

## Media Release : 16th December 2017

### **WA STATE AGE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS ON NEXT WEEK**

The best age group swimming talent from across the state will be joined by visiting swimming teams from Singapore and Malaysia at the SunSmart Western Australian State Age Swimming Championships taking place at HBF Stadium in Mt Claremont from Monday 18th December until Thursday 21st December 2017.

Over 450 swimmers aged between 13 and 18 years will be competing in heats and finals races to determine the 2017 State Champions in each event and age group. This meet is an opportunity to see how the next generation of WA stars is tracking following a fruitful showing at the 2017 Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age Championships last month in Adelaide.

#### Swimmers to Watch:

- Tamsin Cook (UWA West Coast)

Rio Olympic Silver Medalist Tamsin Cook will be the star attraction of the meet. She goes in as an overwhelming favourite in her two key events: the 200 metres freestyle on Monday and the 400 metres Freestyle on Wednesday.

- Jemima Horwood (UWA West Coast)

One of the brightest up and coming talents in Australian swimming who excelled at the FINA World Junior Championships earlier this year. She will be a strong favourite to take out the 50 and 100 metres freestyle. Horwood is looking to extend her programme taking on the 200 and 400 metres freestyle where she will have a tight battle with Perth City's Chloe Green.

- Joshua Edwards-Smith (UWA West Coast)

The 14 year old is coming off an eye opening display at the Australian Short Course Championships where he qualified for the final in a strong field of national open level competitors finishing 8th in the 200 metres backstroke. Racing a full programme of freestyle and backstroke events he will be looking to add to his long list of state records.

- Taj Jones (St Hildas)

Coming back from representing Australia at the FINA World Junior Championships in the USA, the sprint specialist sprinter will be looking to add to his medal tally. Keep an eye out for his key event the 100 metres Backstroke on Monday.

- Chloe Green (Perth City)

The 2017 National Open Water Champion is just as strong in the pool. A very busy schedule will see her race the 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres freestyle over the four day meet.

- Kate Harrison (St Hildas)

The dual national gold medallist will be looking to put forward another strong showing at state level. The 100 metres butterfly on Wednesday will be one to watch for her.

Stay tuned for the live link to follow the results and finals action.

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