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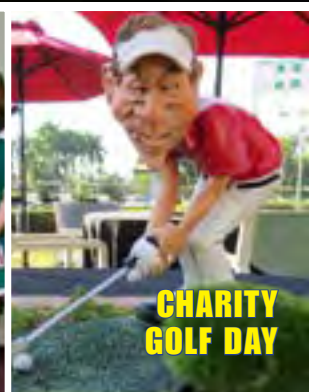
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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Welcome to the 2016 Outback Ambulance magazine and a very happy New Year to our readers! In this edition we will highlight some of our key events from 2015 - it certainly was a varied and busy year!

The past 12-months have seen us very active, particularly with the workload relating to negotiations with the Northern Territory Department of Health for a new 5-year Ambulance Services contract commencing 01 February 2016. I am pleased to say that this has now been finalised. Whilst the Ambulance Enterprise Agreement remains unsettled, this has not affected the first class services our officers deliver to the community, as staff continue to work with our values in mind; Integrity, Respect, Quality, Dedication and Compassion. Last year also saw our volunteer members attend an all time high number of public duties across the Territory, well done to all.

I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank all of our valued supporters who have contributed to our success in some way during 2015, and we look forward to their continued support in 2016. We greatly appreciate the partnerships with many of our long term sponsors and at our Annual Appreciation dinner held in November, I was proud to welcome Tour De Arnhem to our Endowment Trust supporters Hall of Fame.

The St John NT Charity Golf Day held in May at the Darwin Golf Club was an outstanding success for not only the organisation but also all of the players and sponsors who all seemed to thoroughly enjoying themselves! This bi-annual event, first held in 2013 raised \$25,000 and this years' event was an even greater success with \$33,000 being raised for our

Volunteer division with 100% of the proceeds raised benefiting over 450 St John Volunteers Territory-wide by contributing towards uniforms and equipment to ensure that they can continue to provide first aid services at a range of community and public events. We are very grateful to all of our sponsors and supporters, our golf day would not have been the huge success it was without them. We already have teams signing up for our next Charity Golf Day to be held in mid 2017!

The St John Ambulance NT annual Investiture and Graduation Ceremony was hosted by His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM KStJ, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Deputy Prior of St John Ambulance Australia (NT) and our Patron Mrs Marie Hardy at Government House in May. It was a very enjoyable evening, with many wonderful achievements acknowledged which included Promotions, Staff Service Year Awards, Volunteer Service Awards and Bars, Priory Vote of Thanks and Graduating Paramedics.

A special thanks to the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise for their 16th year providing support to the Paramedic of the Year Awards which recognises the outstanding contribution our Paramedics provide to the community. The awards held in September, received 34 nominations which is a wonderful reflection of our officer's dedication and professionalism. Congratulations to all of the nominees and the award winners; Derek Archer for New Practitioner; Andrew Everingham for Peer Nominated; Brock Hellyer - Paramedic Southern Region; and Donna Winkworth for both - Paramedic Northern Region and

overall NT Paramedic of the Year 2015.

We had several retirements last year with Brendan 'BQ' Quirke, who after 29-years service retired from his role as Director of Education and Training in July. His outstanding leadership, direction and mentorship and his contribution to the Training Department has been nothing short of exceptional. August then saw the retirement of two special ladies from Volunteer First Aid Services - Gwyn Balch with 17-years service as Volunteer Coordinator and Rosie Ballinger with 10-years service as Volunteer Administration Assistant - their dedication, contribution and valued service to the Volunteer arm of St John is very appreciated.

At a board level, two of our long-serving directors retired at the end of last year - Prof Jan Schmitzer who joined St John NT in 2002 and Dr Lionel Crompton who joined way back in 1978! The organisation is very grateful for their unwavering commitment to all things St John. With these retirements came four new directors being appointed to the St John NT board - please join me in welcoming; Peter Hopton, Rob Kendrick, Peter Carew and Terri-anne Maney.

Finally, we are grateful to the Northern Territory Government for their ongoing support to St John Ambulance NT as the provider of Ambulance Services across the Territory and for their continued commitment to another five year contract. My heartfelt thanks goes to all staff and volunteers for their wonderful dedication and hard work

Ross Coburn
Chief Executive Officer

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St John

Alan Bromwich OBE, RFD, MB, BS, FRCS, FRACS, KStJ



Alan with Debbie Blake at the Alice Springs 60th birthday celebrations

It is with sadness and a great sense of loss that we acknowledge the passing of former Commissioner, Board member and friend Alan Bromwich at Rutherglen, Victoria in October of last year. He was 91 years of age.

Born on 23rd February 1924 in Walsall, England, the second of 5 children, Alan excelled in maths and science. It was his excellent results in maths that earned him a scholarship for medicine. In 1941, he was accepted into Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, a small medical school which only accepted 30 male students each year. Preclinical years were undertaken at Kings College London, although in his first year they were evacuated to Birmingham, he was a fully qualified surgeon at the age of 25. He met Rosemary Lewis, a nurse, during his clinical studies and they were engaged in April 1945 and married in August 1947. He and Rosemary had very different interests, but similar values. They were hard-working, interested in everything, keen to learn and try new things.

Alan joined St John in Darwin following a medical career that spanned half the globe – UK, Middle East, and finally Australia in 1958, where he began his Territory based surgical career and earned a highly respected reputation as a surgeon in the Northern Territory community, due to his versatility in being able to carry out procedures that nowadays are performed by

specialist orthopaedic surgeons, gynaecologists and ENT surgeons. Alan retired from the Department of Health in 1981 and continued in private practice until he completely retired in 1994.

