



# Pooling power

## Marion to be a world hub

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CHAMPIONSHIP events planned for the new State Aquatic Centre will establish Marion as a world-class diving and swimming hub, Diving Australia says.

The centre – still under construction at the Domain site, off Morphett Rd – will host the 2012 World Diving Junior Championships.

Also booked are the 2011 Australian Age Swimming Championships and the venue is likely to vie for the 2012 London Olympic swimming trials.

Diving Australia chairman **Ashley Wilson** said the junior worlds would provide a springboard to host future top-level meets.

“We expect there’ll not only be many more national championships, but also international events ... held at Marion,” he said.

“We’re absolutely ecstatic, it’ll be the first time we’ve held the world juniors in Australia.”

About 250 divers and more than 400 coaches and officials from 40 countries are expected to converge on Marion for the 10-day event.