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WA SECURES TWO NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Western Australia was the big winner from Swimming Australia's announcement this morning of their event schedule for 2018 - 2020. Perth is confirmed to host two (2) events in the Olympic and Paralympic year; with the Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age and the Hancock Prospecting Australian Club Championships both coming to Perth in 2020.

This schedule was announced as part of the journey to Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and Swimming Australia's event schedule will see the swimming industry unite and give fans across Australia the chance to be a part of history. Other events were announced in SA, NSW, Victoria and Queensland.

The Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age Swimming Championships is the national event for Australians aged between 13 and 18 and the Hancock Prospecting Australian Club Championships is for swimmers aged between 17 and 21.

These events will be held at HBF Stadium in April 2020, attracting some of the best young swimmers from around the country.

These events will give swimming enthusiasts and the general public the chance to see the stars of the Australian Dolphins Swim Team and the next generation of swimmers LIVE in their hometowns.

Swimming WA Chief Executive Darren Beazley was thrilled with this announcement;

"It is a coup for Western Australia to secure these two marquee national Swimming events. Both Championships which also present a boost for tourism in WA as they are expected to attract more than 6,000 visitors to Perth and contribute around \$7 million to economy.

It is also another vote of confidence from Swimming Australia in the resurgence that is currently underway in Western Australian swimming.

These Championships also provide a chance for our WA swimmers to gain exposure to quality competition and racing and a chance for them to do so in their home crowd. "

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For more information about the Swimming Australia 2018 - 2020 event schedule, please visit : www.swimming.org.au

Swimming WA is one of the leading not-for-profit sporting organisations in Western Australia established in 1902, representing 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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