

Our Philanthropic Heart: ST and the Melbourne Coastrek

We are so proud of our intrepid ST foot soldiers, who last week took on the annual Melbourne Coastrek challenge and walked 30 kilometres in the name of charity.

Two teams of ST walkers joined forces to trek along the rugged and spectacular Victorian coastline - a journey that took around 7 hours, large quantities of caffeine and much laughter to complete.

While this was a fantastic team building and bonding experience, an enduring cause is at the heart of this mission.

All funds raised will go to the Fred Hollows Foundation - a development organisation with a simple vision: to put an end to avoidable blindness.

This amazing charity now works in 25 countries around the world and our teams know that sore feet are well worth the effort.

The \$6000 raised by the two teams so far is enough to fund a six month education program for a basic eye doctor in Cambodia, or glasses and frames for thousands of children. Even fundraising just \$4000 can pay for the training of a cataract surgeon in Laos, who will restore sight to thousands of needlessly blind people.

In line with our company's commitment to giving, ST has a Gift Matching Program, where all employee donations made to registered Australian charities are matched dollar for dollar (up to \$1000 per employee per year) by the company.