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WA OPEN WATER SWIMMERS SHINE AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Western Australian Open Water Swimmers produced some standout performances over the weekend at the 2018 Australian Open Water Swimming (OWS) Championships at Brighton Beach in Adelaide, South Australia.

Hard on the heels of some remarkable performances during the swimming WA OWS Series, Western Australian athletes who have been working really hard over the summer saw that hard work translate into podium finishes.

Perth City Swimming Club produced wonderful results from Chloe Green, Reilly Kennedy, and Nic Rollo with multiple podium finishes in separate distances in their age category races. Simon Huitenga (Perth City) produced a mighty effort to finish second in the Open Men's 10km category by 0.1 of a second to the eventual winner Nick Sloman. Perth City also took out the mixed 4 x 1.25km relay and Champion Club - a second year for both accolades.

The OWS programmes at Breakers and South Shore Swimming Clubs showed their value with excellent performances from Jack Wilson, Byron Kimber and Elli Fry.

Bunbury Swimming Club's Kyle Lee took out the gold medal in the 16 year old male 5 km race, continuing the Club's magnificent summer.

Swimming WA Chief Executive Mr. Darren Beazley said :

"These performances demonstrate the depth of open water swimming talent that is here in WA. In addition to the podium finishes, there were also a number of WA swimmers that finished in the top 10 of their age group. Swimming WA passes on its hearty congratulations the coaches, support staff and of course families who support these dedicated athletes.

The popularity of open water swimming in WA continues to grow. On the weekend we had a record breaking 1,120 swimmers take part in one of our OWS Series round at Sorrento Beach. We look forward to the announcement of the team that will compete in the Pan Pacific Championships later this year".

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2018 Australian Open Water Swimming Championships highlights included:

Open Male 10km - 2nd Simon Huitenga from Perth City SC
18 year old Male 10km - 1st Reilly Kennedy from Perth City SC
19 year old Male 10km - 2nd Nicholas Rollo from Perth City SC
16 year old Male 7.5km - 3rd Flynn Mason from Perth City SC
16 year old Female 7.5km - 1st Chloe Green from Perth City SC
17 year old Male 7.5km - 2nd Jack Wilson from Breakers
14 year old Female 5km - 3rd Ellie Fry from South Shore
14 year old Female 5km - 4th Rosie Wilson from Breakers
16 year old Male 5km - 1st Kyle Lee from Bunbury
16 year old Female 5km - 1st Chloe Green from Perth City SC
17 year old Female 5km - 4th Kelsey Eastwood from Perth City SC
17 year old Male 5km - 3rd Byron Kimber from Breakers
18 year old Male 5km - 1st Reilly Kennedy from Perth City SC
19 year old Male 5km - 1st Nicholas Rollo from Perth City SC
18 year old Male 5km - 4th Adam Sudlow from UWA West Coast
17 year old Male 5km - 4th Justin Kalugin from St Hildas
18 year old Female 5km - 4th Josie Page from Perth City SC

For full results from the Australian Open Water Championships please visit : [https://www.swimming.org.au/Events/2017-Australian-Open-Water-Champs-\(1\).aspx#acc1](https://www.swimming.org.au/Events/2017-Australian-Open-Water-Champs-(1).aspx#acc1)

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