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**Special recognition for Palmerston Cadets  
this Australia Day**

St John Ambulance NT are delighted to announce that the Palmerston Cadet Division will be receiving an award this Australia Day at the City of Palmerston's official Australia Day ceremony.

This event will be hosted at the Palmerston Recreation Centre from 1pm and the Council has extended a warm invitation to the community to attend this significant day, celebrating what makes Australia so special.

The Cadet Division have won the Citizen of the Year award within the category of Community Event of the Year, and will receive a prize along with the other winners Serena Dalton (Citizen of the Year) and Jessica Bartlett (Young Citizen of the Year).

The Palmerston Cadet Division has a dedicated team of adults, Cadets (aged 12 to 18 years) and Juniors (aged 8 to 11 years). Six enthusiastic adults lead the group in training, supporting and encouraging the Cadets and Juniors. Our Cadets and Juniors are trained

in age-appropriate first aid that enables them to give back and participate in the wider community by providing first aid at a range of public events. Cadets are encouraged to participate in as many events as they can, with most members completing over 60 hours a year.

In 2017, the Palmerston Cadet Division spent a combined 1,805 hours serving the Top End community at public events, ranging from the Bombing of Darwin to Palmerston Carols.

*“We are so proud of the work and the leadership seen from both the adults and youth members at Palmerston Cadet Division – this division strives to be the best. This is evident as they were recently awarded Cadet Division of the Year 2017”* – Denis Rayner  
Director of Volunteer First Aid Services

Please join our Palmerston Cadets and their leaders this Friday at the official Australia Day Flag Raising & Citizenship Ceremony at 1pm at the Recreation Centre in Palmerston - help us to celebrate this achievement and their valuable contribution to our community.

If you would like more information about our Cadet & Juniors Program please visit <https://www.stjohnnt.org.au/volunteer/volunteering> or contact the Volunteer Office on 08 89226205

For more information on this event please click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/334966853649460/>

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