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Volunteers Walk&Talk to fundraise for St John

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.

Over 200 volunteers have registered to participate in the inaugural St John Walk&Talk and will be bringing their families.

Hon Peter Colins, Chairman of the St John Board believes that it is important to be involved.

“As a member of the St John Board, I thought it was important to get involved. 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 Colins said.

“St John as primarily a first aid organisation – whether through our volunteers, or through providing first aid students with the skill, confidence and courage to manage an emergency situation, if they ever needed to. It is great to see their enthusiasm talking about the work they do. Some have set themselves ambitious targets of \$10,000 and others are running in fancy dress” he added.

The ‘**walk**’ is a walkathon open to St John volunteers, staff, customers, suppliers and sponsors who work closely with us, and will be held at Parramatta Park. The ‘**talk**’ is about encouraging St John volunteers to share with others the motivations that drive their willingness to give so freely of themselves to the community through the organisation.

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.

In turn, we are asking for others to show their support by sponsoring walkers on the day. Thank your local volunteers by visiting 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

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