

Herd on the Terrace

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Billionaire **Gina Rinehart** is well known for her support of swimming, among other sports, and is patron of **Swimming Australia**.

As of this week, Rinehart is also patron of **Swimming WA**.

Keeping it in the family, she takes over the role from her daughter **Ginia Rinehart**.

The family firm, **Hancock Prospecting**, has been the sporting organisation's principal partner for more than 25 years.

"This role is an extension of Mrs Rinehart's generous investment in our vision for swimming to be an essential and growing part of the WA way of life," Swimming WA president **Louis Van Aardt** said. "Swimming WA has had a distinguished lineage of patrons over the years including three former Governors of WA.

"Mrs Rinehart's acceptance of this honorary role and her well-known enthusiasm for swimming, indeed for Western Australia, will go a long way towards increasing the profile of Swimming WA and encouraging West Australian swimmers."

The 115-year-old organisation represents 83 clubs and more than 12,300 registered swimmers across the State.

with **Stuart McKinnon**



Gina Rinehart and swimmers.