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Swimming WA Open Water Swimming Series Dates Set

Online registrations open Friday 1 September 2017 for the Swimming WA Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series with the first event taking place at Cottesloe Beach on Saturday 28 October 2017.

Celebrating its 10th year, the OWS Series presented by Swimming WA attracts 6,000 swimmers competing in 14 rounds from October 2017 to March 2018. Included in the OWS Series is the State Open Water Championships on Saturday 25 November 2017 and Champs of the Bay at Rottnest - a fun youth event for 7-13year olds a day after the Rottnest Channel Swim on Sunday 25 February 2018. Another new addition this year is a Round at Scarborough Beach on Saturday 23 December 2017.

The OWS Series features a variety of distances to meet the ages and fitness levels of all participants swimming at venues including metropolitan and regional beaches, Champion Lakes, the Swan River and Harvey Dam. Team and individual events are available, allowing everyone to get out of the pool and into the open water.

Series winners will announced following the final OWS Round at the Swan River in Perth on Sunday 25 March 2018.

Registration fees start from \$15 for children through to a single adult entry fee of \$35, or \$40 for the longer distance events. Another change this year will be the opportunity to purchase an Annual Membership with Swimming WA which reduces the overall cost to participate in multiple Rounds. All details can be found at www.openwaterswimming.com.au

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Swimming WA's Chief Executive Officer Darren Beazley said, "Our team has been working hard with local Surf Life Saving Clubs and local government bodies, as well as our generous sponsors to ensure that the OWS Series experience exceeds the expectations of all swimmers who take part. The 14 round Series features distances and venues to meet any swimmers needs, and we encourage everyone to #challenge yourself this summer."

For additional information and to register please visit :

<http://www.openwaterswimming.com.au>

Swimming WA is one of the leading not-for-profit sporting organisations in Western Australia established in 1902, representing 83 clubs and more than 12,312 registered swimmers across the state. From Learn to Swim, competitive swimming in the pool, recreation swimming or conducting open water events, Swimming WA focused on providing access to swimming wherever people may live in Western Australia.

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