

Media Release

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SWIMMING WA WELCOMES NEW VICE PATRON

Peter Katasambanis, MLA Member for Hillarys is Swimming WA's new Vice Patron.

Peter's appointment was announced tonight at the Hancock Prospecting Junior Long Course Championships at HBF Stadium, by Swimming WA CEO Darren Beazley and Swimming WA President Louis van Aardt.

Peter joins Mrs Gina Rinehart, Executive Chairman of Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd, who is the Patron of Swimming WA.

"Swimming WA is riding high on a wave of unprecedented success. For WA swimmers to secure 6 medals at the 21st Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast are something that we are incredibly proud of. These incredible performances are the result of the fine work by our Clubs and our Coaches who have worked tirelessly over many years. However, for swimming in Western Australia to achieve its true potential, we need to gain the attention of the broader community. The role of Vice Patron is integral in that process and our Association is delighted that Peter has agreed to assist.

Peter is a highly credentialed politician with enormous support in the community. His family are heavily involved in swimming, so he has an authentic connection. He is a person with great vision and purpose and his support as Vice Patron is just what Swimming WA needs as we strive to seek greater support for our Clubs and for swimming across the State. On behalf of Swimming WA, thank you to Peter for agreeing to become a Vice Patron," said Louis van Aardt.

Minister Katasambanis said "I am honoured to accept the position as Vice Patron of Swimming WA. Swimming is such an important part of our Western Australian lifestyle. Swimming WA offers everyone an opportunity to learn to swim, improve their health and fitness and have fun. At the elite level there are great opportunities for swimmers to achieve their dreams all the way to the Commonwealth Games or the Olympics.

I look forward to working with everyone at Swimming WA and the 85 clubs across the state to keep promoting swimming as a healthy and attractive choice for people of all ages and all skill levels."

Swimming WA was established in 1902 and represents 85 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 providing access to swimming wherever people may live in Western Australia.

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