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Veteran Volunteers Value Variety

Riverton couple and volunteering veterans, Les (67), and Maureen (65) Davies, are volunteering in the 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Activ, making it their 27th volunteer appearance for the iconic Perth Event.

The couple was first motivated to start their journey with City to Surf for Activ whilst Maureen was a volunteer for the Clem Booth Hostel who entered the event as part of a fundraiser.

Since their first City to Surf for Activ Mr and Mrs. Davies have seen the event grow into Western Australia's largest community sporting event as well as WA's largest volunteering event with over 40,000 participants and 1,000 volunteers.

Retired maintenance engineer Les Davies said he fondly remembered his first time as a volunteer.

"We were stationed on a part of the course that no longer exists and there were only about 3000 participants", he said.

Throughout their past 26 volunteer experiences the Davies couple has encountered a variety of challenging, yet exciting, situations including once having to stop over 8000 participants for a sounding ambulance to pass.

The couple has been so dedicated to the cause that they have withstood bucketing rain and additional challenging elements during their time as volunteer course marshals.

"My brother visited from the UK one year and we roped him into volunteering. During the warmups. Louise Sauvage came over and chatted to him. He claims it was one of the highlights of his holiday," he said.

Volunteer Coordinator for the Chevron City to Surf for Activ Brianna Slate said the support of volunteers such as Les and Maureen was invaluable to the Event.

"It's great to see many loyal volunteers returning to help out at the City to Surf for Activ each year," she said.

Les and Maureen Davies hope to continue to volunteering as long as they are fit and able and feel that from their experiences they have received much more than they have given.

Event organisers are working closely with Volunteer Sponsor, the Department of Sport and Recreation to successfully recruit the required number of volunteers.

To register as a volunteer for the 2011 Chevron City to Surf for Active, visit the Volunteers Page on the Chevron City to Surf for Active website www.perthcitytosurf.com and fill out the Online Volunteer Registration Form.

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To arrange an interview or for further information, please contact:
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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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