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City of Melville Mayor to conquer Half Marathon

The self-proclaimed “overweight” Mayor of the City of Melville has set himself the giant task of completing the Half Marathon in this year’s Chevron City to Surf for Activ at the age of 58.

Mayor Russell Aubrey, who is also employed at Wesley College, started training for the 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ in September 2010 and has already lost ten kilograms.

Mr Aubrey said despite working from 8am until 9pm everyday and attending over 250 functions with catered food per year, he still found the time to dedicate himself to training.

“I train up to five times a week by either running around the Bridges or riding my exercise bike on the verandah at home - I really enjoy the variety.

“My long-term goal is to walk away from the Half Marathon thinking ‘I can do the Marathon before I’m 60”, he said.

Mr Aubrey completed the 12km Run in 1.5 hours at last year’s event and is stepping up his commitment in 2011 by striving to finish the Half Marathon in 2.25 hours.

“The decision to run the Half Marathon arose when the City decided to partner with local charity, Melville Cares, to help raise money to support their services.

“I promise that if a few hundred people join Team Melville for the Chevron City to Surf for Activ I will commit myself to the Half Marathon”, he said.

The Mayor’s motto is “unity in the community” which he said is about providing opportunities for people to work together to make others’ lives better and healthier.

“I encourage everyone in the City of Melville to join Team Melville at this year’s Chevron City to Surf for Activ and to make a positive contribution”, he said.

Team members can participate in different race distances at the Chevron City to Surf for Activ, so not all Team Melville members will participate in the Half Marathon.

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.

To register as part of Team Melville, visit www.melvillecity.com.au/citytosurf, the Chevron City to Surf for Activ website www.perthcitytosurf.com or pick up an entry form at your local IGA.

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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

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