Alan served St John in many capacities during his time with us, starting his involvement in late 1973 when approached to take the role of Corps Surgeon, responsible for training and professional standards. This was the start of his passion for St John. During his time he held many roles, most notably as Northern Territory Commissioner during the late 70s and early 80s, but also acted as our medical review doctor and shouldered the burden of the Commissioner's role when our 'District' was between appointments. His commitment to St John continued long after his triennium was completed as he served on the St John Board in various capacities from 1987 until his retirement in 2012.

Alan was known for his ability to deal with problems in an impartial and practical way in any role he was undertaking and in any circumstance surrounding him.



For instance we were doing an Annual Inspection at Nhulunbuy when the duty crew was called to an accident. When they returned Alan asked if it was anything interesting and was told "not really – a boy fell off his bike and broke his arm in several places so they



are flying him to Darwin tomorrow for surgery". Alan asked if he might see the lad and was taken to the hospital to consult with the doctor there. So that night as we were having dinner Alan was in the operating theatre setting the young boy's arm. "Well I was there and had nothing else to do" was his explanation. And he never mentioned it in his report.

Alan not only made a significant impression within St John but within the Territory he was also the force behind the legislation for car seat belts and blood alcohol testing in the NT, one of the first in Australia.

His many and varied achievements were widely recognised, when in 1977 he was admitted as a Serving Brother, to The Order of St John, promoted to Officer Brother in 1979, Commander in 1984 and promoted to Knight in 1993 by the Grand Prior, the Duke of Gloucester in Canberra. Alan was also recognised for his service to the public and health services, when he was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1982. In his words, OBE stands for "Other Buggers' Efforts" where MBE stands for "My Bloody Efforts". Still quoting Alan, "There is some truth in this but it was gratifying all the same. It does put you on Government House list for receptions"!

Those of us who had the privilege of serving with Alan will remember him with respect and admiration for his leadership and commitment to St John throughout his years with us, and for the gentleman that he was in all things. An ordinary life perhaps, but an extraordinary man, and we give thanks for having known him.



EDUCATION & TRAINING REPORT

I would like to acknowledge the valuable support and contribution of Brendan Quirke, Director of Education and Training, St John Ambulance NT.

As of 16 July '15 Brendan, 'BQ' as he liked to be referred to, formally entered retirement after serving St John in the Northern Territory for 29 years. This is an outstanding achievement on his behalf.

Brendan began his career with the Ambulance Service in Victoria in 1979. After working in various stations across that state he then relocated to the Northern Territory. In 1986 he commenced employment with St John Ambulance based in Tennant Creek. He was subsequently appointed as Centre Officer and eventually, became the Senior Centre Officer at that station. In December 1988 and following a significant organisational restructure, Brendan was promoted to Operations Superintendent-Darwin, commencing January 1990.

In 1991 a 12 month limited tenure role in the Training Department allowed him to work on, and eventually achieve Registered Provider (RP) status for St John NT. During this time, Brendan also developed, and had approved, applications for a range of First Aid programs as well as two Ambulance Officer qualifications, a Diploma and an Advanced Diploma. At the end of the limited tenure role he accepted a full-time position in Training, an area he has been passionate about ever since.

In April 2010 CEO Ross Coburn, endorsed a new direction for the organisation, the result of which was a move for Brendan to Director Education and Training

and the introduction of two especially key positions, First Aid Training Manager and Paramedic Education Manager.

Of the many changes that have occurred over the years, the two that have mattered most

are; (i)-our attainment of Registered Provider status in 1991 and the continual retention of that status across a plethora of accreditation standards; and (ii)-the transition of Paramedical education from the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector to the Higher Education sector in 2011.

In 2012 and as a result of his dedication to St John Ambulance, Brendan was

promoted to Commander within the Order of St John. Brendan has been quoted, 'For me, St John NT represents two things, (i)-an entity that in my opinion has, is and will always 'punch above its weight' and, (ii)-a genuinely caring and supportive family. I am proud of my long association with the Ambulance industry and particularly with St John NT and I think my career to date is best summed up by borrowing from the title of Albert Facey's 1981 autobiography, its' been, A Fortunate Life.'

It is fair to say that, no matter where Brendan was, he would always promote St John NT specifically and the Paramedical and First Aid training sectors generally. From initially gaining the organisation Public Provider status for delivery of nationally accredited training and assessment services, Brendan has been instrumental in guiding us through AQTF and now ASQA

standards to which we are now a Registered Training Organisation.

The Training Department and to a larger degree our organisation recognises Brendan for his commitment, his vision, his contributions and the formal/informal mentorship he provided to many, not only in the training and education fields but elsewhere across St John NT. We wish him and wife Christine all the very best as they venture into the next chapter of their lives together.

Annetta Albanese
First Aid Training Manager



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Paramedic of the Year Awards

The annual NT Paramedic of the Year Awards were hosted by the Hon John Elferink MLA, Minister for Health at Parliament House on 9 September. It was a wonderful evening in honour of our Paramedics with some 100 guests in attendance.

The awards, now in their 16th year, were established by the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise to recognise Paramedical Officers with the highest standards in professionalism and compassion. This year 34 nominations were received for paramedics demonstrating the following qualities;

- Recognised as a role model within their profession and the community;
- Provide positive direction and guidance to colleagues and fellow health sector members;
- Deliver outstanding service or practice, or goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure quality patient outcomes are delivered;
- Display compassion and empathy to those in need;
- Display care and understanding during times of suffering and distress.

