The volunteer members of St John in Alice Springs have just celebrated fifty years of serving their community. This special occasion was marked with three events:

- A member dinner at Madigan’s at the Desert Park,
- A function hosted by the Mayor of Alice Springs, Damien Ryan
- Naming ceremony and morning tea at the Alice Springs Ambulance Centre.
We were honoured that the St John Ambulance Chancellor and former Administrator of the Northern Territory, Dr Neil Conn AO and Mrs Lesley Conn were able to attend and join members for the celebrations. It was also terrific that long serving St John Board Member, Mr Alan Bromwich was able to travel from Darwin to attend. Former Northern Territory Administrator, Mr Ted Egan AO and Ms Nerys Evans also attended the celebrations.

On Friday 16th September, the Alice Springs Mayor, Mr Damien Ryan hosted a reception at the Council Chambers. A number of presentations were made recognising the outstanding contribution by members of the Alice Springs Adult Division. Congratulations to Ron Owen who was admitted as a Member of the Order of St John.

The member dinner was held on Thursday 15th September at Madigan’s Restaurant at the Alice Springs Desert Park. The evening started at 6.00pm so the forty members and friends could enjoy a cold drink and nibbles overlooking the magnificent ranges in the cool night air. Glen Auricht was the MC for the night and entertained everyone with his stories and knowledge of Central Australia and his activities as a busy St John member.

Other presentations were:

12 year Service Medals - Kate Anning, Geoff Kain. Unfortunately Marcel Clark was unable to be present to receive her 12 year medal.
17 year Service Bar - Glen Auricht.

Commendations: A Bronze Commendation to Joylene Kain for her work with the Alice Springs Cadet Division and a Silver Commendation to Samantha Cameron for her work with the Tennant Creek Cadet Division.
The ambulance centre on Telegraph Terrace was renamed the Bernie Kilgariff Complex in honour of well known, respected and loved Territorian Bernie Kilgariff AM.

Bernie was a St John Board member for over twenty years and was always willing to attend cadet presentation nights, help with cadet proficiency badges and be present at volunteer functions.

Mrs Aileen Kilgariff and members of the Kilgariff family attended the ceremony to witness the unveiling of the newly named building. Current St John Board Member, Fran Kilgariff spoke on behalf of the Kilgariff family and presented CEO, Ross Coburn with a signed copy of Bernie’s book “They Started Something” A Biography of Bern and Aileen Kilgariff.

THANK YOU
I would like to thank the volunteers, staff, family and friends who contributed to the success of the 50th Birthday Celebrations and would like to acknowledge a few people for all their help.

Kevin Blake, Paul and Jenny Berry, Regina Sellar, Ros Peers, Warren Purse, Andrew Naden, Ron Owen and Glen Auricht.

A very special thank you to the Mayor of Alice Springs, Mr Damien Ryan and Council staff, Catherine and Fran for all their help and support.

A birthday wouldn’t be the same without a cake and we were delighted with the magnificent cake made by Leesa of Alice Cakes. It looked so good that it was a shame to have to cut it up but it was a very tasty chocolate cake. If you would like to see more of Leesa’s amazing work look at www.alicecakes.com.au
PHOTOS
April from Moving Pictures has taken some great photos of the celebrations and I will include some of them in the next couple of editions of the Vollie News. If you would like copies of any of the photographs please email gwyn.balch@stjohnnt.asn.au

Alice Springs Pictorial

Geoff and Joylene Kain
Steve and Ross Peers
Glen Auricht and Neil Conn

Alan Caust and Alan Bromwich
Paul Berry and Steve Peers
At the member dinner

The Kilgariff family outside the complex
Neil Conn, Lesley Conn and Frances Kilgariff
**Ophthalmic Week**

St John Ophthalmic Week 10-16 October 2011

September 2011

There are only **two** weeks until the first ever St John Ophthalmic Week. Ophthalmic week will take place from 10-16 October, 2011. So get involved in this inaugural event and start spreading the word! Your division could save sight and change the life of someone in need. Log on to www.stjohn.org.au and find out more.

Please complete this short survey: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TB6YGWX](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TB6YGWX)

**Feedback Email Address: Gwyn Balch**

DO YOU HAVE ANY FEEDBACK OR IDEAS

In the past couple of months we have had a number of members provide feedback and suggestions about a number of issues. One suggestion was the establishment of a “feedback email address”. We have acted on this and now have a new email address volunteerfeedback@stjohnnt.asn.au

If you have any feedback on any issue (recruitment, public duties, equipment, vehicles, reward & recognition) please email.

