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21 years and still volunteering

Girrawheen resident, John Ordeman has spent more than 40 years “building” his reputation as a volunteer stalwart for various Perth charities, and it was bricks and mortar which drew him to the Activ cause some 21 years ago.

Mr Ordeman, a building supervisor, was overseeing the construction of Activ[®] Business Services Rockingham when he first decided to lend a hand to the disability services provider, out of work hours.

He volunteered as a road marshal for Activ’s City to Surf and 21 years on, Mr Ordeman still proudly holds his post at the top of Kings Park each year.

“I love the City to Surf and what it stands for. Activ is a fantastic cause and it’s been great to have seen the event grow to nearly 40,000 participants,” Mr Ordeman says.

“It’s a nice sense of fulfilment, knowing that my small contribution to Activ helps someone have a better life.”

In appreciation of his outstanding support, Mr Ordeman will join fellow volunteers at Activ’s annual Volunteer Breakfast this week, Saturday May 16.

The breakfast, at Fremantle Maritime Museum, coincides with National Volunteer Week, May 11-17.

About Activ

Activ is one of Western Australia’s leading community benefit organisations and has been providing services and support to people with disability since 1951. Activ provides accommodation, recreation, respite, employment and skills development training (People, Skills and Community) to 2,300 people with disability and their families. It employs more than 1000 staff and more than 1000 people with disability.

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