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Swimming WA 2018-19 Open Water Swimming Series Registrations Now Open

Online Registrations are now open to the 2018-19 Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series, with the first event in the 12 Round Series taking place on Leighton Beach on Saturday 3 November 2018.

Last year the OWS Series celebrated its 10th Anniversary, with record numbers of participants. More than 6000 competitive and novice swimmers competed in 14 Rounds from October 2017 to March 2018, and this season Swimming WA will be aiming to exceed this participation record.

The OWS Series features a variety of distances to meet all ages and fitness levels at iconic metropolitan and regional beaches, as well as at Champion Lakes and Harvey Dam. There are team and individual races, allowing everyone to get out of the pool and into the open water.

A new addition this year is the Round 10 event at Koombana Bay in Bunbury on 9 February 2019.

Series winners will be announced at the end of the final OWS Round at Scarborough Beach on 4 March 2019 where medal and cash prizes will be awarded.

The OWS registration fees commence at \$28 for children through to the single adult entry fee of \$39, or \$45 for the longer distance events. This is in addition to the Day Pass membership of \$20 to cover insurance per event. Participants can choose to purchase an OWS season membership for \$43, which enables the swimmer to participate in as many OWS events as they like for only the entry fee and save on the Day Pass membership cost.

Swimming WA's Chief Executive Officer Darren Beazley said "after the success of our 10year anniversary season last year, our team cannot wait to get started on the new Series. There is new merchandise, exciting new sponsors and supporters as well as new OWS Ambassador - Simon Huitenga- WA's number 1 ranked open water swimmer from Perth City Swimming Club. We will be sharing Simon's experience and tips for open water swimming throughout the season.

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The 12 Round Series features distances and venues to meet any swimmers needs, and we encourage everyone to give open water swimming a go this summer, and take advantage of our early bird specials and season membership discounts on offer."

For additional information and to register please visit: <u>http://www.openwaterswimming.com.au</u>

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