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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM NIGHT ONE OF COMPETITION OF  
HANCOCK PROSPECTING WA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Day one of heats, and subsequent finals of the WA Swimming Championships were a sensational competition, with state records being broken by Blair Evans and Tommy Sucipto. Some highlights include:

Womens 400m IM: Olympian Blair Evans (UWA West Coast) strengthened her claim as favourite to take out this event at Commonwealth Games trials next month and represent Australia in April 2018 with a time of 4:39.76. This is the fastest time in Australia this year beating the time set by Queensland young gun Kaylee McKeown with a time of 4:40.29 at Queensland State Championships in December 2017. Evans obliterated the field winning by 27 seconds, setting a new state record.

Mens 50m Breaststroke: Tommy Sucipto (Rockingham) confirmed his status as the nation's best sprint breaststroker when he beat a quality field in a state record time of 27.67. Visiting Scottish national team representative Craig Benson finished second in 28.41. George Harley (Breakers) and Alex Milligan (UWA West Coast) rounded out the state medal winners.

Mens 200m Butterfly: Nicholas Brown (UWA West Coast) is looking to qualify for his first Australian Senior Team after narrowly missing out last year. Brown looked impressive winning in a time of 1:59.42 beating out training partners Kieren Pollard (Breakers) and Jake Smith (Breakers).

Mens 100m Freestyle: Olympian Tommaso D'Orsogna (UWA West Coast) put his hand up for Commonwealth Games selection winning the Hick Ives Trophy with a time of 49.69. He edged out visiting Malaysian superstar Welson Sim (51.24). Zac Incerti (UWA West Coast) also impressed taking out third place in 51.58.

For all of the finals results please visit [www.wa.swimming.org.au](http://www.wa.swimming.org.au).

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