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First aid focus for sporting club volunteers

Free first aid courses are being offered to local sporting clubs as part of an initiative to increase the number of qualified first aiders at local sporting venues.

The partnership between the Shire of Broome and St John Ambulance will provide local clubs with the necessary skills to provide first aid, not just on the sporting field but in the community.

Participants have the option of attending a full-day course on Saturday 9 June, or they can attend two evening sessions in consecutive weeks starting 5 June and 12 June.

Shire of Broome Club Development Officer, Mike Doyle, said the 2017 Club Survey indicated 71 per cent of clubs had designated first aid officers at events, but the high turnover of volunteers meant there was always a need to accredit new people.

“We want these two weeks in June to be focused on safer sport, and the courses are scheduled to ensure volunteers can still participate at their clubs through the week,” Mr Doyle said.

“This partnership with St John is a terrific way of ensuring the sporting community plays a lead role in increasing first aid knowledge in our community, and all at no cost to them.”

St John Ambulance North West Regional Manager, Andrew Graffen, said the initiative was in line with the organisation’s purpose of making first aid a part of everyone’s life.

“This partnership is a great way to reward and support those individuals who volunteer their time to allow our community to engage in the vast range of sporting activities available,” Mr Graffen said.

“Trainers will tailor scenarios to presentations commonly associated with participation in sport.”

If you are a club official or committee member, coach, referee/umpire or other support member please contact St John Ambulance on 9192 0706, advise your course preference and quote code SHIRESPORT. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and all courses are held at St John Ambulance in Broome.

Club Sport First Aid		
Course 1	5pm - 8.30pm	Tuesday June 5 and June 12
Course 2	5pm - 8.30pm	Wednesday June 6 and June 13
Course 3	5pm - 8.30pm	Thursday June 7 and June 14
Course 4	8.30am - 4pm	Saturday June 9
Course 5	5pm - 8.30pm	Monday June 11 and 18

Anyone interested in developing their club should contact Mr Doyle on 9191 3456 or at mike.doyle@broome.wa.gov.au.

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