nov – Tue 15th Nov (Module 1)

Thurs 17th Nov – Sun 20th Nov (Module 2)

**Time:** 0900-1700 (Sunday 20th Afternoon only)

Note: The course dates have been changed so that people only need to take 1 week off work. People wishing to attend the Awards night on 19th Nov and the Church Service on 20th Nov will have time to do so.

Numbers will be limited to 15

As per usual a VFAS 2.8 must be completed and approved by your Superintendent, forms to volunteer office

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**History of St John Ambulance**

This newspaper article was published less than two weeks before the St John Ambulance Brigade was founded on St John’s Day, Friday 24th June 1887. The Brigade didn’t just pop into existence overnight: The St John Ambulance Brigade was instituted … with the decision that “the various Corps of certificated pupils of the Association should be banded together as a Brigade”. The St John Ambulance Association teaching branch was officially founded on Sunday 1st July 1877 with a meeting of the first Centre of the Association at Woolwich (UK). But even before that the first St John operational unit was an ambulance station in Burslem, established in the Town Hall on 15th March 1873 …

South Australian Register, Monday 13 June 1887

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

This Order was founded about the year 1092 for the maintenance of a hospital at Jerusalem, and, subsequently, the defence of Christian pilgrims on their journeys to and from the Holy Land. It afterwards became a knightly institution, but ever preserved its hospitals and cherished the duty of alleviating sickness and suffering.

The Order was first planted in England in the year 1100, and raised the noble structure which once formed the Priory of Clerkenwell, of which the gateway now alone remains to attest the importance of the chief house of the Order in England.

The Order held high place in this country until the year 1540, when it was despoiled, suppressed, and its property confiscated by Act of Parliament. In 1557 it was restored by Royal Charter, and much of its possessions regranted; but only to be again confiscated within the subsequent two years by a second Statute, which did not, however, enact the resuppression of the fraternity. Still, with the loss of possessions and the withdrawal of most of its members to Malta — then the sovereign seat of the Order — it became practically dormant in England.

Many fluctuations have marked the fortunes of an institution which played a prominent part in most of the great events of Europe, until its supreme disaster in the loss of Malta in 1798, after which the surviving divisions of the Order had each to perpetuate an independent existence, and to mark out the course of its own future.

It is now upwards of half a century ago that a majority of five of the seven then existing remnants of the institution decreed the revival of the time-honoured branch of the Order in England, since which event it has, so far as means permitted, pursued, in spirit, the original purposes of its foundation — the alleviation of the sick and suffering of the human race.

The following are some of the objects which have engaged the attention of the Order:—

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1 Alan Sharkey, First Aid History Group, https://www.facebook.com/groups/190225071152059/
Providing convalescent patients of hospitals (without distinction of creed) with such nourishing diets as are medically ordered, so as to aid their return, at the earliest possible time, to the business of life and the support of their families.

The (original) institution in England of what is now known as the “National Society for Aid to Sick and Wounded in War”.

The foundation and maintenance of Cottage Hospitals and Convalescent Homes.

Providing the means and opportunities for local training of nurses for the sick poor, and the foundation of what is now known as the Metropolitan and National Society for training and supplying such nurses.

The promotion of a more intimate acquaintance with the wants of the poor in time of sickness.

The establishment of ambulance litters for the conveyance of sick and injured persons in the colliery and mining districts, and in all large railway and other public departments and towns, as a means of preventing much aggravation of human suffering.

The award of silver and bronze medals and certificates of honour for special services on land in the cause of humanity.

The initiation and organization, during the recent Turco-Servian War, of the “Eastern War Sick and Wounded Relief Fund.”

The institution of the “St. John Ambulance Association” for instruction in the preliminary treatment of the injured in peace and the wounded in war.

