

## Media Statement 25 October 2017

### **WA Swimmers to Compete in Adelaide for Australian Short Course Swimming Championships**

The 2017 Hancock Prospecting Australian Short Course Swimming Championships will see some of the best swimmers from Australia and the world descend on the South Australian (SA) Aquatic and Leisure Centre to race from Thursday 26 October to Saturday 28 October 2017.

There will be plenty for spectators to enjoy out of the pool with the Swimming Australia fan precinct Centre Lane – complete with Food Trucks, Optus Fan Zone, music and kid's entertainment.

Adelaide Olympic hero Kyle Chalmers from Marion Swimming Club will tackle the fast-paced Freestyle events, having entered the 50m, 100m and 200m. He will also compete in the 50m and 100m Butterfly, with the 19-year-old excited to race in front of a home crowd.

Western Australia will also be well represented with 26 swimmers from 8 Clubs competing this weekend.

One of these swimmers is dual Olympian Blair Evans from UWA West Coast, coached by Bud McAllister, who goes in as the fastest competitor in the 400m Individual Medley.

Tommy Sucipto from Rockingham Swimming Club coached by Will Scott will be aiming to retain his 100m Breaststroke title that he claimed last year. Katherine Downie coached by Perth City Swimming Club's Matt Magee is looking to compete strongly in four events.

14-year-old Josh Edwards-Smith from UWA West Coast coached by Michael Shaw is looking to make his mark at his first Australian Short Course National Championships off the back of a fantastic State Teams Championships in Canberra last month.

UWA West Coast's 4x100m women's Freestyle relay team has the fastest seed time and is in strong medal contention in this event and will look to go back to back in the 4x200m Freestyle relay as well.

The 2017 Hancock Prospecting Australian Short Course Swimming Championships will be livestreamed here: <https://www.swimming.org.au/LIVE-streaming.aspx>