



# Outsider

## A mountainous effort

● THEY say if you shoot for the moon, at the very least you'll land among the stars. Outsider is well aware that having a lofty goal is the first step to achieving great things, but must admit his primary goal these days is getting through the morning grind in time to get to the cafe before the banana bread runs out. So he pays the upmost respect to those who put their mind to great things and then achieve them.

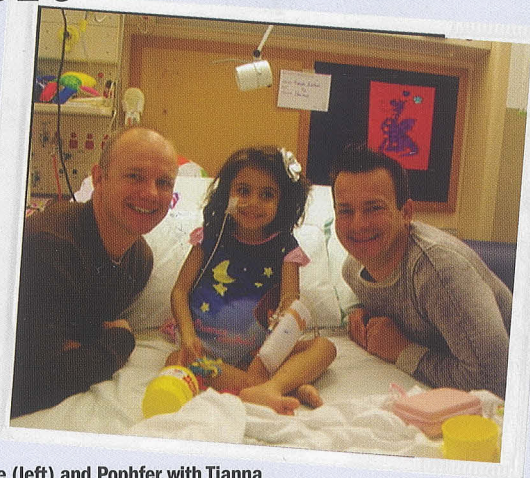
Financial adviser Darren Wise and his old Army mate, Shane Pophfer, are two of those ambitious chaps. Wise and Pophfer have already conquered South Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro, Australia's Mount Kosciusko, South America's Mount Aconcagua

and Russia's Mount Elbrus – completing Aconcagua and Elbrus earlier this year.

The two adventurers are now making plans to climb Denali in Alaska in June next year, ahead of their ultimate goal: scaling Mount Everest.

And they're not just doing it for the rush. Throughout this 'experiment', as Outsider would call it, the two have been raising money for Sydney's Westmead Children's Hospital. For the Denali climb they will extend their support to Legacy, raising money for the families of soldiers and Army personnel killed in action. They've also raised awareness for the anti-violence movement Enough is Enough.

Wise, best known for his time as managing director at dealer group FPSA and then



**Wise (left) and Pophfer with Tianna at Sydney's Westmead Children's Hospital.**

head of advice at Equiti Funds Management, has recently returned to advising clients at Ord Minnett. He's tinkering with the idea of taking some corporate adrenalin junkies to

have a crack at Kilimanjaro as preparation for his Everest climb. Any takers? Go on – it will put all those gloating Oxfam Trailwalker survivors to shame.