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## **WA SWIMMERS SELECTED IN AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR OPEN WATER TEAM**

Two young WA swimmers have been selected to represent Australia as part of the Australian Junior Open Water Team. Reilly Kennedy (18) and Chloe Green (16) both from Perth City Swimming Club have been selected as part of a team of four who will travel to both China and Taiwan to compete in the Asian legs of the FINA Open Water World Cup Series in September 2018.

Kennedy and Green train alongside each other in the National Open Squad at Beatty Park under the guidance of Perth City Swimming Club Head Coach, Matt Magee. Both athletes won an unprecedented three gold medals each from three events at the 2018 Australian Open Water Nationals in Adelaide earlier this year. Their impressive results leading to their selection onto both athletes' first Australian National Team.

Matt Magee and Perth City Swimming Club has a long history of success in open water swimming, Current training partners of Kennedy and Green are Nicholas Rollo and Simon Huitenga who both won a gold and silver medal each at the 2018 National Open Water Championships.

Perth City Club President and two-time Olympic open water swimmer Heidi Gan said "I am very proud of these two young athletes. They are both hard workers and fantastic contributors to our Club and it is great to see their commitment to the sport recognised by their selection onto the Australian team. Both Chloe and Reilly came up through our National Age Group program, so their selection is a testament to the hard work of our coaches in developing these young athletes".

This national team selection for these rising stars of open water swimming follows the recent inclusion of five WA youth swimmers selected as part of national squads to compete at the Junior Pan Pacs, Youth Olympics Games and Oceania Championships in the coming months.

Darren Beazley, CEO of Swimming WA said "congratulations to both swimmers on their first national team selection, also to their coach Matt Magee who leads such a strong open water swimming squad. I would also like to acknowledge the support network that surrounds these swimmers, and the hard work that goes into achieving these results and team selections.

Open water swimming has gone from strength to strength in this state. Its popularity can be seen in the record-breaking attendances in our 2017/18 Open Water Swim Series, and the performance of WA athletes at the national championships. We look forward to the next generation of open water swimmers compete on the world stage".

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