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### **Olympic Champion to Open Kings Swim at Majura Park**

Olympic Gold Medalist Duncan Armstrong will make a special trip to Canberra this Friday to officially open Kings Swim at the new Majura Park Recreation Centre, Canberra Airport.

The 200m freestyle gold medalist at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Armstrong has swapped swimming for motivational speaking and working for charities. He has won a host of honours including Young Australian of the Year, a Centenary Medal and an Order of Australia Medal.



“I’m most comfortable on the poolside these days,” Armstrong said.

Armstrong became a household name at 20 years of age with his upset win in the 200 free at Seoul. It was Australia's 100th Olympic swimming medal.

The presence of such a champion will mark a fitting launch for the state-of-the-art three-pool facility, including two dedicated learn-to-swim pools and a 25 metre pool.

“Pristine clear and safe water is a trademark of Kings,” said owner Phil King.

“Young babies to children with sensitive skin will love the hygienic environment of Kings Majura Park.”

Kings has specialised in teaching children to swim for more than 20 years. With swim school places at a premium in Canberra, the new facility will be a welcome increase in the swim teaching capacity.

“Learning to swim is an education, not a sport and every child deserves to be safe and skilled in the water,” King said.

Kings Majura Park offers a dedicated family-focused learning environment, graded pool depths and lengths for all standards, small class sizes and private family change cubicles, as well as a host of swim options for adults including learn to swim, adult squads, social swimming groups, women-only sessions, hydrotherapy and Aquacise.

“Having spent a lifetime in swimming, I can say that Kings Majura Park is a five-star facility and Kings programming offers something for everyone.”

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