Congratulations to the all of the 2015 Paramedic of the Year Nominees:

- Stuart Allison
- Derek Archer
- Wayne Bevan
- Kay Blakeman
- Nicole Bouma
- Jeffrey Buteux
- Rebecca Colangelo
- Samantha Cooper
- Alice Crooman
- Paul Deacon
- Andrew Everingham
- Nicole Foster
- Michael Freauf
- Markus Hackenburg
- Simon Hales
- Brock Hellyer
- Tony Hill
- Kylie Hokins



- Nicole Johnston
- Annette Kwiatkowski
- Caitlin Little
- Natalie McKeen
- Amanda McNeill
- Erin Maczkowiack
- Callum Montague
- Christopher Mullen
- Carlo Novak
- Elenka Obert
- Lisa Palmer
- Steven Schrieke
- Sue-Ellen Skinner
- Karl Visser
- Donna Winkworth
- Tony Wood

Congratulations to the all of the 2015 Paramedic of the Year Winners:

- **DEREK ARCHER for New Practitioner** – awarded to an officer who has been in the role for less than three years, can be located in any region Territory wide.
- **ANDREW EVERINGHAM for Peer Nominated** – awarded to an officer who has been identified by their peers as displaying the above qualities.
- **BROCK HELLYER - Paramedic Southern Region** – awarded to an officer displaying the above qualities located in the Tennant Creek or Alice Springs area.
- **DONNA WINKWORTH - Paramedic Northern Region** – awarded to an officer displaying the above qualities located in a centre in the Katherine / Darwin or Nhulunbuy area.
- **DONNA WINKWORTH - NT Paramedic of the Year 2015** – the overall winner honoured from the above categories.



L-R, Rotary President Susan Penfold, Health Minister, Hon John Elferink MLA, Donna Winkworth, Erina Early, United Voice and Joy Passmore from Coutry Classics.

Paramedic of the Year Awards



Minister Elferink with some of the nominees.

Congratulations to all of the nominees as each nomination received is a wonderful compliment to each Paramedic as it reflects their outstanding level of care, dedication and professionalism they provide to the Northern Territory community.

Also, a special thank you to the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise for their ongoing assistance with the organisation of these awards and also to our wonderful sponsors - The Northern Territory Government, Telstra Shop Palmerston, Country Classics Boutique, Territory Surgical Supplies, United Voice and Rydges Darwin Airport Resort and Hotel.

Nominations are already open for the 2016 awards. If you have been treated by an outstanding paramedic or know someone who has, please visit our website to download a nomination form, www.stjohnnt.org.au or send us an email to feedback@stjohnnt.asn.au

And the winner is.....

Born in Brisbane, Donna came to the Territory in 1999. She first became involved with St John as a volunteer in 2007 and decided in 2008 that this was the career path she would like to follow. Since joining 2008 she has had many memorable days on the job, especially those with a positive outcome.

In her first 5 years as a paramedic, Donna was based in Alice Springs and relocated to Darwin in 2012. During her time in Alice Springs Donna attended many patients; one memorable case is of a young man who sustained serious spinal injuries in a motorbike accident while training for the Finke Desert Race.

Donna recalls, "I travelled in the helicopter with him which was a first for me and an environment I had never worked in before. It was a challenging job and he was seriously injured, it was pleasing to follow up and find out he never gave up the fight to walk again."



Donna has followed in the footsteps of her mother, also a paramedic, and always felt a calling to the medical field. Completing her studies and graduating in 2011 with her Diploma of Paramedic Science (Ambulance), Donna completed her Degree in Paramedicine the following year. She has also achieved impressive milestones during her career, including Student Paramedic of the Year in 2010 and now being awarded Paramedic of the Year 2015.

Donna stood out this year for her ability to demonstrate care and compassion to both the patient and their loved ones during treatment under adverse conditions earlier this year. Donna received nominations by two separate individuals, who were glowing in their reports of her assessment, treatment and compassion during their dealings with her.

"I was shocked yet so happy and excited. I felt so proud of myself. Also very honoured the public and my peers nominated me," says Donna.

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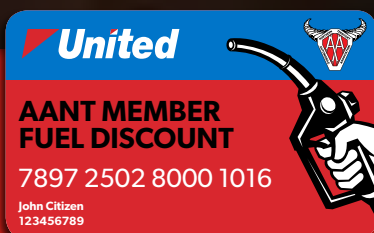


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VARIETY PARTNERSHIP

Many months of hard work came to fruition in October last year in a fantastic partnership event between St John Ambulance and Variety NT, the Children's Charity.

Thanks to a successful grant application, St John are now the proud owners of a Variety NT funded Troop carrier which will be used by our First Aid in Schools program and will enable us to reach many more remote community schools to deliver our Free program to Territory children between the years of pre school and year 8.

When not being used for the First Aid in Schools program, you will see the vehicle being used for some



of our public duty events and also at Variety NT events.

A very big thank you to Melinda Fleming of Variety NT for all of your hard work to make this happen and we are delighted to have commenced a partnership with a like minded organisation with whom we can work closely for the benefit of the Territory Community.

For more information on the **Free** First Aid in Schools program, visit our website <http://www.stjohnnt.org.au/>



SAVING STELLA

Early December last year, St John was fortunate to meet a beautiful young girl, living with a rare medical condition which could claim her life at any time. Stella Condie, is an active, fun loving 9 year girl who has a passion for tennis. Early in 2015 Stella suffered what was believed to be a heart attack, caused by a condition yet to be formally diagnosed, but believed to be a virus found in the cartilage and fluid surrounding her otherwise healthy heart. The condition means that Stella could go into Sudden Cardiac Arrest without warning.

