

Media Release: Saturday 25th November 2017

Rollo and Weller Crowned 10 km State Open Swimming Water Champions at Champion Lakes

Champion Lakes Regatta Centre has played host to the best marathon swimmers in the state today with Swimming WA hosting the 2017 State Open Water Swimming Championships, as part of the Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series.

An elite field gathered to vie for an opportunity to compete at the Australian Championships in January 2018 in Adelaide. Male and female athletes competed in distances of 5km, 7.5km and 10km. See below for full list of medal winners.

In an upset in the men's open 10 km event, Simon Huitenga (Perth City) was first across the line, but disqualified due to a rule infraction at the start. That meant that Will Rollo (Perth City) was awarded the gold medal and crowned WA Men's Open Water Swimming Champion (10 km) for 2017. Rollo's time of 2 hours, 3 minutes and fifteen seconds was a mere five seconds faster than his brother Nick who finished with the Silver medal.

In the female event, Rebekah Weller (Peel Aquatic) continued to show her class with a comfortable win in the women's open 10 km event. Her time of 2 hours, 12 minutes and thirty four seconds was six minutes faster than the silver medallist Josie Page (Perth City). The result for Page was a just reward after a difficult State Championships in 2016 and she was all smiles today.

Over 240 athletes competed at the event and Swimming WA CEO Darren Beazley was delighted with the day;

"Open Water Swimming is what West Australians do particularly well and today we saw some of the very best open water swimmers in wonderful form. It was a treat to watch the racing action which also included members of the general public who were keen to gain times to qualify for the Rottneest Channel Swim next year.

The West Australian contingent that will head over to the National Open Water Swimming Championships in Adelaide will be hard to beat and this is a result of the commitment of the athletes and the focus of their experienced coaching staff".

There have been three Rounds already of the OWS Series at Cottesloe Beach, Busselton and Coogee, with record crowds at every event. The next Round will be at Leighton on 16 December 2017.

Celebrating 10 years, the OWS Series attracts 6,000 competitive and novice swimmers competing in 11 Rounds, plus the Relay Round at Scarborough Beach, the WA Open Water State Championships on 25th November 2017 and Champs of the Bay at Rottnest on 25th February 2018.

For further information about the OWS Series, or to register, visit www.openwaterswimming.com.au.

Results of Open Water Swimming State Championships:

Mens 10km State Championships Open:

- 1st Willi Rollo (Perth City) – 2.03.15
- 2nd Nicholas Rollo (Perth City) 2.03.20
- 3rd Will Gurr (South Shore)

Womens 10km State Championships Open:

- 1st Rebekah Weller (Perth City) – 2.12.34
- 2nd Josie Page (Perth City)
- 3rd Caitlin James (Perth City)

Boys 10km State Championships 17-18 Years:

- 1st Nicholas Rollo (Perth City)

Girls 10km State Championships 17-18 Years:

- 1st Josie Page (Perth City)
- 2nd Tessa Viljoen (Georgiana Molloy)
- 3rd Chloe Truscott (Perth City)

Boys 10km State Championships 15 - 16 Years:

- 1st Justin Kalugin
- 2nd Cyrus Milne

Girls 10km State Championships 15 - 16 Years:

- 1st Chloe Hogan
- 2nd Olivia Power

3rd Jane Harwood

Boys 10km State Championships 14 Years:

1st Christopher Verran

Boys 7.5km State Championships 14 Years:

1st Max Coten

Boys 7.5km State Championships 15-16 Years:

1st Jack Wilson (Breakers)

2nd Byron Kimber (Breakers)

3rd Flynn Mason (Perth City)

Girls 7.5km State Championships 15-16 Years:

1st Tia Donovan (Perth City)

2nd Fiona Cullinane (Rockingham)

Mens 5km State Championships Open:

1st Reilly Kennedy (Perth City)

2nd Adam Sudlow (UWA West Coast)

3rd Kyle Lee (Bunbury)

Womens 5km State Championships Open:

1st Samantha Watts (Perth City)

2nd Ella Harnetty (Perth City)

3rd Kelsey Eastwood (Perth City)

Boys 5km State Championships 17-18 Years:

1st Reilly Kennedy (Perth City)

2nd Adam Sudlow (UWA West Coast)

3rd Harry Hewitt (St Hildas)

Girls 5km State Championships 17-18 Years:

1st Ella Harnetty (Perth City)

2nd Emilia Smit (Perth City)

3rd Alysha Ryan (Perth City)

Boys 5km State Championships 15-16 Years:

1st Kyle Lee (Bunbury)

2nd Leonardo Rachetti (Perth City)
3rd Kieran Corbett (Breakers)

Girls 5km State Championships 15-16 Years:

1st Kelsey Eastwood (Perth City)
2nd Bianca Petite (South Shore)
3rd Jemma Schofield (South Shore)

Boys 5km State Championships 13-14 Years:

1st Adriano Todoro (Breakers)
2nd Sean Beck (South Shore)
3rd TJ Chong Sue (UWA West Coast)

Girls 5km State Championships 13-14 Years:

1st Rosie Wilson (Breakers)
2nd Kiara Simons (Perth City)
3rd Camile Talbot (Perth City)

The Swimming WA OWS Series also crowned medallists in the across its public division as below:

Mens Super Legend 10km:

1st Jon Haines
2nd Roger Taylor
3rd Troy Lathwell

Womens Super Legend 10km:

1st Sandra Law

Mens Legend 10km:

1st Guy Davis
2nd Stephen Hughes
3rd Anthony Rooke

Womens Legend 10km:

1st Rachelle Doyle
2nd Claire Ware
3rd Megan Tetley

Mens Open 10km:

1st Eric Duigan
2nd Nic Italiano
3rd Stuart Anderson

Womens Open 10km:

1st Jazmin Jones
2nd Renae Lambourne
3rd Amy Kirke

Womens U18 10km:

1st Breaze James
2nd Hannah Edwards-Smith
3rd Erin Ford

Mens Super Legend 5km:

1st Peter Gray
2nd Marcel Weijers
3rd Greg Hitchen

Womens Super Legend 5km:

1st Bridget Young

Mens Legend 5km:

1st Daniel Schwann
2nd Matthew Pental
3rd Willoghby Hilton

Womens Legend 5km:

1st Kristy Brackstone

Mens Open 5km:

1st Matt Burton

Womens Open 5km:

1st Caterina Paganelli
2nd Katy Welch
3rd Aine McCarthy

Mens U18 5km:

1st Kyle Murray
2nd Thomas Gregory
3rd Brendan Rowland

Mens Super Legend 2.5km:

1st Frank Van Rooyen
2nd Stefan Kolm
3rd John Matthews

Womens Super Legend 2.5km:

1st Kerin Thompson

Mens Legend 2.5km:

1st Sam Prodonovich
2nd Tom Eardley
3rd Terry Griffiths

Womens Legend 2.5km:

1st Kareena Preston
2nd Peta Waterman
3rd Jackie Gardiner

Mens Open 2.5km:

1st Brandon Bennier
2nd David Hill
3rd Andrew Johns

Womens Open 2.5km:

1st Hannah Miller
2nd Alana Harper
3rd Rachael Wales

Mens U18 2.5km:

1st Daniel Runeckles

Womens U18 2.5km:

1st Courtney Lee
2nd Hannah Van De Velde

3rd Rachael Rowland

Mens U15 2.5km:

1st Jacob Cohen

2nd Luke Awang

Womens U15 2.5km:

1st Zoe Lawn

2nd Annie Wilson

3rd Alice Harwood

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