Although started little more than five years since, this latter movement has already attained very great success, and upwards of 130 local centres have already been formed in important towns and districts in all parts of the kingdom, many others being in course of formation. Among the more notable classes are those for the instruction of the Metropolitan and City Police, County Constabulary, London and Provincial Fire Brigades, Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, the War Office, Admiralty, Somerset House, and other Government departments, the Customs-house, East and West India Docks, Surrey Commercial Docks, Victoria Docks, and numerous public and private institutions. It is only necessary to add, as a further proof of the value of the movement, that several members of the Royal Family—H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, T.R.H. Prince and Princess Christian, H.S.H. the Duke of Teck, and H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar—hold the offices of Presidents or Patrons of country centres.

Detached classes have also been held, pending the formation of centres, at numerous other places. During the past twelve months the work has extended to India, Australia and France. In France (the Riviera) many successful classes of both sexes have been held under the immediate supervision of the Central Executive Committee. In Russia, the handbook of the Association has been translated into the native language, and there, as well as in Germany and the United States, work on the lines laid down by the St. John Ambulance Association has been actively and successfully commenced.

A specially interesting episode of the work of 1885 has been the establishment of a centre at Malta, so long the principal stronghold of the Order of St. John.

Amongst many important public meetings held in connection with this branch of the Order two deserve special mention, not only on account of the additional impetus thereby given to the work, but also as indicating, in an unmistakable manner, the growing interest taken by all classes in its development.

On February 15 last year a most enthusiastic meeting, numerously attended, was held at the Mansion House, by the kind permission and under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, chiefly with a view of extending the work more fully in the city and Port of London.

On April 19 last year H.R.H. the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck presented certificates to successful pupils (principally ladies and policemen) at the Town Hall, Kensington, in the presence of a large and distinguished audience.

The Order of St. John has no connection whatever with any of the numerous Associations or fraternities now existing for benevolent or other purposes, whether similar or not in name; nor is it allied with any sect or party of any one religious denomination, but it is thoroughly universal, embracing among its members and associates those who, in the spirit of our Divine Master, are willing to devote a portion of their time or their means to the help of the suffering and the sick.

The following extracts are from the report of the St. John Association for 1885:

“In an interview at Windsor Castle with which the District Chairman (Mr. V. Barrington Kennett) and the
Chief Secretary were honoured in December last, H.R.H. Princess Beatrice expressed the utmost interest in details of ambulance work in London, especially as regards classes for the benefit of working people of both sexes, and has still further endorsed the expression of this interest by graciously consenting to present medallions and certificates at the Grosvenor Gallery, when advantage of the occasion will be taken by the ladies of the district to submit for the acceptance of the Princess a small offering, accompanied by an address of congratulation on her approaching marriage, and good wishes for her future happiness — good wishes in which the Association most cordially join with the nation at large.” This presentation was made by the pupils at the Mayfair Centre.

“The number of certificates awarded during the year has reached a total of 10,123. Of these 5,342 have been to male classes, 3,417 to female ‘first aid’ classes, and 1,364 to ‘nursing’ classes. It will be observed that the satisfactory increase in the proportion of male pupils referred to in former reports still continues, and this tendency will, it is hoped, be even still further developed. A very large number of certificated pupils now come forward for re-examination annually, and the total number of medallions issued to date now amounts to close upon 3,000.

“Of the classes some are specially noticeable, such as those for warders held at H M. prison, Parkhurst ; the boys of H.M.S. Exmouth ; the training-ships of the Metropolitan Asylums Board (to whom certificates were recently presented by Lord Shaftsbury, H.R.H. the Marchioness of Lorne having graciously undertaken the same duty); the Royal Irish Constabulary ; for the officers and men of the Guards held en route to Suakim on board the three transports, outfits of material being supplied for the purpose by Lady Brassey ; the Police, Volunteer Corps, and Fire Brigades, and Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers at various centres.”

“There has been also much activity at old established centres abroad, as at Bombay, where numerous certificates were presented by the Governor, Sir James Ferguson, shortly before his return to England, His Excellency being himself among the recipients; at Malta, where the Governor General, Sir J. Lintorn Simmons, has presented medallions to the ladies’ classes at the Palace ; and at Melbourne, where the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Loch, who is a member of the Central Committee, has presided at meetings, at one of which an address was delivered by the Duke of Manchester.”

