The new triennium commences on 24th June, with the following senior appointments approved by the Chief Commissioner:

**Steve Peers OAM KStJ** will continue as Commissioner for ceremonial duties until the end of the year.

Steve joined St John Ambulance as a volunteer with Darwin Combined Division in 1977, and later transferred to Casuarina Combined Division. Steve’s reputation as a hard working dedicated ambulance officer led to his being offered a paid position to help pioneer St John’s takeover of the Ambulance Service in Tennant Creek. That was in May 1979 and when Regional Officer John Hill transferred to Darwin in February 1981, Steve became Regional Officer and Superintendent of the Tennant Creek Combined Division. He moved to Alice Springs for family reasons in late 1982 and then to Darwin in 1985.

Missing the desert climate, the family moved back to Alice Springs in 1988 where Steve and wife Ros have remained ever since.

Steve was Regional Manager – with a few job title changes – until 2008 when he took on the new position of First Aid Services Manager. He held many senior positions with the volunteers and was promoted to Commissioner on 24 June 2008.

**Craig Garraway OStJ**, Deputy Commissioner

Craig joined St John as a volunteer with Darwin Adult Division in 1988 and joined the Ambulance Service in 1990. His first posting was to Tennant Creek, a factory for future leaders of St John Ambulance.

A transfer to Katherine in 1992 led to the opportunity to pioneer the takeover of the Ambulance Service in Nhulunbuy in late 1993. Against all odds, he succeeded admirably and returned to Katherine after 12 months satisfied in a job well done. His former boss, Clem Larkin, was on sick leave and Craig relieved as Regional Manager in charge of Katherine and Tennant Creek for the next two years until being confirmed in the position.

A regional restructure of St John Ambulance brought a transfer to Alice Springs as Deputy Operations Manager in 1998. Homesick for the Top End he moved back to Darwin as Deputy Operations Manager in 2006 and is currently Operations Manager.

Craig previously held the volunteer position of Territory Officer Major Events.
Mark Ferguson MSJ
Territory Superintendent

Mark first started with St John Ambulance in 1988 as a cadet in Alice Springs. When his family moved to Katherine at the end of 1989 he found there were no Cadets in town, and that was the end of Stage 1 of his career with St John.

In common with many others, Mark attended a First Aid course and joined Katherine Adult Division in 1998. He commenced paramedic training in 1999 and started the Katherine St John Cadets with Lenaire Keatch in 2000.

Paul Berry MSJ, Deputy Territory Superintendent

A diesel mechanic by trade, Paul moved to the Territory in 1980 and has worked at the joint Defence Facility Pine Gap since June 1992. He is married with three adult (sort of 😄) children.

Paul joined St John Ambulance Alice Springs Adult Division in 1997 and was loaned to Alice Springs Cadets for 6 weeks in 1998 that stretched out for the next four years. He became Divisional Officer and then Superintendent of the Cadet Division in October 1999.

Michael McKay ASM OStJ, Territory Professional Officer

Mick started with St John Ambulance as a volunteer in Alice Springs in 1984 and “after qualifying as an Ambulance Officer in 1990, he undertook a course of study which led to his earning the title of Intensive Care Paramedic – the highest clinical level a pre-hospital care practitioner can achieve in Australia. This allowed Mr McKay to deliver exceptional patient care to the Alice Spring community and the Northern Territory at large. Following his appointment in 1999 as the Deputy Regional Manager in the Northern Region, based in Darwin, he dedicated himself to implementing new systems and improvements to the Ambulance Service, resulting in clinical training advancements and service delivery enhancements. After spending eight years in Darwin, Mr McKay was appointed as the Operations Manager for the Northern Region, assuming full responsibility for ambulance operations in Darwin, Gove and Katherine. His outstanding leadership and managerial qualities in this role were exceptional, and he oversaw the expansion of the service in Darwin and the introduction of full-time paramedics in Gove. Following a period of restructuring within St John Ambulance (NT) during 2009, Mr McKay was promoted to Director, Ambulance Operations, with responsibility for the Ambulance Service across the Northern Territory.”

