



**St John**

# Williams SJA Sub-Centre

## **AGM update**

*The Williams Sub-Centre recently held its AGM. This year saw the introduction of a formalized nomination process, as per the State Office guidelines. Interested volunteers were encouraged to nominate for the committee in writing, to be formally elected at the AGM.*

*This year saw 5 volunteers nominate for the committee. These nominees were all elected unopposed. The new committee is made up of **Phil Stewart (Chairperson)**, **Meg Strickland (Vice-Chairperson)**, **Heidi Cowcher (Acting Secretary/Treasurer)**, **Pat Steele (Committee)** & **Helen Genders (Committee)**. Congratulations to all incoming office bearers.*

*There were no formal nominations for the secretary & treasurer roles, so the committee has resolved to employ a part time office administrator for the sub-centre. The successful candidate will be based at the sub-centre and will have the office "open" one day per week. Details of this position are still being finalised, and the position will be advertised through State office in the next few months.*

*Special recognition needs to be made of three office bearers who formally stood down from their roles at the 2011 AGM. **Neville Steicke (Chairperson)**, **James Lenehan (Vice-Chairperson)** & **Pat Dudley (Secretary)** all decided to not re-nominate for the committee. Appreciation is extended to these volunteers for the invaluable contribution they have made over a number of years. They have all indicated that they will continue their voluntary duties as on-road ambulance officers.*

## **Volunteers needed!**

*It would seem that this catch-cry is becoming all too familiar. We, like the Volunteer Fire & Rescue service, desperately need interested community members to consider joining the our team as an on-road ambulance officer. All training is provided at no cost to the individual. If you have ever considered this, please give it serious thought now, as we need you! Please contact one of the committee to discuss your interest further. We will happily talk you through the process.*

## **Farewell Heather**

*Recently one of our longest serving volunteers, Heather Higham, tendered her resignation from the Williams sub-centre. Heather has been a volunteer for the last 11 years and during this time has been an invaluable member of the team. She has a happy disposition and has a fantastic rapport with patients and other volunteers alike. She provided her time as a MAPS (peer support officer) trained volunteer, being there in times of need for other volunteers who may have been experiencing hardship.*

*One of Heather's significant contributions (apart from her time) was the donation of the mosaic in the foyer of the new Williams sub-centre. It is truly a significant work of art and will be a talking point for the sub-centre for many years to come. Indeed, other sub-centres who have seen it, want one too!!*

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