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### Families walk with Miracle Machine

One team will complete the 12km course at this year's Chevron City to Surf for Activ with a machine that has changed each of their lives.

The group, which consists of families who have had premature babies, will walk the course pushing a humidicrib in a bid to raise awareness of the issues surrounding premature birth.

Vice President of the Miracle Babies Foundation, Naomi Rhor, said the idea started at Sydney's City2Surf.

"We've been doing this in Sydney for a number of years and a few of the Perth families wanted to get involved as well," she said.

The humidicrib is fitted with handles for a minimum of four people to maneuver. This is by no means easy with the crib weighing up to 90kg.

Completing the 12km course will be a fantastic achievement for mother Bronwyn Rose after spending 113 days of last year on bed rest.

Ms Rose said she would complete the course with her husband and two children including her son who is now 7.5 months old and was born at just 29 weeks.

"It's about fulfilling an achievement for everyone who walks it and it's about thanking the hospitals.

"I think it will be pretty challenging – especially for the ones with younger babies who have gone through it and are still going through it," she said.

The group does not have a goal time but hope to finish their race happy, proud, and more knowledgeable than when they went in.

This year, the Chevron City to Surf for Activ welcomes back the Activ Charity Challenge with teams and individuals encouraged to fundraise for their own charity or for our partner charity, Activ.

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 visit [www.perthcitytosurf.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.activ.asn.au).

### **About Chevron**

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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](http://www.chevronaustralia.com).

### **About Miracle Babies Foundation**

Miracle Babies Foundation is a national organization that was established in 2005 by mothers of premature and sick newborns. The foundation supports premature and sick newborns, their families and the hospitals that care for them. Every year in Australia around 44,000 newborn babies require the help of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or Special Care Nursery (SCN). 25,000 of these babies are born premature and up to 1000 babies lose their fight for life. For more information, visit [www.miraclebabies.com.au](http://www.miraclebabies.com.au).