Citation for Ambulance Service Medal (2012)
It was with a sense of adventure and excitement that Barb Klessa and I started the Litchfield Rural Response Division in 2011, with grand plans and ideas to provide first aid response services in the greater Litchfield area; a special group of trained volunteers at Advanced Responder level, ready and willing to support our Paras in their terrific work. The reality was...these things take time.

We started with just the two of us; no home, no equipment, no vehicle but with plenty of enthusiasm and determination, to stick with it, grow the team and hopefully, one day, have a great facility in the Litchfield area that we could proudly call...our home!

In the meantime, we needed to be flexible, and that flexibility came with co-training alongside the super organised Palmerston Adult Division for the first part of this year. Angie Butler opened her arms and headquarters to our small band of vollies, and utilising the skills and expertise that we had in our group (Barb), we were able to value-add to Angie and her team. We will be forever grateful and appreciative of Angie for allowing us the opportunity to train alongside her team when we really needed support - and she provided. A big thanks Angie.

We begin a brand new chapter in the life of the Litchfield team, as we start new operations based at Casuarina Centre. I’m sure Frank will be able to add in here the last time an adult division was based out of Caz Centre, and Barb and I are hugely excited about this brand new adventure.

Matt Maurer, Mick McKay and Mark Ferguson came to us a week ago with plans for a move or relocation, and after a very fruitful and honest meeting, Barb and I accepted the challenge of being based out of Caz Centre until (in the future) a home would be provided in the rural area. In the meantime, Litchfield have taken over Caz!

Our first unofficial official meeting took place on the Wednesday the 4th of June and already our first visitor signed in, Palmerston Divisional Officer Benny Butler who was able to input some great ideas to our planning session. Thanks Benny.

Where to now...well we are open for business and meet Wednesday nights in Training Room 1 starting at 1900 until 2030. You are more than welcome to drop in and see us. We hope to have many new vollies very quickly and should grow steadily over a short period of time...well that is the expectation and idea.

Watch this space people! This should be fun!

Anthony Kleidon
Litchfield Superintendent

The latest edition of Spotlite can be downloaded from:
http://members.stjohn.org.au/docs/Spotlite%202014%20May.pdf
Some of our newer members may wonder why the St John Ambulance year starts on 24th June.
That is the day we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, the saint of our Order. It is also the anniversary of the founding of the St John Ambulance Brigade in England in 1887.

“The Church celebrates John’s birth by a festival of his ‘nativity,’ assigned exactly six months before the nativity of Christ, since John was six months older. As soon as the Feast of Christmas was established on December 25 (in the fifth century) the date of the Baptist’s birth was assigned to June 24.

“The question arises of why June 24, and not 25. It has often been claimed that the Church authorities wanted to ‘Christianize’ the pagan solstice celebrations and for this reason advanced Saint John’s feast as a substitute for the former pagan festival. However, the real reason why Saint John’s Day falls on June 24 lies in the Roman way of counting, which proceeded backward from the calends (first day) of the succeeding month. Christmas was ‘the eighth day before the Kalends of January’ (Octavo Kalendas Januarii). Consequently, Saint John’s nativity was put on the ‘eighth day before the Kalends of July.’ However, since June has only thirty days, in our way of counting the feast falls on June 24.”

http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1125
opportunity to test the sometimes seldom used radio repeater facilities.

We ended up having a static post at the finish line at Nightcliff Pool plus a response vehicle being Darwin 186 which followed the tail end of the course and responded to jobs as required. So it was a fairly early morning for all concerned with a 0630 start. Both crews met up at Nightcliff Pool for the 4km course start at 0700 and the setting up of the finish line post with the major event gear from Darwin Division. 186 then proceeded to Darwin City for the 12km course start at 0715. We were fortunate that the start of the race was delayed by approximately 20 minutes due to buses from Nightcliff to the Esplanade running a bit late. This gave us a bit of time to get in position for the big start where over 1000 people jockeyed for position.

After the start it was a steady 5 to 7 km/hr behind the walkers at the tail end. We were fortunate to have fellow emergency service volunteers the Darwin Unit of the NT Emergency Service following the tail and also stationed throughout the course assisting the event organisers monitor the flow of runners and walkers and notifying St. John of any incidents requiring our attendance.

