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**Perth City to Surf donates prize to Canberra Marathon**

The Perth City to Surf has donated to the Canberra Marathon an expenses paid trip to Perth to participate in its inaugural Marathon to be run on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. The Canberra Marathon, run on April 19<sup>th</sup>, will award the prize to its second placed Australian Male and second placed Australian female who will travel to Perth to participate in the marathon. The City to Surf marathon is being run for the first time in 2009 as part of the hugely popular Perth running carnival

The Canberra Marathon and the Perth City to Surf are well spaced on the Australian road running calendar which allows optimum recovery time for athletes. The well placed dates give the two events a natural tie as they are not in direct competition for registrations.

The longest established Australian city marathon event, the Canberra Marathon, has always produced fast times and in 2009 second placed male (David Criniti) ran the third fastest time by an Australian on home soil to achieve the placing. Second placed female (Tina Major) was the third fastest to the same measure.

The Canberra marathon awards it's first male and female runners a trip to a major Japan Marathon, thanks to Asics, and this new agreement with the Perth City to Surf adds further depth to the event's prize pool. The Japan trip can not be won by an athlete who has taken the trip in a previous year, so should a past winner take line honours in 2009 they will be issued the Perth trip rather than the Japan trip.

For the Perth City to Surf Marathon the agreement guarantees one male and one female elite Australian Runner to line up on August 30<sup>th</sup>. These athletes are the first confirmed in a field expected to be one of the best in Australia this year. The prize money offered for the inaugural event is far greater than that ever offered previously in any Australian marathon and establishes the race, in its inaugural year, as Australia's richest road race. This is certain to assure a quality field.

Event manager Laura McKelvey said "We're offering travel support to elite runners for the Perth City to Surf Marathon already in 2009, so the prize donation to the Canberra Marathon is really an extension of that. It's also nice for us as new marathon event in Australia to be linked to one that is so well established".

The 2009 Perth City to Surf Marathon will be run on Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>.  
The 2009 Canberra Marathon will be run on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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