



**St John Ambulance Australia Foundation**  
**Supporting the Charitable Work of St John Ambulance in the A.C.T.**

St John Ambulance Australia is a registered charity and Public Benevolent Institution (PBI). St John was established in Australia in 1883 and has continuously served the community since that time. The ethos of St John is embodied in its motto which primarily relates to:

*“the encouragement and promotion of all work of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in distress, suffering or danger, without distinction of race, class or creed.”*

St John Ambulance in the Australian Capital Territory is self funding. Revenue raised from the professional teaching of First Aid and the sale of First Aid Kits supports the volunteer community services provided by St John (ACT).

There are two main endeavours of our volunteers in the ACT. The provision of free community First Aid services to the many public events and activities in Canberra and the surrounding region. These First Aid Officers are readily distinguishable in their familiar black and white uniforms.

Perhaps less well known are the St John Community Care volunteers. They are engaged in ‘*Project Survival*’ a programme which delivers First Aid skills to homeless youth and other disadvantaged members of our community. They operate in the streets of Canberra, in safe houses and refuges. Their work is often referred to as the *street kids project*.

St John Ambulance volunteers are associated with the ACT Emergency Services and involved in the ACT Disaster Medical Response Plan. They gave considerable practical support during the disastrous bush fires in January 2003.

While proud of its independence, the endless cost of training, uniforms, equipment purchases, and replenishment of consumable stores is a significant financial commitment for St John (ACT). Donations from those who use and value the service we provide do assist us to meet those obligations. St John volunteers are also involved in fund raising activities which contributes revenue in support of our community commitments.

Training and kit sales income, donations and fund raising proceeds allows St John (ACT) to continue to provide volunteer services to the community, ***just***.

There is constant pressure to maintain a viable enterprise and unfortunately this involves diverting volunteer activity to fund raising and away from the role they are trained for and prefer to do.

The community demand for St John services is growing. It is a regrettable fact that not all requests for assistance can be met. We have too few members and are caught in the predicament of membership recruitment needs versus meeting the costs associated with training new members and the provision of new uniforms. Purchasing vital equipment is unfortunately limited because of financial restriction.

The dilemma is how will St John continue to meet those increasing community expectations!

For this organisation to continue to develop it is clear that the only solution open to St John (ACT) is to seek financial support from the community it serves, and hopefully receive sympathetic consideration from the Legislative Assembly and A.C.T. Government.

### ***Why a Foundation!***

St John Ambulance Australia has a national Foundation. The St John (ACT) Board of Directors has taken a decision to launch an ACT Chapter of this Foundation. This initiative has the endorsement of the National Foundation Trustees. All funds raised by the ACT Chapter will be used solely for the purpose of supporting St John (ACT) charitable activities. The Trust Deed in its recitals states that *the purpose of the Foundation is to encourage public support of the charitable and public beneficial works in accordance with the objects of St John Ambulance Australia.*

It is our aim to raise one million dollars over five years. This will ensure that we are able to maintain and grow our volunteer services to the public, free from the need to always be fund raising and diverting our members' efforts.

St John (ACT) is exceedingly grateful to NRMA Insurance Limited who have agreed to become the principal donor, they have generously agreed to contribute \$125,000 over five years. There are three remaining categories of donors within our Foundation.

Major Donor	\$50,000 or more	or \$10,000 <sup>+</sup>	per year for 5 years
Donor	\$20,000 to \$49,999	or \$4,000 <sup>+</sup>	per year for 5 years
Friend of St John	\$1,000 to \$19,999	or \$200 <sup>+</sup>	per year for 5 years

As a registered charity and PBI, donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

All monies raised will be devoted exclusively to the support of St John in the Canberra region. Income from the Foundation's investments will provide a reliable source of operating funds to support the growth of volunteer services sought by the community. Our volunteers can concentrate on the work they do best and deliver that service, with their expertise, knowing they have the support equipment they need.

When you support St John you can be confident that your contribution will directly benefit the work of St John (ACT) and effectively contribute to the welfare of your community.

***WILL YOU HELP St John (ACT) by becoming a major donor of our ACT Foundation?***

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