Blacktown City Council
Growing With Pride

PRESENTS THE
TWENTY SECOND
‘CITIES’
MARATHON
\* CITY OF SYDNEY TO CITY OF BLACKTOWN \*

SUNDAY
JULY 28TH
2002

6.30am Start
Total Prize Money $3500.00

Phone: (02) 9839 - 6075 For Details
Email: mark.gibson@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

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MINCHINBURY FRUIT MARKET
Carbury Schweppe's
Travelodge Blacktown

Course Elevation

New event...

Change over at Parramatta

THE TRAVELodge Blacktown
Half Cities Challenge 2 x 21km

The Travelodge Blacktown
Half Cities Challenge

The Start
Level with south of
Police Station opp Town Hall

Note: All points listed marked
with a nail and a pink road
marking paint near kerb.

Route Map

Start George St adjacent to
pole, run south for 1km and
veer right across Railway
Square, into Broadway and
follow Parramatta Rd to
Church St.

Turn right into Church St
and then left to the Great
Western Hwy.

Remain on the Great
Western Highway until
Huntingwood Drive.

Left turn onto Huntingwood
Drive.

Right turn from
Huntingwood Drive onto
Brabham Drive.

Cross the Great Western
Highway into Doonside
Road.

Veer left from Doonside
Road into Eastern Road and
keep left.

Right turn from Eastern
Road into the Blacktown
Olympic Centre.

Left turn at roundabout,
through carpark onto
Athletics track.

One lap anti-clockwise of
athletics track to finish.

Note: Course runs on left
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Doonside Rd Roundabout
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after Woods Close.
30km
Cnr Clunies Ross Rd
Great Western H’way
25km
Opp No 254 Gt Western Hwy
West of Motorway
20km
Driveway 1/4-2/8
Parramatta Rd
Granville
15km
Cr Courallie Ave &
Parramatta Rd
Homebush
10km
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on Parramatta Rd
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Race Information

**ENQUIRIES:** Phone Blacktown City Council (02) 9839-6075 – Special Events Unit or Email: mark.gibson@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

**ELIGIBILITY:** The ‘Cities’ Marathon is open to all runners over the age of 16 years.

**ENTRY FEE:** $45.00 for all marathon competitors, $60.00 for all half marathon teams. Non Refundable.

**ENTRY NUMBERS:** Entries received prior to 31st May will be automatically entered into the Blacktown Fun Runs 10km event on Sunday 2nd June at Blacktown Olympic Centre.

**RACE START:** 6.30 a.m. Sydney Town Hall, George Street, Sydney.

**COURSE:** A comprehensive route map will be sent to all Competitors.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water will be available at 5km intervals. Runner’s special drinks will be delivered to drink stations if required. All runners requiring these must take them from the tables personally as no assistance will be allowed. Special fruit stations will be located at the 30km mark and at the finish.

**PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL AWARDS:** Presentations and special awards will be made as close to 11 a.m. as possible on day of race. Results will be posted on notice boards as they come in. No protests will be heard after 10.45 a.m.

Notes for entrants and race rules

1. **ENTRY OF ALL TEAMS:** Each member of the team must fill in the correct name of the team and category on the entry form. **Make sure the name of the team reads the same on each entry form.** The completed entry forms for ALL the members of the team must be posted in ONE envelope. NO TEAM ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 18TH JULY, 2001.

2. **THE TRAVELODGE BLACKTOWN HALF CITIES CHALLENGE:** Runner 1 will start at Town Hall with full marathon competitors. Runner 2 will meet at the designated change over point from 7.15 a.m. A comprehensive information pack will be posted to all challenge competitors.

3. **START ASSEMBLY:** All participants must be assembled in Town Hall Square by 6:20 a.m., from here they will be led to the starting line.

4. **ALL MARATHON RUNNERS** must pass through the first 15km mark in 100 minutes and the 30km mark in 200 minutes. Runners not making these times will be requested to withdraw from the race. Any runner who refuses an official direction to withdraw from the race will be deemed to have abandoned the race and will be left to their own devices.

5. **CLOTHING BAGS** will be provided at the Assembly Area for your belongings. The Committee will not be responsible for valuables and clothing. Bags will be numbered with your race number and can be collected at the Recovery Area.

6. **MARATHON COURSE:** The course will be marked at every 5km (eg. 5km, 10km, 15km.) At the turn into Church St., Parramatta, thence into the Great Western Highway, route will have marathon directional signs with arrows. These signs will be predominant at every major change of direction in the last 10km. NB: Observe rail crossing signal at Parramatta Rd, Clyde Rd.

7. **REFRESHMENT STATIONS & TIME CALLS:** Time calls will be made where practical along the course and REFRESHMENT STATIONS placed as close as practicable to each 5km sign. An extra refreshment station will be placed between the 35km and 40km points. Fruit will be available at the 30km station.

8. **MEDICAL STATIONS:** Will be established alongside Refreshment Stations at the finish.

9. **ALL RUNNERS** must stay in the left hand lane of the main carriageway at all times. Runners dropping behind the bulk of the field must use the footpath and observe normal traffic signals. All runners must obey the directions of Route Marshals and the NSW Police Service at all times.

10. **TIME LIMIT:** Road closures, Police, S.E.S. support and aid stations etc are geared for a 5 hour time limit. All finishers will be timed, recorded and receive a finishers medal etc.

11. **ANY POLICE direction given must be promptly obeyed.**

12. **NO OBSTRUCTION** may be caused to the movement of pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

13. **PARTICIPANTS RETIRING** from the race will be transported by sweeper bus.

“**YOU HAVEN’T RUN A MARATHON TILL YOU’VE RUN THE ‘CITIES’**”

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**Categories**

**Marathon (42km 195m)**

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- Cadbury Schweppes
- Runners World
- Radio Station 2WS
- Travelodge Blacktown
- Quality Trophies
- Minchinbury Fruit Market

Also thank you to the following for their support:

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- N.S.W. CENTRAL DISTRICT AMBULANCE SERVICE

**The Travelodge Blacktown Half Cities Challenge (2 x 21km)**

Open Male Team 
Open Female Team 
Open Mixed Team 
Corporate Male Team 
Corporate Female Team 
Corporate Mixed Team 

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- First local runner (Male and Female) receive a weekend holiday for two.
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**Prize Money And Awards**

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- THE RED CROSS
- ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
- THE ASSOCIATION OF REMEDIAL MASSEURS (A.R.M.)