



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# World First Wedding on the Summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge!

At 8.30am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 Stephen Tierney and Claire Tullan, from the UK, became the first official couple to hold their wedding ceremony with BridgeClimb on the summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge!

Dressed in BridgeClimb's BridgeSuits, Stephen (27) and Claire (28) shared wedding vows and safely exchanged rings using BridgeClimb's secure ring device, 134 metres above Sydney's harbour.

"I have always dreamt of having my wedding on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The views from the summit of the bridge were unforgettable," said Claire.

Stephen and Claire flew from Glasgow, Scotland to make their dream of being married on Australia's icon a reality.

"The Sydney Harbour Bridge is the perfect location for a wedding. It is a day I will never forget," said Stephen.

The groom's sister, her boyfriend, and the groom's cousin flew to Sydney to surprise the couple.

"I couldn't believe my sister, Maggie, was standing on the top of the bridge with her boyfriend and my cousin, Elenor. Sharing this occasion with them has made today even more memorable for Claire and I," said Stephen.

The newlyweds signed their certificates of marriage and spent their wedding night at the Shangri-La Hotel in Sydney, the city's leading five-star deluxe hotel.

The couple will continue to enjoy their honeymoon in Australia before returning to Scotland where they will celebrate their union with family and friends.

BridgeClimb will soon offer Wedding Climbs to all couples who wish to hold their wedding on the summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Footage of the wedding ceremony is available on YouTube at:  
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=maVMH3AqmIc>

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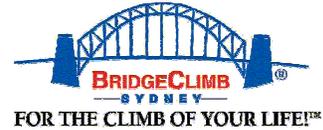
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- Over 2 million people have climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge with BridgeClimb Sydney.
  - 57% of Climbers are international visitors, 25% of Climbers live in Sydney and 18% are domestic visitors to Sydney.
  - It is estimated that over 1700 couples have become engaged whilst climbing the Bridge with BridgeClimb Sydney.
  - BridgeClimb Sydney is open up to 24 hours a day, 363 days a year. The earliest dawn Climbs depart at 3:15am.
  - Over 3,580,000 photographs of a Climb experience have been purchased by Climbers.
  - Over 6.5 million people have visited the BridgeClimb Sydney website since October 1998. BridgeClimb Sydney launched its new website on 13 November 2006.
  - Over 1 million phone calls have been made to BridgeClimb Sydney's call centre.
  - BridgeClimb Sydney has donated over \$3.5 million worth of Climbs to various charities, schools and other organisations.
  - On The Bridge Climb, Climbers will scale 1437 stairs. On The Discovery Climb, Climbers will climb 1090 stairs.
  - Over 425,000 BridgeClimb Gift Certificates have been sold.
  - BridgeClimb Sydney currently employs 270 staff. 127 of these people are ClimbLeaders.
  - The oldest Climber to date was 100 year old Mrs Chris Muller.
  - Celebrities such as Will Smith, Matt Damon, Nicole Kidman, Kylie Minogue, Justin Timberlake, Cameron Diaz, Robert De Niro, Pierce Brosnan, Cate Blanchett, Prince Harry, and Crown Prince Fredrick and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark have all made "The Climb of their Life".
  - The farthest-flung reported sighting of a BridgeClimb T-shirt was on a traveller in a market in Marrakech.
  - All fittings and links installed along BridgeClimb Sydney's Climb routes are clamped onto the Sydney Harbour Bridge and are fully removable.
  - BridgeClimb Sydney's base under the arches of the southern approach was once used by the RTA as a tow-truck depot and before that by Darrell Lea as a chocolate factory.
  - The largest BridgeSuit is size 6XL and was worn by a contestant from 'The Biggest Loser' (Australia).
  - The tallest BridgeSuit was worn by the UK's tallest man, Neil Fingleton. Neil is 233cm (7ft 7) tall.
  - The smallest BridgeSuit is worn by a Climber Bear (toy bear that wears a miniature replica of an actual suit).
  - All equipment used during the Climb has been modified or designed specifically for BridgeClimb Sydney's operation.
  - The most frequent Climber is a visitor from the Queensland who has completed thirteen Climbs.