



## **Media Release**

# **MACQUARIE GROUP STAFF RAISE \$150,000**

**Thursday, 20 November 2008, Sydney:** The Macquarie Group has won the Oxfam TRAILWALKER Sydney 2008 Corporate Fundraising Challenge for the second year in a row, raising over \$150,000, with matching funds from the Macquarie Group Foundation.

The Award acknowledges the efforts of six brave Macquarie Group staff who battled 100km of gruelling bush terrain over 22 hours, with no sleep.

Oxfam TRAILWALKER, now in its 10th year in Sydney, challenges teams of four to combat Australian bush and, collectively, raise at least \$1,000 to help overcome poverty and injustice.

Jane Denning from Oxfam Australia said, "We're very thankful for Macquarie Group staff's ongoing contribution to this event and a big congratulations goes out to the participants. The money raised will go directly towards Oxfam's vital work in 24 countries, including Indigenous Australia.

"We also want to thank the Macquarie Group Foundation which has been generously supporting Oxfam for more than twelve years, both in Australia and globally."

The Macquarie Group had 11 participants across four teams.

One Macquarie Group team, aptly named *Walk the Line*, also won the top fundraiser's award, having secured \$66,265 – a new Sydney fundraising record for Oxfam's TRAILWALKER event. Team '*Donuts and Tim Tams*' – containing two members of Macquarie Group, won the award as the second highest fundraisers, raising \$63,660.

Walk the Line's team leader Sam Vilo from the Macquarie Group said the race was tough, but testament to team spirit.

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“It’s a complete group effort from the time of registration, to the minute you cross the finish line. You fundraise together, train together, plan together and race together. It was an amazing experience and we’re thrilled to have raised funds for Oxfam Australia’s noble work.”

Macquarie Group staff are very active in the not-for-profit sector, contributing their time in a volunteering, fundraising and pro-bono capacity to many worthwhile causes. Their efforts complement the work of the Macquarie Group Foundation, the Group’s philanthropic arm, which supports hundreds of community organisations around the world in the areas of health, welfare, education, arts and the environment.

In the year to 31 March 2008, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, raised \$A23 million for over 800 community organisations worldwide.

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