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SWIMMING WA WELCOMES NEW PATRON

Mrs Gina Rinehart, Executive Chairman of the Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd group, was today announced as the new Patron of Swimming WA, one of the leading not-for-profit sporting organisations in West Australia.

Mrs Rinehart replaces her daughter Ginia Hope Rinehart who has been the Patron for the past two (2) years, and kindly accepted the request from Swimming WA President Mr Louis Van Aardt.

“We are thrilled that Mrs Rinehart will be our Patron. Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd already have an existing role with Swimming WA as the principal partner for over 25 years, as well as their very generous support of Swimming Australia, and long term support of Queensland swimming also. This role is an extension of Mrs Rinehart’s generous investment in our vision for swimming to be an essential and growing part of the WA way of life,” Mr Van Aardt said.

“Swimming WA has had a distinguished lineage of Patrons over the years including three former Governors of WA, and Mrs Rinehart's acceptance of this honorary role and her well known enthusiasm for swimming, indeed for West Australia, will go a long way towards increasing the profile of Swimming WA and encouraging West Australian swimmers”.

Swimming WA was established in 1902 and represents 83 clubs and more than 12,300 registered swimmers across the state. From Learn to Swim, competitive swimming, recreational swimming or conducting open water events, Swimming WA focuses on giving opportunities to young swimmers to train hard and become champions and role models in this iconic Australian sport, swimming.

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