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New ambulance station opens

The new Hillside ambulance station in Dunedin was officially opened by St John Chancellor Garry Wilson on 30 October 2010.

The station opening follows trials of temporary locations and during this time it became clear that locating the ambulance station in Hillside Road will help St John improve its response times to emergency callouts by 10%, helping achieve better patient outcomes.

"There are many advantages in being able to respond to sick or injured people in a quicker timeframe, the most obvious being saving a life should the patient have suffered a cardiac arrest," says Southern Region Operations Manager Doug Third.

"It is one of the guiding principles of St John that we aim to provide the best possible care for our patients, and improving our response times is one way we can achieve this."

The opening was attended by St John members, community members, politicians, and ASB representatives.

During the ceremony Garry Wilson presented a Priority Vote of Thanks to the Marsh Family Trust who have supported St John by funding the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for the Otago community.



COMMUNITY LEADERS, DIGNITARIES AND ST JOHN MEMBERS AT THE HILLSIDE STATION OPENING



ST JOHN CHANCELLOR GARRY WILSON PRESENTS A PRIORITY VOTE OF THANKS TO SUSAN MCKINLAY, REPRESENTING THE MARSH FAMILY TRUST

2010 St John Honours

St John has its own honours system. Through this, we recognise and reward the hard work and service of our members, by admitting or promoting them to the Order of St John.

St John Honours are sanctioned by Her Majesty The Queen, and are an independent part of the New Zealand Royal Honours System.

To Be Commander



Rev. Leah Boniface (Riverton) has had a long involvement in St John, commencing as a cadet in Invercargill in 1958. Her current involvement is as a St John Chaplain, providing support to members in the Riverton Area. Leah is passionate

about St John and its members and carries out all duties to very professional standards.

Leah exercises good judgement and is very committed to the chaplaincy activity. She has proved to be a talented and enthusiastic Officer of St John.

To Be Officer

Glenis Crutchley (Ranfurly) is the Maniototo Team Manager and for 20 years has been completely committed to St John. Amongst her many responsibilities she coordinates clinical development sessions on training nights, attends Area Committee meetings and liaises with the District Operations Manager. Glenis is a loyal and dedicated leader of St John Maniototo Area, supporting officers and making sure that everything runs smoothly.



Donald Harbourne (Oamaru) commenced his St John involvement as a volunteer ambulance officer in Milton in 1972 before moving to Oamaru in 2004 when he was appointed as a paid ambulance officer. Donald

is also the Assistant Divisional Manager of the Oamaru Youth Division. He has a passion for training and uses his knowledge and skills to enhance the clinical abilities of youth members competing at regional and national levels.

To Be Member

Selwyn Cardno (South Otago) has been a dedicated ambulance officer for over 40 years, carrying out his various roles with great dedication. In earlier years, he

held the roles of Cadet Superintendent of the Milton Cadet Division and also Chairman of the Upper Clutha (now Wanaka) Area Committee.

Jan Duffy (Ranfurly) joined the Maniototo Area Committee in 1997 and has been an extremely valuable member for 13 years, totally committed to St John and its work in the area. She is a very popular and kind person and the wider community respect her knowledge and advice.

Jeannie Paterson (Mosgiel) joined St John as a volunteer ambulance officer in Lawrence in 1990 and progressed to the role of Team Manager, before moving to the Mosgiel station in 2004. Jeannie is a key member of the Mosgiel team who delivers continuously and consistently beyond the requirements of her paid employment and she has been and continues to be a great operational role model for volunteers.



Glenys Riach (Mosgiel) joined St John as an Adult Helper with the Mosgiel Youth Division in 2003. She became the Divisional Manager in 2004 and widened her involvement by becoming a Friend of the Emergency Department in 2005. Glenys became the Coastal Otago District Youth Manager in 2008 and she is a driving force within the Youth Executive in the Southern Region.

Rod Walker (Wanaka) joined St John in November 2005. Rod voluntarily provides an educational component at many training sessions to pass on his experience and skill to volunteer ambulance officers progressing through their training, while also continuing his own study towards his Advanced Paramedic qualification.



Karen Bradfield (Owaka) works with enthusiasm and gives countless hours a year to St John. At the present time Karen is Team Manager for Owaka and is passionate about keeping an ambulance service in the area.

Bevan Michie (Dunedin) has been involved in a range of St John activities and has a particular strength in the competitions arena, initially as a competitor, then as an organiser before progressing to be the Regional Competitions Coordinator.

Wanaka Youth Division lead parade

In October Wanaka Youth and Penguin members, accompanied by their leaders, led the WanakaFest parade through Wanaka.

The annual Wanaka festival was celebrated over Labour Weekend and kicked off with the street parade organised by Kahu Youth, a Wanaka Youth Club which provides an after-school and general activities programme for Wanaka school children.

The St John Youth members were smartly dressed in their various uniforms, including some fluorescent coats which

had only arrived that day. There was an enthusiastic reaction from the crowd of some 2,000 people, particularly when the youth members stopped marching, smartly turned left or right, and saluted the crowd.

Although the Youth members did not win the inaugural Parade Trophy for the best entry, they did get significant publicity and comment from the parade commentators, followed up the next day by continued comment on the local radio station.



WANAKA YOUTH AND PENGUIN MEMBERS PROUDLY LEAD THE WANAKAFEST PARADE DOWN ARDMORE STREET

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