The family set up a 'Go-fund-me' Facebook page and St John were made aware of her plight by a concerned friend of the family. The aim of the fundraising was to

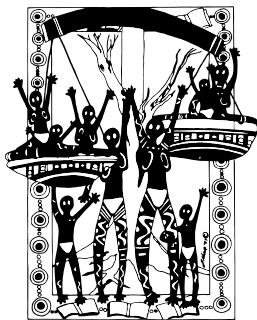
enable Stella's family to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator or AED that Stella could carry with her at all times in case of sudden cardiac arrest. The response from the Community was immediate and within a very short time the Facebook page had received sufficient funds to purchase the vital AED.

St John knew immediately that we could assist the family and with support from one of our Community partners, Variety NT the Children's Charity, we gave the family a much needed early Christmas present. By partnering with Variety, the two charities were able to donate two HS1 defibrillators, 2 sets of spare pads, a first aid kit and two CPR courses for Stella's parents, in the hope that this could save Stella's life. What this then allowed the family to do was use the funds raised from the 'Go-fund-me' page to fly to Melbourne to visit their terminally ill Grandmother, who was not expected to make it into the New Year.

The family were overwhelmed by the donation and have chosen to give the second defibrillator to Stella's tennis coach Sam Giess, to have on hand at the Palmerston Tennis Club when Stella has her weekly tennis lessons, a passion she refuses to give up.

Sadly for Stella, she is a very reluctant star and desperately wants to be a normal child and not be treated any differently. She does not want to be singled out for her illness, but her parents are positive that by making the public aware of her condition, that it may save her life.

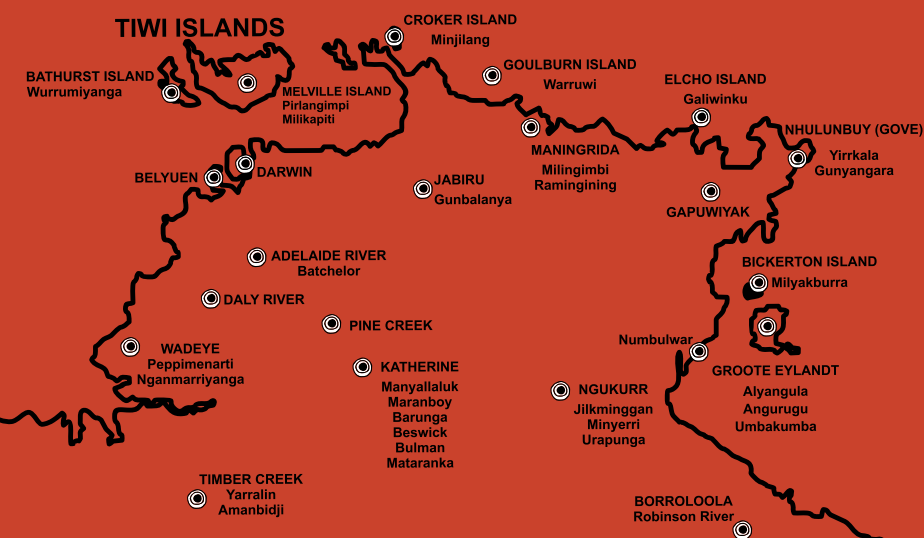
Mum Bridgett would like to make as many people aware of Stella's case in the hope that should she go into Cardiac Arrest in public, someone will be able to assist. "We desperately want our girl to lead as normal a life as possible, but if by making her condition public knowledge saves her life, then that is the best outcome we can hope for".



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BEERCAN REGATTA

In July last year, while the Southerners were bracing for the big chill, in true Top End style the Territorians hit the beach to celebrate the much anticipated annual Darwin Beercan Regatta.

The event itself is a Darwin tradition and has been run by the combined Lions Clubs of Darwin since 1978. The event always draws huge crowds and all proceeds raised at the event are donated to local charities.

This year was very exciting for St John with the entry by the Darwin Cadet Division of a soft drink can boat. Many months of planning and over 50 hours of hard work by adults and kids alike resulted in the fantastic 'Canbulance' design, made with over 1500 soft drink cans.

The design worked very well with the boat managing to stay afloat and complete the race, however a couple of pointers for next year, longer paddles at the front and someone who has some strength to keep them on track in the back! At one point it looked like the boat was headed for Mandorah and needed a bit of guidance from the Surf Lifesaving boat to get back on track and heading back to shore. Well done to everyone who helped to build the boat and to the kids who raced on the day, although they didn't win the race, the 'Canbulance' did win the best soft drink boat, well done team, great effort! Now to start getting ready with the winning boat for next year....



2015 NT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The 2015 NT Volunteer Awards presentations were held at Parliament House on Monday 11th May, 2015. The NT Volunteer of the Year Awards highlights exemplary volunteerwork and recognises the invaluable contribution to communities in the Northern Territory.



The Awards are an initiative of the Northern Territory Government in collaboration with Volunteering SA & NT.

This year we had three St John members nominated for the awards and whilst our volunteers did not go on to win the major awards St John was well represented. Congratulations to Aaron Brooks who was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, Angie Butler was nominated for the Chief Minister's Community Service Award and Gwyn Balch was nominated for the Chief Minister's Long Service Award.

Well done to all three on being nominated and for the outstanding volunteer work that you do. Keep up the great work!

NATIONAL CADET CAMP

Each year, Cadets from around Australia gather at the Australian National Cadet Championships to test each State and Territory's best in a series of challenges to determine who will take home the trophies and bragging rights for the next 12 months.

In January last year, the NT was host for this exciting event, with 44 Cadets and 31 adults attending the camp held at Kormilda College.