All emails sent to volunteerfeedback@stjohnnt.asn.au will go to Gwyn for action

**Training**

*First Aid Services Training Program 2011*

*(By calendar)*

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Please send contributions for Vollie News to
gwyn.balch@stjohnnt.asn.au
vollienewseditor@yahoo.com.au

Deadline for contributions is
1600hrs (4:00pm CST) Wednesdays.

**Outback Ambulance**

Contributions are wanted for the next edition of Outback Ambulance, deadline early October.

Funny stories, interesting stories, achievements, events, etc.

Contact: debbie.garraway@stjohnnt.asn.au
Advanced Responder

**When:** 12\(^{th}\) & 13\(^{th}\) November, 2011 (includes pre-course assessment)

TBA – Final theory and practical assessment

**Where:** Casuarina Centre (TH3)

**Time:** 0900-1700

**PRE-REQUISITES:** First Responder for minimum of 6 months and
Volunteer Drugs qualified.

Lunch provided

**COURSE PARTICIPANTS:** 8-10

**Nominations due by Friday 28\(^{th}\) October, 2011**

Nominations through your superintendent

**For further information contact…**

8922 6234 or volunteer@stjohnnt.asn.au
Clinical Practice Guidelines
(Medication Accreditation)

**When**: 19th and 26th October, 2011

**Where**: Palmerston Volunteer Centre

**Time**: 1900 - 2100

All Participants will need a copy of the Clinical Practice Guidelines 2009 (if you do not have one see your Superintendent).

Final nominations and TA17 due by Tuesday 12th Oct, 2011

All Nominations must go through your Superintendent.

*For Further Information Contact...*

Course Coordinator,

**Christine Turner**

Ph 0429670469 (A/H)

christine.turner@nt.gov.au
Apply Advanced First Aid

**When:** Friday 18\(^{th}\), Saturday 19\(^{th}\) & Sunday 20\(^{th}\) November, 2011

**Where:** Parap Centre

**Time:**
- Friday 1800 - 2200
- Saturday 0800 - 1800
- Sunday 0800 - 1800

Pre-requisites – **Current** Apply First Aid or Senior First Aid certificate.

Nominations and TA17 due by 28\(^{th}\) October. Workbooks will need to be collected from the Volunteer Office and completed prior to course.

Lunch on Sunday will be provided. Morning and afternoon teas on Sat & Sun

All Nominations must go through your Superintendent.

**ALL ENQUIRIES TO:**

Volunteer Office
Ph 89226234
volunteer@stjohnnt.asn.au
THAILAND
HEALTH PLACEMENT

Join a team of St John Ambulance (Youth) members and travel to northern Thailand to carry out a community health placement providing a valuable contribution to local communities. The placement runs for around four weeks in November/December 2012 and allows members to gain valuable insight into health care and living standards in a developing community. So jump on board, explore this fascinating area of northern Thailand and make a valuable contribution to a developing community.

Placement Dates: 26 November - 24 December 2012
Cost: $4,175* (*based on 12 travellers)

Inclusions:
- Airfares and taxes ex. Sydney, accommodation, some meals, training workshop, in-country meet & greet, airport transfers, orientation and transport, some sightseeing activities, placement and screened project, all program activities, support by In-County Agent, 24 hr back-up by Antipodeans Abroad in Australia.

Exclusions
- Some meals, travel insurance, visas and vaccinations, items of a personal nature.

Members eligible to apply: Young members aged between 18 and 25 years with First Responder Accreditation (Certificate II in Emergency Medical Service First Response [HUT21107]).

Placement
The group will work Monday - Friday on a community health placement providing free health education and health care to resource-poor communities. Group members will work on rotation between the following projects:
- Shadowing and assisting local clinic staff and assisting with triage
- Health education in schools and communities
- Community health data collection in the communities
- First aid training and advice

Supplies and Resources
Teams are encouraged to raise funds for their placement in order to both cover the cost of their own trip and donate much-needed resources to local communities.

More Info
Register for the Online Info Session and download the Application Pack by logging onto the members area of the national website: www.stjohn.org.au/index.php
Username: onestjohn; Password: member

For further enquiries, please contact Georgia Royle at Antipodeans Abroad on (02) 9141 1522 or georgia@antipodeans.com.au

How to Apply
Please submit the Application Pack to Belinda Ding at youth@stjohn.org.au by Friday 28 October.