



# Tobin takes long haul for Humpty's sick kids

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IN his day job, Nick Tobin manages Willoughby Council's \$200 million budget. For his holidays, he's going to do something much harder.

The council's general manager plans to raise \$50,000 for charity, lose 30kg and climb Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro.

Children's charity the Humpty Dumpty Foundation is running the trek, which began as a fundraising event by North Sydney Federal MP Joe Hockey last year.

Mr Hockey climbed the 6000m high peak, with last year's climb raising \$1.35 million.

"I'm a bit scared and apprehensive, but excited," Mr Tobin said.

The 47-year-old said he had already seen the mountain once. "I went to Tanzania about 17 years ago. It's an amazing mountain. It goes up into the clouds and disappears. And it's there on its own, sitting in this broad open plain. It's magic."

Each trekker must raise \$50,000; Mr Tobin has chipped in \$15,000 of his own money.

"I can't afford to give that much myself, but if I can raise \$50,000 that would be fabulous," he said. "It's such a brilliant charity. They do incredible work buying life-saving medical equipment for children."

Mr Tobin said his climbing companions would include Peter and Amelia Hillary –

the son and granddaughter of Sir Edmund Hillary – and Jaming Tenzing, the son of Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. In 1953, Sir Edmund and Tenzing were the first to conquer Mt Everest.

Mr Tobin has begun a tough exercise regime and has lost 9kg.

To support Mr Tobin see [everydayhero.com.au/nick—tobin](http://everydayhero.com.au/nick—tobin).



**IN TRAINING: Nick Tobin.** Picture: Danielle Butters



# Burning ambition for 10th fun run

**SOCIAL TIMES** Bunch of good eggs turn out for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation's thank-you lunch

THE Humpty Dumpty Foundation's annual Good Egg thank-you lunch was a success, with 30 corporate teams putting their names down for the 10th annual Balmoral Burn on May 30.

The foundation is aiming to have a record 100 corporate teams – 10 for

each year – signed up for the milestone “burn” up Awaba St, Mosman.

“The fun run truly has become a community event,” foundation chairman Paul Francis told the 420 guests at lunch at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Guests at the Good Egg lunch included George

and Erica Gregan, Janine Perrett from Sky News, Vince Sorrenti and Jan Fleming, as well as several of Australia's leading paediatric medicos.

**Pictures: ROSS WILLIS**

**1.** Tony Barbera, Humpty patron Ray Martir

Sharon Barbera and North Sydney MP Joe Hockey. **2.** Phil and Julie Kearns. **3.** Rose Smith (Lane Cove) an artist Steve Panozz (Waverton). **4.** Dr Jonn Taitz (Sydney Children's Hospital) with Carolyn Martin and her husband Roderic Delezio. **5.** Louise and Pete Attrill (Neutral Bay).



