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### **Pushing the Sunday Stroll to New Limits**

For most, completing a marathon is a personal endeavour but for Terri Budge, this year's marathon will be about helping her friend fulfill a lifelong dream.

Mrs Budge will complete this year's Chevron City to Surf for Activ Marathon while pushing her friend, Joyce Allen, in an adult stroller to let her finally complete the marathon she was training for over two years ago.

The marathon will be by no means easy for Mrs Budge who will be pushing over 70kg extra through the notoriously challenging course.

Mrs Budge said completing the course would be a fantastic experience for Joyce as running had been a long time passion of hers.

"Joyce started running late in life and loved it but now she is confined to a wheelchair most of the time," Mrs Budge said.

After completing the 2009 City to Surf for Activ Half Marathon, Ms Allen, 67, was training for the 2010 marathon when she was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease.

The inspiration came to Mrs Budge, a long distance triathlete, when she witnessed renowned triathlete Dick Hoyt complete the 1999 Hawaiian Ironman pushing his son, Rick Hoyt who has Cerebral Palsy.

"I saw him and thought that I could use the same idea with Joyce and complete a marathon with her in an adult size stroller.

"I'm doing this for Joyce and to raise money and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease. It'll be a fantastic sense of achievement for the both of us," Mrs Budge said.

Mrs Budge is fundraising for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA Inc through this year's Activ Charity Challenge.

Motor Neurone Disease is a neurological disease affecting the neurons that control the muscles involved in everyday activities such as walking, talking and even breathing. The disease causes a gradual decline of muscle activation and therefore a loss of all functions.

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](http://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](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)

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