The tail response vehicle ended up only responding to one job at the back of Nightcliff shops where a lady ended up having hand swelling. We helped her remove a ring on her finger before it caused any more problems. We utilised a novel trick using an elastic band that I’d been told of before and it worked quite well saving the lady from having to have the ring cut off at a later date in case the swelling increased.

We were fortunate that the event organisers has organised a physiotherapist for the finish line which took a majority of work off us. The event was fortunately fairly uneventful for St. John but provided a good opportunity to work closely with the NT Emergency Service and give the analogue radio system a bit of a test out. Thanks go to Emma, Scott, Jocelyn, Rod and Theo from Darwin Division for attending the duty.

Volunteers Required for Casualty Simulation 14 June ’14 either to assist as Drivers or learn and utilise some Casualty Simulated Makeup.

PTC are requesting for some assistance in the application of Casualty Simulation Makeup.

He has mentioned the following:

- The scenarios are targeted towards Doctors
- Casualty Simulation Makeup is new and will be trialled on the day
- There will be a total of 4 casualties

Any assistance provided to the PTC would be appreciated.

If you are available on a voluntary level to assist on 14 June ’14, from 8am – 12pm at the NTES located at Yarrawonga please contact Bradley Sanderson via email or mob: 0411074605 by Tuesday, 10 June ’14

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We sadly acknowledge the death of Ruth Whitford, a volunteer officer who served with Palmerston Division from 1986 to 1990. Ruth passed away on May 25th. She was only 55 years of age, but we do not know the circumstances of her death. Ruth was a member of the NT Police Force during her time with us, but in her St. John role as Divisional Officer she participated in a range of activities including training of members, Public Duties and Ambulance Transport, accruing over 900 duty hours. I recall that she also acted as District Sgt. Major on one occasion for our Annual District Parade, and was a competent drill master with an understanding of the formalities involved. We hope the intervening years were kind to Ruth, as we have not had any contact with her since she left St. John. Our sincere condolences go to her friends and family for their loss.

Lesley King D.St.J

https://www.facebook.com/groups/531141510282727/
This series from the 1908 scouting handbook shows just how far First Aid has evolved over the past century.

**Shock**

Shock is a dangerous condition that comes with almost all injuries. You should always be on the watch for it, or, better, take for granted that it is there and do what you can to prevent it from becoming serious.

The patient gets faint, his face pale. He may become unconscious. Don’t let that happen. Lay him down immediately, flat on his back, with head to one side. Keep him warm by putting blankets or coats around him.

**Bleeding**

When a man is bleeding badly from a wound, press the wound or the flesh just above it—that is, between the wound and the heart—press it hard with your thumb to stop the blood running in the artery. Then make a pad with something like a flat rounded pebble and bind it over the wound.

If bleeding violently, tie a handkerchief loosely round the limb above the wound, and twist it with a stick until the blood stops. This is called a tourniquet. It must be eased at least every fifteen minutes or serious permanent injury may result. Keep the wounded part raised above the rest of the body if possible. Get a doctor as soon as possible.

On a small wound apply iodine and cover with a clean (sterile) dressing. Hold this in place with a bandage.

Bleeding from the ears and insensibility after a fall indicate injury to the skull. The patient should not be moved at all, if possible. It is best to keep him lying on the spot, put cold water or ice to his head and keep him quiet till a doctor comes.

Spitting or throwing up blood means internal injury or bursting of a small blood-vessel inside the patient. If the blood is light red in color and mixed with froth it means injury to the lungs. In either case keep the patient quiet and give ice to suck or cold water to sip. Send for a doctor.

Next week: Artificial Respiration
**Child Protection Workshop**

**When:** Monday 30th June, 2014  
**Where:** Palmerston Centre  
**Time:** 1830 - 21300

Nominations and TA17 due by Friday 20th June. A pre-course workbook is issued and must be completed before Workshop date.

All nominations must go through your Superintendent.

This is open to all adult members.

For further information contact...
**Kelly Raven**  
(W) 89226248  
kelly.raven@stjohnnt.asn.au

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**Apply Advanced First Aid**

- **Thursday Nights** 5, 12 & 26 June at Palmerston Volunteer Centre  
  **Time:** 1800 to 2200

- **Saturday – 14 June** at Parap Training Centre  
  **Time:** 0830 to 1700

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

Workbook is currently being updated and will be available shortly, contact your superintendent or Rosie in the volunteer office

This is an ideal opportunity for those members who have completed the FIRST AIDER and have commenced their FIRST RESPONDER workbooks.