The Championship is designed to test the competitors in not only FIRST AID skills, but also:

- Collecting, analysing and organising information
- Managing Risk
- Communicating ideas and information
- Solving problems
- Planning and organising activities
- Working with others in teams
- Using Technology
- Using initiative and initiating change
- Using mathematical ideas and techniques
- Leadership

Three separate scenarios awaited the competitors on competition day. The time for each group to complete the first aid component is 15 minutes. They are then allowed a further 3 minutes to complete any paperwork and 2 minutes to handover all patients to the ambulance officer.

The Team (three members aged 11-17) were faced with the challenge of treating and assessing the following scene;

A group of five friends has been out fishing on Darwin Harbour since yesterday morning. Early this morning, while cooking breakfast in the boat's galley, a flame ignited

the curtains, resulting in a fire and explosion.

All passengers managed to 'jump ship' before the explosion. Three passengers are in the water and holding on to the life raft (small boat). Two passengers are in the boat. Local fisherman, seeing the explosion, went to their aid; towing the boat and the five occupants back to Fisherman's Wharf where St John Ambulance Cadets are waiting for an adult member to



Team event scenario

arrive for a public duty at a seafood festival.

The edge of the wharf is simulated by the edge of the pool and there is sufficient space on the wharf to bring patients to 'shore' for treatment as necessary.

Two patients are located in the boat. One is unconscious, but breathing, with bruising and swelling to forehead. The second is conscious with a fractured lower leg and second degree burns to both arms.

The Cadet Leader is an adult member of a Cadet Division aged 18-25 and they are faced with the following challenge;

A sprint car has been practicing at Northline Speedway, with the associated pit crew watching from the side of the track next to a pile of tyres. The sprint car driver has lost control and hit the tyres. The tyres have been pushed into the three pit crew.

The Cadet Leader has arrived early for the public duty at Northline Speedway and has been flagged down by one of the injured pit crew (Patient 3) who appears confused,

short of breath and is holding their chest, which has a flail section.

The driver of the sprint car (patient 1) is found sitting in the driver's seat with bruising on both shoulders from the seatbelt and is complaining of a sore neck.

One of the pit crew (patient 2) is unconscious, but breathing, with a large laceration to the head which is bleeding profusely. Another of the pit crew (patient 4) has suffered an abdominal injury with some superficial burns due to contact with a tyre.

The (I) individual was presented with the below scene;

Despite poor visibility, two station-hands have been riding on a quad bike on the property of Darwin River Station. The station hands have ridden into a wire fence and have both been thrown off their quad bike. Neither station-hand was wearing a helmet. A third station-hand has happened upon the pair within a few minutes of the accident.

The Cadet is driving home from a public duty and has been flagged down by the third station-hand (patient 3) who is panicking and running between the two injured station-hands, worried about each and not sure what to do. The third station hand is an asthmatic and becomes short of breath five minutes into the scenario.

One of the quad bike riders is found lying on ground, is bleeding from the upper chest region, has a severe bleed to the forehead and a fractured upper arm.

The other quad bike rider is unconscious, but breathing, with bruising and swelling to the forehead and a large laceration to lower leg which bleeds through first dressing.



KORMILDA 2015



Contingent members at the boxing croc



Paul Compton with
NSW Cadet leader winner Ashleigh Hanson

Congratulations to all of the competitors and to the winners from each State and Territory.

Cadet Leader

1st - New South Wales
2nd - Queensland
3rd - Northern Territory

Cadet Individual

1st - New South Wales
2nd - Victoria
3rd - South Australia

Cadet Team

1st - Northern Territory
2nd - South Australia
3rd - New South Wales

Champion State/Territory

1st - New South Wales
2nd - Northern Territory
3rd - Victoria

There were many months of preparation and planning to ensure the camp and competitions ran smoothly. A special thank you to the Natcamp committee members and camp staff for all their work - Mark, Kelly, Hailee, Kimberlee, Michael, Craig, Debbie, Narelle, Pat, Mandy, Kathy and Gwyn. The efficient transport service for the entire camp was expertly managed by Craig Garraway. Thanks also to Paul Berry and Serena Hyland for driving the Cadets up from Alice Springs and Tennant Creek and Mandy Paradise for being the camp medical officer and looking after the health and wellbeing of everyone on camp.

The competition was a huge event so special thank you to Kimberlee and Michael McKay for all their hard work. Thanks to the army of volunteers who assisted on competition day, 55 in total. The event could not have taken place without your assistance.



James Chandler with Emily Dando, NSW



Kieran Brown with NT Cadet team



Individual scenario event

ST JOHN NT CHARITY GOLF DAY

The St John NT Charity Golf Day held on Friday 08 May, 2015 at the Darwin Golf Club in Marrara was an outstanding success for not only the organisation but also all of the players and sponsors who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves!

The support from the Darwin Community was exceptional (and even included a team flying up from Alice Springs to participate!) as every team and sponsor spot filled very quickly.

This bi-annual event, first held in 2013 raised \$25,000 and this years' event was an even greater success with \$33,000 being raised for our Volunteer division with 100% of the proceeds raised benefiting over 450 St John Ambulance Volunteers Territory-wide by contributing towards the provision of uniforms and equipment to ensure that they can continue to provide first aid

services at a range of community and public events.

Congratulations to all players on the day, but a special mention must go to Roger Dee and the Gardens Park Golf Links team who performed extremely well, taking home the coveted prize of Best Gross Overall and Bridge Toyota for taking out the Best Net Overall. The NAGA Award was presented to MMC.