The following are a few extracts from reports relating to provincial centres : — Mr. J. Merryweather, of the Guisborough Miners’ Hospital, says— “I could tell of many cases, such as injuries to head, face, and other parts of the body, that have been successfully treated by men belonging to the different ambulance classes. Very many accidents take place at the different works with which I am connected, and I am pleased to record with great satisfaction the pleasure and interest the men take in helping their injured brother workmen. I have also noted that the home nursing of medical cases is done better in the houses of the ambulance men ; the wives and daughter are more attentive to the instructions given by the medical man than formerly.”

Mr. W. Knott, of the Cottage Hospital, Middlesbrough, says — “The good work done cannot be too highly praised, especially in a manufacturing district such as this. First aid to the injured, if rightly performed, means in many cases a life saved or a more rapid recovery to health; either result being of the greatest importance, especially if the case should be one of injury to a man who has a wife and many little children depending upon him and his earnings for their daily bread.” Mr. J. A. Fraser, House Surgeon at the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough, reported that 537 in-patients were admitted to the Infirmary during the year, consisting largely of accident cases from the large works of Middlesbrough and neighbourhood.

The committee of the Association remark : — “From an economical point of view the advantage of disseminating ambulance knowledge is indisputable, since if the knowledge of ‘first aid’ of an ambulance pupil enables an injured man to be placed in the way of making a ‘good recovery,’ and thus return the earlier to his occupation, it is a distinct gain both to his family and friends, it lessens the call upon his own earnings, and relieves the funds of any Benefit Society to which he may be a subscriber. . . . The committee, therefore, confidently appeal to all to help them, so that the blessings of a work so compassionate in its conception, so essentially philanthropic in its execution, a work which rouses in our population a spirit of self-denial and emulation to benefit others, may be increased a thousand-fold.”

We will continue this series for the next few weeks in the lead up to St John’s Day ...
### Coming events for 2016 (subject to amendment)

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<td>Beercan Regatta</td>
<td>Mindil Beach, Darwin</td>
<td>Lunch provided, Surf Life Saving Association liaise closely with SJA members</td>
<td>Volunteer: FAP and Volunteer Ambulance Ambulance: Major Events Coordinator with appropriate vehicle and Paramedic Kit to support SJA Volunteers</td>
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<td>Fri 15 – Sat 16</td>
<td>Katherine Show</td>
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<td>Volunteer: Division working negotiated rosters, includes Roving Patrols in SJA Buggy (where accessible) and on foot. Ambulance: 1 x Ambulance crew (TBC) with OIC Katherine Major Events Coordinator with appropriate vehicle and Paramedic kit to support SJA Volunteers</td>
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<td>Thu 21 – Sat 23</td>
<td>Royal Darwin Show</td>
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<td>Meals and refreshments supplied</td>
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<td>Darwin Cup</td>
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<td>Great day out meals provided</td>
<td>Volunteer: 1x First Aid Unit and First aiders &amp; Responders for spectator coverage</td>
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<td>SJANT Volunteer Awards night</td>
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<td>Open to all members</td>
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The Clyde Fenton story

*Courier Mail (Brisbane), Tuesday 28 May 1940*

**Territory Loses Dr. Fenton To R.A.A.F.**

DARWIN, Monday.— After having had his unparalleled service more than six years, the Northern Territory is about to lose its famous flying doctor (Dr. Clyde Fenton).

A member of the medical section of the R.A.A.F. reserve, he has been called up to enter upon general duties at the branch flying training school, Camden (N.S.W.). He will leave the Territory shortly, and expects to be trained as a flying instructor.

*The Age (Melbourne), Thursday 30 May 1940*

**LOSS OF "FLYING DOCTOR" Territory's Regret**

DARWIN, Wednesday.— Deep regret has been expressed by Northern Territory residents at the loss of the "flying doctor's" services. Dr. Fenton has been called up for war service with the Royal Australian Air Force.

