



## Media Release

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### **RACE WINNERS AND LEGENDS COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE BIGGEST CITY2SURF EVER HELD!**

On the eve of the 40<sup>th</sup> *Sun-Herald* City2Surf presented by Westpac, past winners, record holders and the 39 race legends who have run every race came together today to celebrate their achievements and discuss Sunday's race.

With a record 80,000 runners, this year's City2Surf further cements the position as the world's largest run.

Running legend Steve Moneghetti will be joined by a new breed of Australian talent including Martin Dent, Michael Shelley, and Cassie Fien to compete in Sydney's favourite sporting event for this special year.

Plus the 39 City2Surf 'legends' who have competed in every City2Surf will again set their sights on the finish line.

This year City2Surf welcomes Westpac as its new Presenting Partner. Westpac is using its involvement in the race to raise funds for Surf Life Saving and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, two causes which it has supported for almost 40 years. Westpac branches, staff and customers will be showing their support, creating a sea of red along the course this Sunday.

First time City2Surf runner and Olympic swimming champion Grant Hackett has been leading the Westpac fundraising charge and will have the special honour of firing the starters' gun.

As well as making record entrant numbers, the 2010 City2Surf is hoping for a bigger charity donation than last year's total of more than 2.2 million to benefit the 500 registered charities.

Steve Moneghetti will be commentating live from the run as he participates to give viewers on Network Ten's and ONE HD's live national coverage a unique race experience.

The sheer size of this year's race has meant new organisational requirements for the race too, with a new fifth starting group (Westpac Yellow - Back of the Pack) to run for the first time, plus an earlier start time of 8:30am for the elites. In addition all entrants' transport to and from the race on event day is included in their entry fee, all explained at [www.city2surf.com.au](http://www.city2surf.com.au).





The City2Surf takes place this Sunday, August 8, along the iconic 14km route from Sydney's CBD to Bondi Beach.

Ends

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ENTRANTS**

All participants must have an official chest bib and timing tag. These can be collected from the Event Expo at Hyde Park Barracks this week until Saturday. **No bib, no tag, no run.** Unregistered runners will be removed from the race. There are five starting groups this year; make sure you know which group you are starting in, where the starting point is and how best to get there by public transport. **The first starting gun is fired at 8.30am.** Make sure you arrive with plenty of time. Please take public transport to the race on Sunday. Show your chest bib when boarding a CityRail train, Sydney bus or ferry and your fare will be covered. People who have been unwell or not properly trained for the run are urged to reassess their participation on Sunday and should consult their doctor with any questions.

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