



Media Release



ST JOHN AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

10 March 2009, Sydney: Ettalong Beach resident, Nicky Younger has been awarded 2008 Volunteer of the Year for her philanthropic support of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Peninsula Division and will receive a prize donation of \$A10,000 for the not-for-profit organisation.

Her employer, Macquarie Group and its philanthropic arm, the Macquarie Group Foundation, have developed the annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards program to acknowledge the outstanding community contributions of its staff, as well as the organisations they serve.

Nicky has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award, which is given to a dedicated volunteer who has devoted significant time and efforts to a not-for-profit organisation.

Last year alone, Nicky contributed to St John Ambulance by volunteering over 300 hours in events, training and leadership roles.

Terry Mitchell, Peninsula Division's Superintendent, is very grateful for Nicky's time and commends her dedication.

"Nicky cultivates a 'can-do' attitude in other members, shares the joys and low-points of this type of work and fosters the spirit of good-will and pleasure that comes from donating one's time and efforts," said Mr Mitchell.

Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation, said the Foundation places great importance on supporting the community efforts of its staff.

"The contribution of Macquarie Group staff – as volunteers, fundraisers, board members of not-for-profit organisations and pro bono service providers – continues to grow from strength to strength, significantly enhancing Macquarie's overall community effort.

“We are very proud of this year’s record number nominees for the Macquarie Staff Community Awards and I would like to congratulate Nicky on her efforts and the contribution she has made to St John Ambulance.

The prize will help Nicky’s division to purchase a new patient retrieval vehicle.

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EDITOR’S NOTES

Macquarie Group Foundation

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie Group – has been providing support to community programs for more than 35 years. In the last year, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$23 million to over 800 community organisations around the world.

St John Ambulance

St John is a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation that relies on the revenue it raises from its commercial activities to provide the resources for a range of community services. These include the provision of first aid at community events, early literacy, immunisation and ophthalmic care.

Surprising things about St John (NSW):

- The most recognised of these services are the 3,800 first aid services volunteers;
- who provide over 430,000 hours of first aid service each year in NSW;
- treating approximately 36,000 casualties each year; and
- spending over 90,000 hours refreshing training and advanced life support skills.

Many of these first aid service volunteers are on duty at large events including the Big Day Out, New Year’s Eve celebrations, the Royal Easter Show, and recently attended the many first aid posts for World Youth Day. They are also a familiar presence at many of the local sporting, school and community events.