



# New-Loan CEO crosses Tassie for charity

**Climbing, cycling, rowing, kayaking and abseiling** across Australia's southernmost state, CEO of Firstfolio's mortgage manager New-Loan Warren Nicholls travelled across 250km of terrain to raise money for charity.

Nicholls took on the amazing feat as part of the multidisciplinary Mark Webber Pure Tasmania Challenge, which required him and his teammate Edward Kemp to travel through the wilderness of Tasmania over five days in support of the Leukaemia Foundation and the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal.

The event, which took place on 19–23 November 2008 and required competitors to traverse the countryside – passing through Barrington, Launceston and Port Arthur – before arriving in Hobart on the final day, saw Nicholls' team place 13th out of 19.

Nicholls also received a distinguished "Spirit Competitor of the Race" award for a combination of

courage, commitment, teamwork, fund-raising and pushing himself beyond the limits.

Competing against former Olympians and the Red Bull Challenge winners, Nicholls and Kemp finished the gruelling course in an impressive 29 hours and 40 minutes. They managed to raise \$11,050 for charity, and their achievement has encouraged a number of brokers to get involved in 2009.

"It was one of the most incredible things I've ever done. It was extremely challenging but it left everyone with an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment," Nicholls said.

"I've been talking to heaps of the guys who are now keen to take part this year. Some of them have started training already."

Nicholls, too, outlined his intentions to take part in the next challenge at the end of 2009. ■





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