

Elite Australians named in Perth City to Surf 12km Team

Some of Australia's best distance runners were this morning confirmed as participating for the same Elite Athlete Team as part of the 2010 Perth City to Surf.

Sponsored by *Sports Fever*, the team is comprised of current Australian representatives, World Junior representatives and the best distance runners Western Australia has to offer.

This is the first time a team of this size and quality has been comprised for the Perth event.

The team will be captained by Australia's number one marathon runner, **Lisa Weightman**. Weightman is coming off a successful 2010 that has seen her win her first international marathon in Nagano, Japan, and also break the coveted Gold Coast Half Marathon record.

Joining the 2008 Beijing Olympian on the start line of the 12km event will be her husband and training partner, **Lachlan McArthur**; **Alan Cragie**, who ran 6th in the 2010 Sydney City to Surf; WA marathon champion, **Roberto Busi**; as well as Australian World Junior Cross Country representatives **Ethan Heywood** and **Josh Tedesco**.

Confirmed Australian's are as follows:

Women's 12km Event

- **Lisa Weightman:** 5th fastest Australian marathon runner of all time, holder of Australian half marathon all-comers record, 2010 Nagano marathon winner, 2008 Beijing Olympian, multiple Australian representative and 2010 Commonwealth Games nominee
- **Linda Spencer:** winner of 2008 Perth City to Surf 12km, 5th at 2010 Australian 5000m National Championships, 5th at 2010 Sydney City to Surf
- **Emily Loughnan:** Defending Western Australian 5km and 10km State Champion, 6th at 2010 Australian 5000m National Championships, 3rd at 2009 Perth City to Surf 12km, 9th at 2009 National Cross Country Championships

Men's 12km Event

- **Ethan Heywood:** 2010 World Junior Cross Country Representative, winner of 2009 U18 Australian Cross Country Championships
- **Josh Tedesco:** 2010 World Junior Cross Country Representative, 2nd at 2010 U20 National 5000m Championships
- **Roberto Busi:** Defending Western Australian State Marathon, State Half Marathon and 10km State Champion
- **Alan Cragie:** 5th at 2010 Sydney City to Surf 14km

- **Lachlan McArthur:** Winner at 2010 Malle 12km event, breaking Steve Moneghetti's previous course record
- **Scott Tamblin:** 3rd at 2009 Perth City to Surf 12km, 3rd at 2010 Western Australian Half Marathon Championships
- **Aaron Patterson:** 2nd at 2010 Western Australian Half Marathon Championships, 3rd at 2010 HBF Run for a Reason 14km, 4th at 2009 Perth City to Surf 12km
- **Kenji Nener:** 2nd at 2010 Western Australian State 10km Championships, 2nd at 2010 HBF Run for a Reason 4km
- **Todd Ingram:** 8th at 2010 Perth City to Surf Marathon, multiple Western Australian State Champion
- **Chris de Boer:** 5th at 2009 Perth City to Surf, 2009 National 800m finalist
- **Steve Stingemore:** 4th at 2009 Perth City to Surf Half Marathon
- **Neil Berry:** 4th at 2010 HBF Run for a Reason 14km, 2010 National 5000m finalist
- **Chris Dale:** 7th at 2009 U18 Australian Cross Country Championships
- **James Lewin:** 2nd at 2010 Olympic Distance World Triathlon Championships

Members of the team competing in the Marathon, Half Marathon and 4km event will be finalised early next week.

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