Nominations and TA17 must go through your Superintendent and are due by 20th May, 2014.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO:

Volunteer Office  
Ph 89226234  
volunteer@stjohnnt.asn.au

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Thirty years ago when I was working at a gold mine south of Darwin, our storeman had a stroke late one night, collapsing in mid conversation. He was a heavy drinker – weren’t we all in those days – with high blood pressure and hadn’t been taking his medication.

They roused me out because I was the electrician, and “electricians know how to do CPR”. He was breathing noisily and obviously didn’t need CPR, just placing in the recovery position and urgent medical attention.

However, there was not one single person on that mine site with a First Aid certificate, or even any FA training. I had received basic FA training in the Navy 20 years earlier and “electricians knowing how to do CPR” was a fallacy. We all milled about for a while until it was decided that there was an ambulance at Adelaide River and we should send for that. He was bundled in the back of a vehicle and driven off to meet up with the ambulance.

The victim spent the next five months in a coma at RDH before he finally died.

My, how times have changed! Cowboy outfits like that would be trampled on these days – wouldn’t they?

**Frank Dunstan**
### St John Ambulance Australia (NT)

**First Aid Services Training Calendar 2014**

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Saint John calls for NT nursing recruits

The Nursing Section of the Saint John Ambulance Brigade in Darwin, which forms a most important part of the brigade, is anxious to improve on its present very good record of enrolments.

The section is conducting a drive for new recruits as part of the brigade’s fortnight long campaign to increase its active membership from 30 to at least 60.

The section was started only in July last year when the first four nurses enrolled for a series of lectures on theory and practice of first aid.

In less than a year, the numbers have grown to 14 and the nursing section is a vital part of the brigade strength.

At first the girls went out on ambulance calls – and became the only St John nurses in Australia to do so – and their only other activity was to man the dressing station at Rigby League matches.

Now, however, they are accepting more and more responsibility and their duties include rendering first aid at Australian Rules football, soccer, car and motor-cycle racing, marches and processions – in fact most of the things the men take on.

On station duty at the Fannie Bay headquarters, the nurses attend to any injuries brought there and also act as communications officers.

In the near future, they will be operating the two-way radios to be installed to give a faster and more efficient service to the public.

Social club

But for the Saint John nurses it isn’t a case of all work and no play, for there is an active social club connected with the brigade which has organised many successful functions.

Of special interest to the women and girls are demonstrations and lectures in make-up and grooming, cookery, dress-making which have been arranged for the near future.

The nursing section is extremely proud of what it has done in the past and is keen to have more girls join up so that that already good record can be further improved.

Open to all

The section is open to all women and girls over 17 years of age and there is no need for them to have any previous training or experience.

They will be put through a thorough course of instruction to cover all aspects of their duties.

Interested recruits are invited to call at the Saint John headquarters on Ross Smith Avenue, Fannie Bay, any evening or during the weekend.

New Ambulance Officer

Mr. John Hill, Regional Ambulance Officer for Tennant Creek, announced this week that Mr. Steve Peers has been successfully appointed to the position of ambulance officer in Tennant Creek.

Mr. Peers has been a member of the St. John Ambulance since 1977 and has taken an active part in all facets of St. John activities. Mr. Peers is married with two children.
Mayor's Tribute to Captain

“Darwin will never be able to repay what Eric Johnston and his Naval compatriots have done for our city. We owe them everything.”

This tribute came from the Mayor of Darwin. Harry “Tiger” Brennan and he was referring to Captain R. E. Johnston, OBE, RAN, pictured. Naval Officer Commanding North Australia, who moved onto the Town Disaster Committee as Port Controller after the cyclone struck.

I first met Captain Johnston on the Sunday night after the cyclone struck.

He was tired — I doubt if he slept more than a few hours since that terrible Christmas “present” to the people of Darwin, struck on Christmas Eve.

I sat down in the sweltering heat of a Darwin evening, opposite him in his official residence overlooking Darwin Harbour.