We are very grateful to all of our sponsors and supporters and our golf day would not have been the huge success it was without the following support;

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With very special thanks to;

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Event Organiser - Marion Elix and Debbie Garraway

All of the St John staff and helpers, and the non-St John helpers - Sonia and Stuart Davis, Rod Mills, Steve Balch, Bing Campaner and Raelene Beale.



We trust that all players and sponsors who participated in the 2015 St John Ambulance NT Charity Golf Day enjoyed the opportunity to entertain colleagues and friends, reward current clients and build new relationships and partnerships with potential clients - all whilst enjoying the beautiful weather, catering and beverages.

Our next Charity Golf Day will be held in 2017 and we already have teams pencilled in! We will keep you posted with a mail-out later in the year as we look forward to your participation and support in 2017.



Volunteer Award Presentations

Thursday 19th November 2015, the Speaker of the House The Honourable Ms Kezia Purick MLA, hosted the Annual St John Ambulance NT Volunteer Awards at Parliament house.

We were very fortunate to have His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory The Honourable Mr John Hardy KStJ, Deputy Prior of St John Ambulance and Mrs Marie Hardy, Patron of St John Ambulance attend, with His Honour presenting Chloe Ferguson with her Commissioners badge, Ericka Allen and Tanisha Cubillo with their Grand Priors badge and Rebecca Colangelo with her 12 year medal.

Madam Speaker presented the inaugural Junior of the Year nominees with a certificate and the winner's trophy to Sarah Brotherton from the Casuarina Cadet Division. Also receiving certificates were nominees for Cadet Member of

the Year and the winner's trophy presented to Jasmine Arbon from Darwin Cadet Division. Madam Speaker also presented the Peter Falkland Award, with nominees each receiving a certificate and the winner Reagan Hughes from Youth Division accepting her winner's trophy.

Madam Speaker also presented the final two certificates to the nominees for the Adult Member of the Year and the Operational Support Member of the Year. The Adult member of the year winner was Theofilos Gialamas from Casuarina Adults and Operational support member of the year was Anthony Longe from Alice Springs Juniors.

Priory security Mr Peter LeCornu presented the Cadet and Adult Divisions of the year, with Cadet Division of the year being awarded to the Darwin Cadets and the Adult division of the year awarded to Casuarina.

A very big Congratulations to all, well deserved winners from a high calibre of nominations across all awards. A huge thank you to Mandy Paradise and Hailee Skinner for organising the event and Nadia Packer for being MC.



Darwin Cadet Division, Krystal, Tessa and Erica



Casuarina Adults, Theo, Natalie and Scott



Cadet nominees Gemma, Jasmine and Benjamin



Administrator of the Northern Territory, His Honour the Honourable John Hardy and Mrs Hardy with award winners



Gwyn & Rosie Farewell

2015 was a year of many changes within the Darwin Volunteer Office, with the mid year farewell of two stalwarts Gwyn Balch and Rosie Ballinger who both retired for a quieter life interstate.

Gwyn commenced her employment back in 1998 as an Administrative Officer on six months tenure while the incumbent, Sue Franks, was on long service leave. Sue never came back and Gwyn held the position as Volunteer Coordinator for the next 17 years.

Gwyn's many years of dedication were rewarded with her admission to the Order of St John as Serving Sister (Member) in 2006 and promotion to Officer in 2012. Her voluntary service was recognised with her 12 year service medal and first bar. Gwyn was responsible for the implementation of many positive changes during her time in the role and always dealt with issues in an impartial and fair way. Gwyn was one of the key co-ordinators for the two very successful National Member Conventions held in Alice Springs in 2004 and Darwin in 2013, two of the many functions and events

she co-ordinated on behalf of the volunteers on an annual basis.

Rosie started with St John many years ago as a cadet with Darwin Cadet Division, transferring to Casuarina Cadets. As an adult, she assisted the Palmerston Cadets as secretary and other duties. Rosie was admitted to the Order of St John as Member in 2009, and was awarded Operational Support Member of the Year in 2011. Rosie's predominant role in the volunteer office was to maintain the public duty bookings, ensuring they were all filled on a weekly basis. Rosie also ensured that all volunteer training information was kept current, including updating the database and issuing certificates.

Both ladies made a very big impression on the volunteer department and have left a legacy which will be talked about for many years. We will miss your smiling faces and wish you both all the very best in your next big adventures.



Debbie, Gwyn and Rosie



Rosie, Gwyn and Kirsty



L-R Chris Turner, Rosie, Al Ballinger and Tanea Rudder

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The chances of survival if someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest in the Litchfield Shire increased last year, thanks to a continuing partnership between St John Ambulance NT and the Bendigo Bank.

The partnership, established in 2013 saw 8 Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) placed into the Darwin city area. In 2015, funds approved by the Litchfield Council and matched by the Coolalinga and District Community Bank, a Branch of the Bendigo Bank, has enabled an additional 8 AED's to be placed into the Litchfield Shire. St John NT is delighted to be able to continue this partnership for the benefit of the broader community.

These 8 AED's were installed at strategic locations around Litchfield Shire and have been chosen for the high volume of locals and visitors they attract each year.

For every minute that passes after cardiac arrest and before defibrillation the chances of survival diminish by 10%.

The eight venues where AED's have been installed include: Howard Springs Scout Hall, Livingston

Recreation Reserve, Berry Springs Shopping Centre, Noonamah Tavern, Coolalinga Shopping Centre (Kezia Purick's office), Woorabinda Reserve, Howard Springs and Freds Pass Reserve have accepted two of the units for access by the multiple groups who use the reserve.

