

# PRESS RELEASE

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### Scheduling details released at event launch

Rebel Sport City to Surf for Activ organisers today unveiled details of the 2009 event scheduling. With the addition of a full marathon to the event program the details of how the integration would work has been highly anticipated by the running community.

Start times for all events are as follows:

EVENT	START LOCATION	TIME
City to Surf Half Marathon	St Georges Terrace	6.30am
City to Surf Marathon	St Georges Terrace	7.00am
Channel Nine 12km Run	St Georges Terrace	9.00am
12km Walk	St Georges Terrace	9.00am
11km Wheelchair	Kings Park Clock	9.02am
4km Walk/Run	Perry Lakes Reserve	10.30am

Race Director and Marathon & Half Marathon course designer Chris Letts has ensured a clear run for all participants in all event categories. Feedback from previous years has shown that participants were concerned about running into the back of the field participants from earlier departing categories. In 2009 this issue has effectively been resolved. Through detailed and specific course design, scheduling, use of barriers and road divides every event elite, runner, jogger and walker can take part unimpeded from other event categories on race day.

Race Director Chris Letts: "Small sections of road around the CBD will be barriered in order to divide the 12km and marathon participants, but for the vast majority of the courses pre existing road divides such as medium strips will be used to effectively give each event category its own separate track".

In scheduling the 2009 event, organisers had two key objectives; 1) allow a clear run for all participants, and 2) maintain the event atmosphere on and off course.

The result will be an extraordinarily unique on course atmosphere for participants in all events. Marathon runners completing the first 21.1kms under 2.5 hours will run past up to 30,000 participants assembled on the Esplanade for the 12km start at 9am. Event Manager Laura McKelvey "We have the largest mass field of any event in Australia that has a marathon in its program. We wanted to use those numbers to add atmosphere for the marathoners once they hit the hard slog in the back end of the course".

The final 12kms will see the marathon and 12km events run side by side on opposite sides of barriers and median strips. "We've closed additional lanes on the 12km course to allow for growth in the 12km event and the inclusion of the marathon" Race Director Chris Letts.

In 2009 all participants in each and every event category will cross the finish line on West Coast Highway. The overhauled finish will give each event category its own finish chute, making for a fantastic and exclusive finale for the winners of each category.

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