



## Media Release: Friday 1st December 2017

## Leighton Beach ready for Open Water Swimming Event

Leighton Beach will be the host for Round Four of the Swimming WA Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Proudly supported by 3 Oceans Property and the City of Fremantle this event, which starts from 7:30am, has a variety of distances to choose from (500m, 1.25km. 2.5km or 5km), meeting the needs of all ages and fitness levels.

There have been three Rounds already of the OWS Series at Cottesloe Beach, Busselton, and Coogee with record crowds at each event. The Open Water Swimming State Championships also took place on 25th November 2017 at Champion Lakes in near perfect conditions.

Celebrating 10 years, the OWS Series attracts around 6,000 competitive and novice swimmers competing in 11 Rounds, plus the State Championships, the new Relay Round at Scarborough Beach on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017, and Champs of the Bay at Rottnest for junior participants on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Chief Executive Officer for Swimming WA Mr. Darren Beazley said:

'Open water swimming has grown in popularity in the ten years that we have run these events, and Leighton Beach is a perfect venue to host a Round. We are again expecting record crowds to this event, and appreciate the support of 3 Oceans Property and the City of Fremantle, allowing our team to provide additional fan activation activities on the popular beach'.

We also thank the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club for their provision of water safety throughout the swim'.

For further information about the OWS Series or to register visit <a href="www.openwaterswimming.com.au">www.openwaterswimming.com.au</a>. Online registrations for Round Four at Leighton Beach close 10pm Thursday 14th November 2017, although registrations will be allowed on the day from 6:30am.

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