



MEDIA ALERT

FEBRUARY 2008

**Crowne Plaza Coogee Arts Festival: 'Walk For Life'
Coogee Charity Walkathon "Walk For Life" Special Guest John Mangos**

- Date:** Sunday 17 February, 2008
Time: 8.30am for registration, walk begins at 9am
Cost: \$20 for an adult, \$50 for a family, Children 5 -12 \$10 and children under 5 free
Where: South End of Grant Reserve, Coogee (near Wiley's Baths)
Who: Special guest appearance by John Mangos, contestant on Channel 7 program 'It Takes Two' who is singing on the show for Sydney Children's Hospital.
What: The Walkathon activities include an exciting attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the number of people playing Musical Statues.

The picturesque Coogee to Clovelly Coastal Path is well traveled, particularly by Sunday walkers. Starting at the south end of the Grant Reserve, the path winds past Coogee Beach, through Gordon's Bay and around to Clovelly, overlooking the ocean. On Sunday 17 February, in support of the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, the Crowne Plaza Coogee Arts Festival is encouraging everyone to walk this scenic coastal path for members of the community who can't.

"The Coogee Arts Festival is all about bringing the arts to our community. However, no community lives in a bubble and we organise the walkathon each year to support the great work done within our community at the Sydney Children's Hospital," said Barry Watterson, organiser of the Coogee Arts Festival.

The annual charity walkathon is now in its third year and has been organised by the Coogee Arts Festival, with proceeds donated to Sydney Children's Hospital.

At 8.30am, entrants will gather to register near Wiley's Baths at the south end of Grant Reserve, Coogee. The walk kicks off at 9am and follows the 4km Coastal Path. Upon return to the Grant Reserve a morning of family fun awaits. A breakfast BBQ, fruit, muesli, tea and coffee will feed the hungry walkathon participants and the kids can play on jumping castles, paint murals and tire themselves out in egg and spoon races and much more.

"The Hospital relies heavily on community involvement to help raise awareness and much needed funds for the Hospital. I encourage everyone to come along to the walkathon. Participants will enjoy exercising in a beautiful natural setting whilst helping make a difference in the lives of seriously ill children." said Adam Check, Chief Executive, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

Registration forms are available on the day or visit www.coogeeartsfestival.com.au.

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