Mr. A. V. Stretton, superintendent of police, said to-day that the Northern Territory police, with whom Dr. Fenton had many times co-operated in removing injured and sick persons from remote districts, deplored his imminent departure. Dr. Fenton had always been willing to undertake hazardous flights at a moment's notice to assist injured and sick. He made many landings on treacherous grounds at great personal risk to bring to them his skilful aid. His work was greatly appreciated by the rural population of the Northern Territory.

Dr. R. Catalano, who is deputising for the chief medical officer of the Northern Territory division of the Federal Health department, expressed appreciation of what Dr. Fenton had done, and regret at losing his services. He said that in the five years he had been associated with him, he had never known him to fail to go to the aid of any person needing his assistance. He had taken off in his small Moth plane regardless of distance, time of day and night, or the weather.

*Courier Mail (Brisbane), Monday 10 June 1940*

**Call To Outback Upsets Flying Doctor Farewell**

DARWIN, Sunday.— Because he had been urgently called from Katherine to attend a patient at Timber Creek, 300 miles away on the West Australian border, it is unlikely that Dr. Clyde Fenton, the Northern Territory's flying doctor, will be able to attend tonight the farewell function in Darwin which had been arranged for him on the eve of his departure to join the R.A.A.F. A sum of £100 has been subscribed to give him a farewell gift.

When he received the urgent call to fly to Timber Creek, Dr. Fenton telegraphed to his Darwin friends that it was unlikely that he could get here in time for the valedictory function to night. However, remembering the many night flights Dr. Fenton has made over inhospitable country, his friends still are hoping that he will turn up late.

Read the story of a remarkable man with 60 years' service to St John in Jamaica: [https://petchary.wordpress.com/2016/04/29/st-john-jamaicas-c-n-powell-sixty-years-of-service-teaching-and-saving-lives/]
St John Ambulance Australia (NT) Inc.

Fundraising Raffle
Supporting our Volunteers

Grand Prize
PASPALY
Paspaley Dolce Classic Bale Pendant: in 750 White Gold with 14mm Oval Australian South Sea Pearl and 4 White Diamonds (0.06ct) valued at $3260

2nd Prize
Outback Floatplane experience for two valued at $1590

3rd Prize
1 metre acrylic ‘Mount of Eden’ Print by paul Arnold valued at $1100

4th Prize
1 night accommodation in resort room at Skycity, couples package at Lagoon day spa and dinner for two valued at $700

5th Prize
Samsung Galaxy tablet A with S Pen valued at $449

Funds raised will provide essential training, equipment and uniforms for over 500 volunteer members across the Territory.
Thank you for your support.

$5 each

Prizes will be displayed at 50 Dripstone Road, Casuarina NT 0810
For further information regarding the raffle, contact Debbie Garraway on 8922 6202.

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www.stjohnnt.org.au
**Web sites/pages of interest**

- **St John Ambulance Australia (NT) Inc.**

- **National Members' website**
  [http://members.stjohn.org.au/](http://members.stjohn.org.au/)
  - user name: onestjohn
  - password: member

- **St John International**

- **Chief Cadet Officer**
  [https://www.facebook.com/ChiefCadetOfficer](https://www.facebook.com/ChiefCadetOfficer)

- **St John Ambulance NT**
  [https://www.facebook.com/stjohnambulancecent](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnambulancecent)

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- **Chief Cadet Officer**
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- **SJA Australia (unofficial)**
  [https://www.facebook.com/groups/sjaaus/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sjaaus/)

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**Awkward Hours, Awkward Jobs**
A History of St John Ambulance in the NT
1915 - 2012
by Frank Dunstan
[https://sites.google.com/site/awkwardhourssawkwardjobs/](https://sites.google.com/site/awkwardhourssawkwardjobs/)

Information on the book, where to buy, and download an order form.
Copies for sale in Volunteer Office and with the author.
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