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2015 St John Ambulance Volunteer Awards

The Northern Territory 2015 Volunteer Awards will be hosted by Madam Speaker, the Hon Kezia Purick MLA, in the Nitmiluk Room at Parliament House this evening Thursday 19th November, 5:30pm –7:00pm.

The Annual Volunteer Awards Presentation ceremony is an opportunity for St John to recognise the often unsung heroes who contribute hundreds of hours to local community, sporting and public events each year across the Territory.

The awards have been given additional credence this year with the attendance of a large number of MLA's and our special guests His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Deputy Prior of the Order of St John and Mrs Marie Hardy, our Patron.

Seven categories of awards will be presented during the evening, with nominations received from all centres across the NT. His Honour will assist Madam Speaker with the presentation of some of the award categories.

Junior Member of the Year
Cadet Member of the Year
Peter Falkland Youth Leader Award
Adult Member of the Year
Operational Support Member of the Year
Cadet Division of the Year

Sarah Brotherton, Casuarina Cadet Division
Jasmin Arbon, Darwin Cadet Division
Reagan Hughes, Youth Division
Theofilos Gialamas, Casuarina Adult Division
Anthony Longe, Alice Springs Cadet Division
Darwin Cadets
special mention to Katherine Cadet Division who run a very successful Junior program
Casuarina Adults
special mention to Tennant Creek Division who are able to maintain a working division with only 5 active members.

Adult Division of the year

Commissioner Mark Ferguson stated *"The Awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the members for their commitment and dedication. Members across the Territory have devoted over 17,000 hours at Community events this year alone, with an equivalent number of hours for training and preparation"*.

"Many of these members shy away from the recognition they deserve, their contributions often going above and beyond the call of the job".

St John Ambulance NT would like to congratulate all nominees and winners and to thank all of our volunteers for their unwavering support over the past 12 months. We also thank our sponsors of the Awards for their valued support – KR Blacker, Choices Flooring and Grice Group.

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