

News in Youth: National Cadet of the Year

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Announcement – National Cadet of the Year Appointment

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Justin Houben as our National Cadet of the Year 2014/15.

Justin is a 17 year old Cadet from Whangarei Youth Division in Northern Region where he has been a member for the past 3 years. Justin has ambitions to continue our focus on building strong relationships at all levels between our Youth programme, Operations and Order Matters.

Justin has a clear plan for when he finishes as a Prefect at Kamo High School. He is hoping to get accepted into AUT for Paramedicine; gain experience in Ambulance; complete the postgraduate course; move to South Australia and work as a Heli-med paramedic; find a wife and start a family in Adelaide; work till 50-60 then teach First Aid/Ambulance courses until retirement; then spend all his savings on time with his grandchildren. With a clear plan, his determination, and support from St John, there will be nothing in his way.

Outside of Justin's busy St John life he enjoys snowboarding, is involved in his Church's Youth Group, plays Ultimate Frisbee and has just started Power Lifting.

Over the next 12 months Justin will be supported to participate in Chapter, lead and work with the other Regional Cadets of the Year (Mark Holdaway (South Island) and Neko Diamantis (Central)), support key St John events, as well as set a couple of impact goals he would like to complete during his term.

Justin will formally begin his term at the official hand over from our outgoing National Cadet of the Year Kristen Vanderschantz at the Investiture in Dunedin in November.

We are very excited about the energy and aroha Justin will bring and opportunities he will generate during his term, our congratulations to you Justin!

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