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## **AUSTRALIA SWIMS EVENTS COMING TO MANDURAH AND BUNBURY THIS WEEKEND**

Optus has partnered with Swimming Australia to introduce Australia Swims, a campaign created to encourage all Australians to celebrate their love for water this January. They want to unite the entire Australian community through something we all love - swimming.

In Mandurah and Bunbury this weekend, there will be two marquee events that are celebrating Australian's love of water.

In Mandurah at the Aquatic and Recreation Centre on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 January 2018, there will be four Optus Junior Dolphin Clinics. These clinics are a fun, play-based learning program for swimmers aged 5 - 12 years to build their confidence and skills while having fun!

The clinics and carnival are free for the community to participate, but you must register via this link to avoid missing out <https://australiaswims.com.au/experience/city-mandurah-optus-junior-dolphins-carnival>. The City of Mandurah has also kindly offered free entry into the pool for the day for competitors and \$1.30 for parents and spectators.

As part of the Mandurah event Olympian, Gold Medallist and current member of the Australian Dolphins Swim Team Kylie Palmer will be making an appearance at the pool around midday to meet and greet the participants.

In Bunbury on Saturday 20 January 2018, there are two Optus Junior Dolphin Clinics at The South West Sports Centre on Rotary Avenue Bunbury, supported by City of Bunbury. These Clinics are free however registration is essential via this link: <https://australiaswims.com.au/experience/city-bunbury-optus-junior-dolphins-carnival-south-west-sports-centre>.

Also in Bunbury on Sunday 21 January 2018 is another Optus Junior Dolphin Clinic and Open Water Swim at Koombana Bay - supported by City of Bunbury and Bunbury Swimming Club. Registrations to either of these events are via : <https://australiaswims.com.au/experience/city-bunbury-optus-junior-dolphins-carnival-koombana-bay>.

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Kylie Palmer will be making an appearance at the beach in Bunbury on Sunday 21 January 2018 around lunchtime to cheer on the participants.

Swimming Australia President John Bertrand AO said, “We want to inspire Australians to swim, reconnect with their love of swimming and have fun during the 9 days.

Swimming is a life skill and favourite pastime that can be enjoyed by all ages, all abilities and all cultural backgrounds. It’s part of the Australian way of life. It’s in our DNA. It’s what we do. We swim.

“The swimming industry is uniting to engage the Australian public in this swimming movement and we’re really excited by it,” Bertrand said.

Whether you’re learning to swim, swimming for fitness, swimming for rehab, or swimming for fun you’ll find a swimming experience that’s right for you at [australiaswims.com.au](http://australiaswims.com.au)

Australia Swims is also asking people to pledge a distance to assist them to swim the lap of Australia. Anyone can pledge a swim distance that will add to the goal of lapping Australia via <https://australiaswims.com.au/lap-australia>.

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