

## Legend dives in to help young women

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Jade (19), Shelley Taylor-Smith and Esther Foundation founder and director Patricia Lavater.  
Picture: Justin Benson-Cooper

A FORMER Australian marathon swimming champion will share her experiences and support a South Perth women's health community organisation.

Shelley Taylor-Smith will be patron of the Esther Foundation's women's health development and leadership program.

The Esther Foundation operates from seven residential premises in South Perth, and houses more than 35 young women and their children.

Ms Taylor-Smith, a former seven-time women's world marathon swimming champion, hoped her profile would help young women.

"I have a strong sense of urgency to support these young women and to help them believe in themselves, and find their passion and purpose for life," she said. "I want to create awareness in the community about the many issues and challenges that face young women, while also seeking support for the foundation."