Of course, we hope they never have to be used but the Coolalinga and District Community Bank are proud to be able to prepare the Territory community should the need arise.

When combined with CPR, an AED can increase the chance of survival by more than 75%, time is critical in the case of a cardiac arrest and simply put, these AED units will save lives.

Disappointingly, many members of the general public do not know where to find these life saving devices when needed and this can cost lives. St John Ambulance Australia has developed an online

app for iphones called Resuscitate, which will assist you to find the nearest AED or you can visit the St John AED website which will also assist you to locate the nearest AED unit in an emergency. www.aed.stjohn.org.au

St John NT and Bendigo Bank continue to work together to build a strong and resilient Territory community and we are delighted that these AED's have been made available for public to use.

The units are designed to be used by anyone, not necessarily someone who is first aid trained. The units themselves, talk a person through how to operate the AED should the need arise. However, if you would like to find out more about AED training or first aid courses, please visit our website for more information on www.stjohnnt.org.au or call us on 1300 St John.



2015 Graduation and Investiture Ceremony



The St John Ambulance Australia (NT) Inc annual Investiture and Graduation Ceremony was hosted by His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM KStJ, Administrator of the Northern Territory and St John Deputy Prior and Patron Mrs Marie Hardy at Government House on Wednesday, 20th May 2015.

It was a very enjoyable evening, with many achievements acknowledged including Promotions within the Order of St John, Staff Service Year Awards, Volunteer Service Awards and Bars, Priory Vote of Thanks and Graduating Paramedics.

Congratulations to the following staff and volunteers on their wonderful achievements.....

Promotions:

- Craig Garraway – promoted to Commander
- Paul Berry – promoted to Officer

Priory Vote Of Thanks Awards:

- Alice Springs Town Council – His Worship the Mayor Mr Damien Ryan
- Bendigo Bank – Mr Mike Clutterham
- Grinners Catering – Mrs Helen Vigenser
- City of Darwin – The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Darwin Katrina Fong Lim

Staff Service Bars:

5-Years:

- Sherryn Gray
- Kylie Hokins
- Mary-Anne McBride
- Rebecca Moller
- Donald Murfett
- Robyn Orchard
- Tamara Thompson
- Stuart Allison
- Aaron Brooks
- Natalie Cecchin
- Alison Daly
- Paul Deacon
- Rhys Dowell



- Suzanne Forwood
- Simone Hales
- Brock Hellyer
- Natalie McKeen
- Kylie Newport
- Carlo Novak
- Frances Stringer
- Robert Webster



10 Years:

- Daniel Macmillan
- Kelly Raven
- Fiona Sylva
- Peter Jones
- Ron Owen

15-Years:

- Barbara Brown
- Donna Peters
- Stuart Anderson
- Antoni Kwiatkowski

20-Years:

- Andrew Naden

25-Years:

- Jim Leigh

30-Years:

- Wendy Jackson



Volunteer Service Medals & Bars:

12-Year Medal:

- Bruce Garnett
- Henri Raafs
- Steve Rudder
- Tanea Rudder
- Hailee Skinner
- Leanne Stubbs
- Alan Wirtz
- Kimberlee McKay
- Steve Russell

First Bar (17 Years):

- Gwyn Balch
- Paul Berry

Second Bar (22 Years):

- Patrick Murray
- Adrian Rossiter

Fourth Bar (32 Years):

- Angie Butler

Graduating Students:

- Barb Klessa
- Robyn Orchard
- Lisa Palmer
- Andrew Everingham
- Sue-Ellen Skinner
- Tarja Dick

And.. the **Student of the Year Award** went to Andrew Everingham!

Special Thanks

I would also like to thank The Very Reverend Dr Keith Joseph, for offering his services during the Investiture and Graduation.

By

Vanessa Cordes



SCENARIO TRAINING – KATHERINE STYLE

The Katherine Adult Division has had a great year for training scenarios with the opportunity to engage in some multi-agency scenarios. Our training nights have included some absolutely awesome yet unexpected scenarios that have been made possible by Leanne, Megan and some very patient, willing and trusting family and friends that happily put their lives and their limbs on the line for us.



The first scenario for the year consisted of a gentleman that had his campsite blow up causing him severe burns and a young man hit by a car.



Our second scenario started off as an ordinary Vellie night and then we were confronted with all chaos breaking loose at one of the member's homes. On arrival there was blood everywhere, a snake bite, a fall down the stairs and a terribly savage fluffy white dog.

I'm pleased to report that all our patients made full recoveries and none of our members lost limbs to the savage dog that was cleaning up the fake blood, chasing pats and the biscuits we had for supper.





No training night is complete without a Finke Scenario. This one was actually based upon an actual injury that had been treated in 2014.



A very dusty motorbike rider that had crashed into a group of trees, couldn't remember what had happened and was complaining of pain to the right arm and neck. This also gave us the opportunity to practice spinal immobilisation from a seated position.

The first combined scenario for the year involved a Motor Vehicle Accident with multiple patients. Apart from the noise, the dust, the bystanders and all the flashing lights, another difficulty our members faced were some of the patients did not speak English so their job became twice as hard. They were also faced with multiple injuries and an amputation which caught everyone by surprise.

This scenario provided a great opportunity for us to see how the Fires and the guys and gals from NTES work on major scenes and actually use the jaws of life to extricate these patients, after treatment from our members of course.

Once the roof was removed from the car, it made access to our patients a lot easier, however it was then discovered that one of our patients was missing part of her leg. The lady that agreed to play patient for us is an actual amputee and the flesh was only a lamb shank. It made us all jump though. It was a great night and I think we all gained some valuable experience, refreshed our skills and developed a further working relationship with our other allied services.



