

Volunteer Position Description

St John Ambulance Australia

Aim / Mission of Organisation:

St John Ambulance offers volunteers a friendly and social environment in which to learn first aid skills. Our volunteers are involved in the provision of first aid coverage to local festival and sporting events as well as concerts and major events at the MCG, Melbourne Park, Colonial Stadium and many more.

Vacancy Name:	St John Ambulance First Aid Services – Junior/Cadet Volunteer Position Description
Tasks / Duties:	Learn First Aid with other kids your age and have fun with the other kids
Skills & knowledge:	N/A
Time commitment:	2 hours/week during school term
Days required:	Wednesday meetings 6:30
Location of position:	Elwood Primary School
Special Requirements:	Age 8 – 10 for Juniors and 11 – 17 for Cadets
Extra Comments:	There are numerous positions available at St John – included are a list of those positions, have a look through to see if you're interested in any of those positions.
Contact Person:	The Divisional Superintendent
Contact details:	0421 589 898 or email port.phillip@stjohnvic.com.au
How to apply:	Get in touch with contact person or visit the website at http://www.stjohnvic.com.au/volunteers/ and fill in the online form.

Other positions:

St John Juniors (8-11)

St John Operations, which is the first aid arm of St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria), runs programs and activities targeted towards young people, aged 8-11. The programs designed for Juniors emphasise fun, helping people and participation. St John Juniors is often thought of as a way to actively promote and nurture enthusiasm, and provide a positive experience. Juniors often include many camps, excursions, and adventure activities as well as first aid training.

Youth Policy Development

St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria) employs a Youth Development Officer who is responsible for developing and implementing exciting and innovative programs for the youth members of St John. If you have any ideas or experience that you would like to contribute to St John to bring its youth programs to a new level, please feel free to contact us. Some areas of interest for other volunteers have been adventure program development, Child Protection policies, areas of learning and campsite development

Visiting Friends

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The Visiting Friends program involves both visitors and residents of Supported Residential Services in a variety of activities and has been developed in conjunction with Eastern Region Department of Human Services.

Recruiting

St John Headquarters is continually looking for new ways to recruit volunteers to St John and develop programs for people to volunteer in. If you have any ideas you think would be useful, or have spare time to assist with developing or preparing material, please feel free to contact us

Cadets (11-15)

As part of St John Operations, Cadets are one of the strongest areas for volunteers. At present, nearly every St John Division (the groups which meet in particular areas) has a Cadet component. A strong emphasis is placed on personal development and excitement, as well as practical first aid. There are regular camps for cadets from all over the state, and across the country, as well as adventure activities ranging from caving to canoeing.

Cadets are able to do their first aid certificates within St John, and advance these as they go to include Senior and Advanced First Aid. Cadets often attend public duties with adult members, at events such as the football, Royal Melbourne Show, and the Olympics

First Aid Adults (18+)

While it's personally challenging, exciting and rewarding - volunteering with St John Ambulance is really about helping others in need. Whether it's at the MCG, the Big Day Out or a bush fire, the St John volunteer team helps more than 100,000 Australians every year - for free. It's what we've been doing in Australia for over a hundred years.

As a volunteer you'll be professionally trained to know what to do in an emergency - from splinting an ankle to using a defibrillator for a cardiac arrest. You'll often be the first to the scene. You'll be the person people depend on until medical aid arrives. Community members from all walks of life make up the 10,000 strong St John volunteer team. They are ordinary people trained in extraordinary lifesaving skills. To become a valued member of our volunteer team all you need is commitment, compassion, our first aid certificate and a couple of hours a week.

What's more, you'll benefit from our skills maintenance program that includes advanced resuscitation and first aid as well as leadership and management training. These qualifications can also enhance your career and your first aid certificate can be used as a pre-requisite to workplace first aid training and for entry into many careers

Friends for Older People

Across Victoria, there are many older people living in homes and villages that do not have anyone that can keep in regular contact with them or who can visit them. Friends for Older People are volunteers who visit these people and spend time with them where they can.

Fundraising

Although St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria) raises money through first aid courses and first aid kits to support its volunteers, there is always a need for further funding to help purchase much needed equipment and stores. St John seeks corporate funding and even takes donations as part of its fundraising. If you have fundraising ideas, or wish to donate some time to assist, please contact us.

Senior Cadets (15-18)

St John recognises that older adolescents often enjoy different activities and areas of learning than their younger counter-parts. Senior Cadets, as part of the Operations Branch,

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learn (in a 2 year rotating program) advanced resuscitation, asthma management, spinal management and Semi-Automatic External Defibrillation (SAED).

St John aims to provide opportunities for Senior Cadets to develop leadership, management and life skills, as stepping stones for any career. The program developed for St John Senior Cadets is targeted to provide relevance for older adolescents, and includes areas such as personal development, health and well being, stress and conflict management, relaxation techniques, budgeting skills, drug and alcohol awareness, and suicide and depression

Affiliates (Divisional support)

Running a Division of volunteers can be an extremely challenging and busy task, and often leaders are required to rely heavily upon the support of others. Many Divisions have affiliate members who provide key support through committees, advisory roles and emergency service administration. These volunteers are often those who wish to be part of an Operations Branch Division (Operations Branch is the volunteer first aid arm of St John Ambulance), but do not wish to be a uniformed member of work in the field. Affiliate members can also have very flexible arrangements around volunteering their time, and put in what they can when they are able to

Driving Program

Driving program volunteers assist in transporting people to appointments, organised outings, community facilities and even shopping

Historical Society

St John Ambulance is an organisation which is deeply steeped in tradition, finding its origins in the Crusades. As a chivalrous order, St John is a much-respected organisation that places great importance in its history and heritage. If you are interested in finding out more about the Historical Society, please contact us.

Youth Leadership

The process of retaining members, regardless of age, requires the dedication and commitment of suitable leaders who have age-appropriate skills. Youth Leaders throughout St John have an extraordinary range of areas to work within, and require people with an interest in leadership roles and a willingness to commit to providing opportunities for fun and excitement.

Volunteer Leaders are provided with training through St John and are not required to have professional qualifications - just an open mind. Leaders are able to guide groups of young people through all ranges of areas of interest - from youth councils to caving and bike patrols.

St John aims to provide opportunities to Youth Leaders that will enhance their leadership and management skills, as well as increase a person's involvement in the community in an enjoyable way.

Communications

As an emergency service which covers the entire state of Victoria, St John Ambulance and its volunteers rely heavily upon radio based communications.

St John has Communications Centres in South Melbourne and in rural centres such as Bendigo, which are staffed by volunteers, and manage the St John radio network. The radio network is used in both the day to day management of St John Divisions and at emergency activities such as bushfires

Confident Living Presenter

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Become a presenter with the Police Confident Living program, and assist in enhancing the safety, security and independence of older people.

Ophthalmic Hospital

St John Ambulance International supports an Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem. The hospital was founded in 1882, and was the first eye hospital established in the Middle East. The 82-bed hospital has an international team of surgeons and full time staff of more than 100, and treats 50,000 patients every year.

St John Ambulance Australia supports the Hospital by providing annual Fellowships for Australia eye surgeons who join the Hospital's staff. If you are a health care professional interested in finding out more about this, or wish to make a donation, please contact us.

Needle and Thread

The Needle and Thread program sew many items for people in the community who need them - from head scarves for chemotherapy patients to neo-natal wear to knee blankets for older people.

Needle and Thread volunteers either work by themselves at home or as part of a team and their involvement in the program can be matched to their particular skills.