



MEDIA RELEASE

St John Ambulance to move its headquarters to Burwood

25 February 2009. Good bye Surry Hills, hello Burwood. St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) announced today it will move its headquarters from Surry Hills to Burwood by the end of 2009.

The announcement coincides with the visit of Professor Anthony Mellows, Lord Prior of The Order of St John, to Sydney from England in early March. Professor Mellows is the most senior non-Royal member within St John Ambulance internationally.

His visit marks a very significant occasion for St John Ambulance Australia, and provides St John (NSW) with a rare opportunity to have him unveil a foundation plaque on the new building on Tuesday, 3 March 2009.

“We have exchanged contracts on an excellent building that will become our new home in Burwood.

“The building, adjacent to Burwood Railway station, is located in Deane Street and will consolidate four of our existing sites in Surry Hills, Rydalmere, Marrickville and Smithfield into one”, said Peter Collins, Chairman of St John (NSW).

Sean Gavin, CEO of St John (NSW), revealed a few of the reasons for moving to new premises.

“It will centralise many of our operations in NSW. Under the same roof, we will be able to work better as a team and further improve our efficiency.

“Being in Burwood, we will be better located to respond more effectively in cases of significant emergency situations.

“Up to 200 people walk through the doors of St John in Surry Hills everyday, 35% of those to learn first aid. When we move, that will likely bring business to the local community of Burwood. The location is excellent and very easy to access, due to the good public transport infrastructure. It also has a significant commercial and retail presence”, Mr Gavin added.

St John will continue to teach first aid to the public in the city. The regional Branches remain unchanged. These include Bathurst, Gosford, Liverpool, Lismore, Newcastle and Wollongong.

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Notes to the editor: ALL MEDIA IS INVITED TO ATTEND TO THE PLAQUE CEREMONY.

Location: 9 Deane Street, Burwood

Date: Tuesday 3 March

Time: 3:00pm Ceremony

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