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Rob de Castella Announced as Ambassador for the Chevron City to Surf for Activ

Australia's greatest marathon runner, Rob de Castella, has been announced as the official event ambassador for the 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ.

Mr de Castella said he was very excited for the opportunity to be involved in the biggest community event in Western Australia, now in its 37th year.

"The Chevron City to Surf for Activ appealed to me as a former elite athlete because I now have the opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle to Western Australians", he said.

Chevron Managing Director Roy Krzywosinski said he was thrilled to welcome Rob de Castella as the ambassador of the 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ.

"Rob's focus on health and wellbeing, combined with his commitment to helping Indigenous communities, aligns with Chevron's own values and beliefs," Mr Krzywosinski said.

Mr de Castella added, "I am excited to encourage as many people as possible to start training for the Chevron City to Surf for Activ and to get involved in this large-scale community event."

He will be heavily involved on the day starting the Marathon and 12km race as well as presenting medals, among other official duties.

Mr de Castella represented Australia at four Olympic Games, won gold at two Commonwealth Games and was voted the World's Best Marathon Runner of the 1980s decade.

In 1983 he won Australia's first athletics World Championships gold medal when he won the marathon at Helsinki.

Mr de Castella continues to be involved in long distance running through his role as Director of The Marathon Project, which recruits young Indigenous runners by using the New York Marathon as a goal to strive for.

"This provides a great opportunity for The Marathon Project and Chevron to join and promote running in Indigenous communities and healthy living in remote areas", Mr de Castella said.

The Chevron City to Surf for Activ is Western Australia's largest community event and includes the Marathon, Half Marathon, 12km run/walk, 4km run/walk and 4km wheelchair race. This year the event will be held on Sunday 28 August 2011.

Further details can be found on the Chevron City to Surf for Activ website www.perthcitytosurf.com.

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Notes to Editors:

Please note, the official event name for 2011 is the “**Chevron City to Surf for Activ**”.

About City to Surf for Activ

The City to Surf for Activ is Western Australia’s biggest community event and is Activ’s major fundraising event. Now its 37th year, it has become the second largest official timed race in the Southern Hemisphere, with over 40,000 participants in 2010, event organisers expect entries in 2011 to top this. For the last 36 years, the Perth City to Surf has been an icon on the Western Australian sporting calendar, capturing the hearts of tens of thousands of people have embraced the event. The Chevron City to Surf for Activ takes place this year on Sunday 28th August.

Participants can select from various events including the Marathon, Half Marathon, 12km Run/Walk, and 4km Run/Walk/Wheelchair.

The Marathon and Half Marathon courses are one of the most picturesque in the world, offering runners the opportunity to run past key Perth landmarks including the Swan River, Kings Park on to the beautiful Indian Ocean at City Beach, The Marathon, Half Marathon and 12km Run/ Walk races all start in Perth CBD on St Georges Terrace while the 4km has its start precinct at MacLean Park in Floreat. All races finish on West Coast Highway in City Beach.

The 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ registrations are now open at www.perthcitytosurf.com .

About Activ

Activ is one of the largest disability service providers in Western Australia. The organisation provides accommodation, employment, transport, recreation, respite, training and community support to thousands of people with disabilities and their families. Activ’s services are provided across the Perth metropolitan area, as well as in regional towns, Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kellerberrin, Manjimup and Narrogin.

Established in 1951, the community organisation is celebrating 60 years of enabling people with disabilities and their families to pursue a better life. For more information, Activ visit www.activ.asn.au

About Chevron

Chevron is one of the world's leading integrated energy companies and through its Australian subsidiaries, has been present in Australia for almost 60 years. With the ingenuity and commitment of more than 2,000 people, Chevron Australia leads the development of the Gorgon and Wheatstone natural gas projects; manages its equal one-sixth interest in the North West Shelf Venture; and operates Australia’s largest onshore oilfield on Barrow Island and the Thevenard Island oilfields. The company is also a participant in the Browse liquefied natural gas development and is a significant investor in exploration offshore northwest Australia, one of Chevron’s four global focus areas for exploration.

In addition, Chevron’s Perth-based Global Technology Centre provides technology support and solutions to the company’s operations in Australia and around the world. www.chevronaustralia.com

About The Marathon Project

The Marathon Project is a not for profit initiative that provides the opportunity for young Indigenous men and women to run the New York Marathon. The program aims to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle within indigenous communities.

Young Indigenous runners are recruited into The Marathon Project and attend six training camps throughout the year, which mostly follow the Australian running events calendar and include mass participation events, such as the Chevron City to Surf for Activ. The runners are encouraged to live and train in their own community for the remainder of the year, which is a distinctive feature of the program.

Throughout the program, which began in 2010, participants complete a Certificate III in Community Recreation – Indigenous Healthy Living. This will assist them to gain employment as well as become future healthy lifestyle leaders in their communities. Visit www.themarathonproject.com.au for more information.