Our final scenario for the year was organised by Leanne and involved the NTES guys and gals and their brand new mule stretcher.

To describe this stretcher, it's basically a Stokes Litter on a massive wheelbarrow wheel and is ideal for moving stretcher patients over uneven terrain.

Overall it has been a great year for Katherine with the training we have received and the scenarios we have been exposed to and we are looking forward to more in 2016. Of course these could not have been possible without Leanne dreaming these up and Megan for her photography and we thank them both very much. If you are ever passing through Katherine on a Thursday night, feel free to drop in but expect the unexpected....

Ashlee Elton

Katherine Paramedic and Volunteer

THE BORELLA RIDE

In the Northern Territory we are lucky to have a number of major events that we can all get involved with, but every now and then a special event comes along. This year St John was requested to assist with a special project to be part of the Northern Territory's celebration of 100 years of the ANZAC, The Borella Ride.

The Borella Ride retraced the route taken by Albert Borella in 1915, when Albert left his farm in the Tennant Creek area and made his way to Darwin, before taking a boat to Townsville to enlist in World War 1. Albert went on to fight at Gallipoli and the Western Front, receiving the highest honour, the Victoria Cross.

The Borella Ride commemoration took place from 20th February to 3rd March 2015, commencing in Tennant Creek it made its way up the Stuart Highway to Darwin; calling in at towns and roadhouses along the way giving the communities a chance to get involved through educational displays, BBQs and community receptions.

Albert's grandson, Richard Borella, was the lead horseman on the trek, along with a couple of new mates, Tim George, and Charlie Cloos they walked, rode on horse back, jumped on a horse drawn buggy for 12 days from sun up to sun set before their final leg on the train into Darwin for a reception at the Stokes Hill wharf.

Besides the weeks of planning in the background lead up to the event, our involvement started with the drive from Darwin to Tennant Creek on the 19th February and a community BBQ that night. The next morning was the only lazy day with an 0800 start for a ceremony hosted by Ray Martin before the walk out



of town to our first stop at the telegraph station, just a few kilometers down the road. This leisurely day was soon forgotten,

with 0500 starts and late nights by the time community engagements were completed. It only took a day before blisters started appearing and Gastrolite was the drink of choice.

The heat from the bitumin raised the temperature well above the 33 degrees air temperature and there was very little breeze to cool the guys down.

Blessings along the way, such as a small water hole for the walkers to soak their feet, was a chance for the whole team to take a break and remember the reason we were all there and the beauty of the countryside we were passing through. As the days went by we stopped in at Banka Banka, Renner Springs, Elliott, Dunmarra, Daly Waters, Larramah, Mataranka, Katherine, Pine Creek and Adelaide River before arriving in Darwin.

The days didn't get any easier,

they were long and hot and we were dressing blisters at 0500 in the morning and again last thing at night, providing an escort out front driving at 5kms per hour for hours at a time, but the camaraderie between all the different groups working behind the scenes to make it all come together was amazing. Besides the organisers from NT Major Events, there were camp cooks, media, historians, armourers, traffic control, horse handlers, community education, risk management and even our very own Ted Egan to sing us song. Everyone chipped in and worked together to get the tasks completed, from packing trucks, preparing meals, doing dishes and helping with the horses.



This type of event might not be for everyone, but if you like getting out in the beautiful countryside that we live and work with great teams of people for fantastic causes, keep an eye out for upcoming St John major events where you too can be part of a special experience.

By
Martin Anderson





OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE TURNED GREEN!

You may have noticed a change in colour across the Territory, with our volunteers moving into a new green uniform.

The change from the traditional black and white to the green, was prompted by a shift Nationally to the green uniforms, making it increasingly difficult to source the black and whites. The new uniform will still have the distinctive black and white patch on the sleeve and will be visible across the NT at all public events. The black and white uniforms will still be retained for ceremonial purposes and will still be worn by our juniors and cadets.

The new uniform rollout started at the Alice Springs show last year, with the last of our members in the Darwin region issued at the end of 2015.

We are always looking for new volunteers across the Territory. Do

you have what it takes to be our next Volunteer?

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ANNUAL APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS TRIFECTA!

Alice Springs based apprentice mechanic Anthony Garraway has graduated Dux of his class, by taking out the Final Annual Apprentice of the Year Award at the Graduation ceremony for his automotive apprenticeship class.

The Awards held in Alice Springs in December last year, saw 10 new Apprentice Mechanics graduate. Anthony has been the star of the class from the beginning, taking out Most Outstanding Automotive Apprentice in his first and second year of the course and early last year was awarded the overall Automotive Apprentice of the Year. To top off this amazing effort, Anthony was awarded Final Year Automotive Apprentice of the year and accepted the award at the presentation ceremony in Alice Springs.

Anthony was a reluctant scholar in the early days of the

apprenticeship and considered giving it all away for another career. It was not until he found his passion for the tools and the hands on side of the job that he really came into his own.

NT Workshop Manager Mark O'Shaughnessy said he was immensely proud not only of Anthony's achievements but also of the Alice Springs workshop staff. Over the course of Anthony's apprenticeship he has had great guidance from all the staff he works with and that the workshop guys should give themselves a pat on the back for helping Anthony reach all of his achievements.

Well done on such a fantastic achievement and well deserved congratulations. Keep up the great work.





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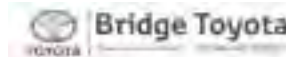
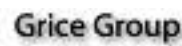
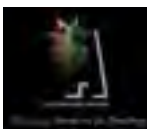


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