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PROFESSOR MARK COMPTON RECOGNISED WITH THE ORDER OF ST JOHN'S HIGHEST HONOUR, BAILIFF GRAND CROSS, AT KENSINGTON PALACE

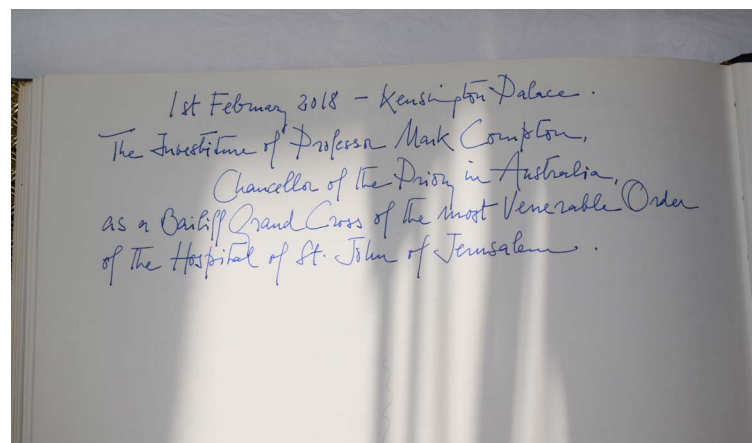
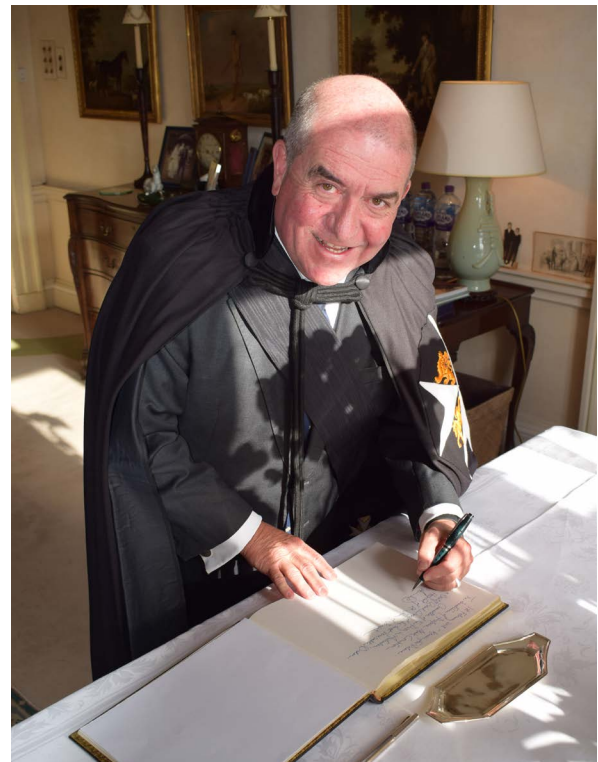
St John Ambulance Australia is delighted to announce that Chancellor of the Order of St John in Australia and Chairman of the National Board of Directors of St John Ambulance Australia, Professor Mark Compton AM GCStJ, has been recognised by being promoted to Bailiff Grand Cross, the highest grade in the Order of St John. Professor Compton is the 5th Australian Priory member to hold this grade, joining Major General (Professor) John Pearn AM RFD (Ret'd) GCStJ, Dr Neil Conn AO GCStJ, John Spencer AM GCStJ and Professor Villis Marshall AC GCStJ. There are only 21 persons in the world who hold this honour.

Professor Compton was invested by the Grand Prior of the Order, His Royal Highness, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester at Kensington Palace, London on Thursday the 1st of February 2018.

"I am honoured and humbled by my appointment to Bailiff Grand Cross. It came as a great surprise. I've been so proud to be a member of St John for almost 45 years. Voluntary service is so important to the strong fabric of the Australian community and it is something that is in my blood, with 4 generations of family being St John members. I firmly believe that first aid is one of the most valuable life skills that can be taught," said Professor Compton.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this promotion," said Len Fiori, CEO of St John Ambulance Australia. "Mark's dedication to St John, spanning more than four decades, and his drive, leadership and commitment in ensuring that St John can meet its Australian goal of making first aid a part of everybody's life, is second to none.

"Mark is an inspiration to us all. When time permits he still volunteers for St John in an operational role at major events. In addition he mentors developing leaders and



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contributes to international strategy development for St John worldwide. Mark's strength, personality and reputation helps to make St John the first aid training organisation of choice in Australia and ensures the unparalleled level of service and care to the community."

Professor Compton was awarded the Centenary Medal of the Commonwealth of Australia for services to the community; appointed a Knight in the Order of St John (St John Ambulance) in 2004 and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in January 2010 for services to health, hospitals, medical research and St John Ambulance.

Professor Compton is Non-Executive Chairman of Sonic Healthcare Limited, Chairman of St Luke's Care and a non-executive director on the board of Macquarie University Hospital. Additionally, Professor Compton is an active volunteer firefighter with the NSW Rural Fire Service in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

In December 2012, Macquarie University appointed Mark as an Adjunct Professor in the Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM) to assist with developing and implementing health leadership and management education in the MGSM MBA program.

Recognition of Professor Compton's promotion will be held at Government House, Canberra, in May 2018.



(L-R) Mr Patrick Burgess OBE, Chancellor, Order of St John; Professor Mark Compton AM GCStJ, and His Royal Highness, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester



(L-R) Professor Mark Compton AM GCStJ, His Royal Highness, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, and Mr Len Fiori CStJ, Australian Priory Secretary

(Left to right) Mrs Sara Mackintosh, Dr Maggie Burgess, Major James Kelly, Mr Patrick Burgess, Professor Mark Compton AM GCStJ, Mr Alistair Mackintosh, His Royal Highness, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, MR Michael Compton, Mr Rob Millington, Miss Imogen White, Mr William Hunt, and Mr Len Fiori

