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# St John (NSW) On The Move

St John (NSW) has put three well-situated, well-known buildings on the market in order to finance a new headquarters for the iconic charity which has provided first aid services since 1901, State Chairman, Peter Collins AM QC announced today.

“The Board has established a clear future direction with this vision to sell its premises at Hunt Street, Surry Hills (headquarters and administration); Marrickville (Archives and meeting rooms) and Rydalmere (vehicle and equipment storage),” announced Mr Collins.

“The preferred area for relocation is Sydney’s demographic centre around Westmead and we are keen to finalise relocation plans as soon as possible.

“Prompting us to move has been the need to find premises which would not easily be cut off in the event of either a major terrorist incident which would place heavy demands on all emergency services.

“St John in the UK played a very significant role in providing first aid services in the London terrorist bombings of 2005,” said Mr Collins.

Mr Collins, who became NSW Chairman of St John (NSW) on 1 March 2007, said that the relocation will bring the highly regarded organisation up to a high state of readiness and be situated closer to the geographical centre of Sydney allowing greater access to and by the community.

Colliers have been appointed agents for the sale of the three sites with Hunt Street- by far the most valuable property given its inner city location, and potential for refurbishment. Hunt Street is a great location with popular Longrain Restaurant right next door.

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