

Swimming WA Media Release

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WA TALENT ON DISPLAY AT 2018 SUNSMART STATE AGE LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The weekend forecast is looking hot and Western Australia's best Age group swimmers are set to sizzle at HBF Stadium from Saturday morning! The 2018 SunSmart State Age Long Course Championships showcase the State's brightest stars all vying for State Age Champion status and times that will take them to National Age Championships in 2019.

The 2018 SunSmart State Age Long Course Championships commence on Saturday December 15th running through to Tuesday December 18th at HBF Stadium. The Championships run on a Heats and Finals format, with Heats commencing each evening from 6.00 pm.

A massive field of over 590 athletes will take to the water from Clubs as far away as Broome, Exmouth and Albany. The prestige of the Championships has is such that the number of visiting athletes has surpassed 110, with competitors travelling to Perth from interstate Norwood Swimming Club, Surrey Park Swimming Club and the Geelong Swimming Clubs and international destinations such as Singapore, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Emerging local stars of the sport including **Kate Harrison (Westside Christchurch)**, **Joshua Edwards-Smith (UWA West Coast)**, **Kara Broadbridge (UWA West Coast)**, **Jemima Horwood (UWA West Coast)**, and **Kalani Ireland (Perth City)** will be among those vying for a State Age Championship title.

Swimming WA will once again stage the 2018 SunSmart State Age Long Course Championships under cover as part of their commitment to behavioural change amongst its members toward sun protection.

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“Swimming is a sport and lifestyle that brings our Members into the sun for long periods., Working with Healthway to promote the SunSmart message and SunSmart behaviours, the Association has once again been prepared to move our major Championships under cover, despite the cost” said General Manager Performance and People Carolyn Morrison.

“Sun protection is something that the Association takes very seriously and we want to ensure that our most talented athletes, spectators and our visitors, have the best possible environment to perform at their very best. That means out of the sun, under cover. We wish all of our competitors the best of luck over the Championships”.

Updates will be available via the Swimming WA website, the Swimming WA Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds.

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