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# Swimming clubs join forces

TWO local swimming clubs have joined forces in a bid to strengthen its profile in the pool. Lawley Aquatic Swim Club and City of Perth Swimming Club merged this month to become the Perth City Swimming Club.

The Club is now creating a pathway for athletes starting at Learn to Swim through to Elite Performance. The Perth Swim Academy program and the Club will be based at Perth College and Beatty Park.

High Performance Coach Matt Magee is currently preparing Olympians Blair Evans and Heidi Gan as well as talented teen Betanna Throssell for the Junior Pan Pacific Games. Magee has been selected as Malaysian Open Water Coach for the London Games and will represent Malaysia in the 10km Open Water event.

"The joining of two really good clubs has made one exceptionally strong club," he said. "This new club is maximizing access for all athletes and all swimmers in the community. As both clubs had a similar culture, it will be a good fit, and the focus will be on maintaining a strong drive and commitment to the development of swimming in the Club and WA.



In deep water... Olympians Blair Evans and Heidi Gan. Picture: Dominique Meregaldo

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