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## Top two fundraisers from Hornsby and Mt Kuring-Gai reach \$6,500

On Sunday March 14, 2010, an explosion of enthusiasm will take over Parramatta Park for the first ever St John (NSW) Walk&Talk, an event dedicated to celebrating the work St John does in the community.

From first aid to early literacy and immunisation, our people give up their time willingly and regularly to provide a service they believe in.

The inaugural Walk&Talk is an opportunity to share the belief in St John and the difference we make in the lives of others.

The top fundraisers are Ilan Lowbeer, Deputy State Operations Officer from Chatswood, and Peter Stening, a St John Board member from Mt Kuring-Gai, both have ambitious targets to reach.

Ilan has raised over \$4,000 of his \$10,000 target and Peter is half way to his \$5,000 target.

Ilan believes setting a high target has motivated him to talk to people about St John.

"I set a personal target of \$10,000 to motivate myself to approach people outside of the St John organisation. It is easy to ask friends and family but we wanted to spread the message of the important work St John does to the community who may not be aware of what we do. I've had a fantastic response so far" Ilan said.

Peter also believes that it is important to set an example with his fundraising.

"As a member of the St John Board, I thought it was important to get involved and fundraise. The St John volunteers work tirelessly every weekend providing first aid at events across the State. This is my way of showing appreciation for what they do for their communities," Peter said.

The event will see around 400 people walking a circuit of 3km (or 6km for those looking for a challenge) followed by an afternoon picnic with BBQ and entertainment. St John (NSW) aims to raise money towards a fully equipped Communication Bus estimated to cost around \$180,000, which will be used by our First Aid Services volunteers during major events like the City2Surf or New Years Eve, as well as community emergencies such as bushfires and floods.

Thank your local volunteers by visiting [www.stjohnwalkandtalk.com.au](http://www.stjohnwalkandtalk.com.au) to support St John (NSW) and contribute towards the Communication Bus.

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**Notes to editor:**

People can donate to the Walk&Talk by visiting [www.stjohnwalkandtalk.com.au](http://www.stjohnwalkandtalk.com.au);

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