He’s the sort of man that one feels one should say “Sir” to, even in his underpants. Captain Johnston kept the Navy in Darwin going in those first terrible, unco-ordinated days after the cyclone.

He had his own troubles but he also took on the town’s as well.

The Mayor of Darwin.

“Tiger” Brennan sorted me out to tell me what he thought of his friend, Eric Johnston.

“When Eric plants those two feet of his firmly on the floor... not even I can change his mind. What that man decides, happens.

Darwin will never be able to repay what Eric and his Naval compatriots have done for our city. We owe them everything,” he said.

Captain Johnston left his wife, Joan, at about eight o’clock on Christmas Eve. He felt — like a number of others — that this cyclone couldn’t possibly miss Darwin and that if it hit, it would probably give the place a big shake-up.

Not even he, however, was prepared for the total devastation that Tracy brought with her.

“I went to Naval Headquarters just after eight o’clock,” Captain Johnston told me. “I went with Lieutenant Sam Burrell, my command officers and two watch keepers manning the telephones.”

“In this way, I kept in constant touch with the Patrol Boats — now at their cyclone moorings — and Canberra.

“I also ordered that all married personnel should return to look after their families.”

What he didn’t mention, but his wife did, was that although Captain Johnston left his wife at home, with their son to look after her, he kept ringing frequently. Worried, but duty came first.

“At about midnight,” the Captain went on, “we lost all communication. The rain was so heavy that we couldn’t see the Patrol Boats, although, in normal conditions, they could be seen clearly.

“Just after midnight the situation started to go at the southern end.

“So we left the Ops. room and moved to my office at the other end of the building.”

Then that started to disintegrate before our very eyes.

“The others got under the tables — I stood in the doorway. Then the wall came down.”

It was four o’clock. The time at which the eye was passing directly over COONAWARRA, about nine miles away. Still, they stayed at their post. And they didn’t consider doing so. There was nowhere to go anyway.

“We then moved into the cells. We remained there until just after six o’clock when the cyclone moved on.

“We moved out of the cells, couldn’t believe our eyes. Headquarters was totally devastated.

“Some people arrived. We recognised them... they were the crew of HMAS ARROW. They told me what had happened, and I was horrified.

“Some of them walked from the wharf where the boat had sunk others came by car. We immediately organised search parties and sent the injured to hospital.”

Captain Johnston doesn’t remember very clearly the next day or so. So much happened, so quickly. The rest of Christmas Day was spent finding out what had happened and searching for survivors and casualties.

Captain Johnston was an organisational wizard... he seemed to think of everything. Orders went out like computer tape.

“Do what you think,” he said... and grinned broadly. That’s the sort of man he is.

He very quickly had the services of several officers from the South, Commander T. A. Dadswell arrived with Lieutenant Commander T. Jones, and Commander Fletcher.

They joined NOCA’s staff at the RAAF and began the seemingly impossible task of planning the relief operation from the Darwin End.

Captain Johnston, needless to say, had been doing it since about six o’clock on Christmas morning.
## Coming events for 2014

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<td>Finke Desert Race</td>
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<td>A fantastic weekend camping under the stars in the Finke Desert enjoying the company of SJA Volunteers and your peers, meals supplied, (SJA may be able to assist in transport from Darwin and accommodation down and back).</td>
<td>NOTE: There is an Officials safety briefing to be held on Alice Springs Centre at 5pm Friday 6 June that all participants MUST attend.</td>
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<td>Variety Bash</td>
<td>Sydney to Three Ways NT</td>
<td>First Aid Support for the “Bashers” on their Annual Fund Raising Jaunt.</td>
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St John Ambulance Australia (NT) Inc.
http://www.stjohnnt.org.au/

National Members' website
http://members.stjohn.org.au/
user name: onestjohn
password: member

The Order of St John
http://www.orderofstjohn.org/

St John Ambulance Australia
Cadets
http://cadets.stjohn.org.au/

SJAA-NT History Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/151724685024440/

St John Ambulance Australia
https://www.facebook.com/stjohnambulanceaus

SJA Australia (unofficial)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/sjaaus/

St John First Aid
https://www.facebook.com/stjohnfirstaid

Awkward Hours, Awkward Jobs
A History of St John Ambulance in the NT
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by Frank Dunstan
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