



Wednesday, 6th July 2011

**Barnardos Ambassador Lachlan Youll to host *Run for Hope***

Barnardos Ambassador Lachlan Youll this week hosts *Run for Hope*, a charity event to raise money for Barnardos Australia. Two treadmills will be set up in the window of 2XU Performance Shop, 255C Oxford St, Paddington, Sydney. Participants will run continuously for 48 hours or until each treadmill has clocked 630km.

Lachlan Youll, Barnardos and 2XU Ambassador, and director of iTrain Fitness, is running a multi-marathon in the Simpson Desert from 15 - 30, September 2011 to raise vital funds for Barnardos in their work to keep Australian children and young people safe from abuse and neglect. The *Run for Hope* event will kick start Youll's training regime and is a great way for the community to train and volunteer at the same time.

Youll says, "When I read that every year over 32,000 children in Australia are found to have been abused or neglected, which is nearly 100 children a day every day of the year, I was so sad. I have a boy of my own. Keeping our children safe is so important so I do all I can to support Barnardos."\*

*Run for Hope* kicks off at 12 noon Thursday 7 July when the first two runners hit the treadmills.

Run for Hope isn't only for runners. All are welcome to come down to 2XU, cheer on the good-hearted runners and join in the other festivities from 7pm Friday, 8 July. There'll be a catwalk show, silent auction with prizes valued at over \$10,000 and plenty of fun for everyone. All proceeds will go to Barnardos Australia.

For more information visit [www.barnardos.org.au](http://www.barnardos.org.au)

Source: \*Child Protection Australia 2007-2008, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2008-2009.

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**Notes for editors:**

Barnardos is a non-government; non-denominational child welfare charity that has been helping children in need for over 120 years.

Barnardos Australia is one of the largest children's charities in the country, caring for children at risk of abuse and neglect. The work of Barnardos Australia focuses on the prevention of abuse, neglect and entry into care. Children of all backgrounds and cultural heritage are helped through a range of welfare programs including crisis care, family support, counselling and permanent foster care.

*Our vision is that all children and young people will have caring families, in which they can grow up safely and reach their full potential supported by quality services and engaged communities.*

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