

News From the 2014 Australian Age and Multiclass Age Championships, Sydney - April 14 – 21 2014

Congratulation to all the Ovens & Murray swimmers on their successes.

Wodonga had 10 swimmers attend Australian Age Championships at Sydney with Coach Michael Ursu. There were 8 individual event swimmers plus two relay only swimmers.

Heath Macleod (14 yo) qualified in 7 events and competed in 5 events. He swam PBs in every race with Gold Medals in both the 100m Breaststroke and 200m Breaststroke. He won the 100m Breaststroke after protesting his DQ for moving on the blocks. After 5 hours of deliberation (as they had to wait for a technician to read the biometrics camera) his protest was upheld at 5.15pm, with Finals starting at 6pm. Well done Heath and Coach Michael Ursu for sticking to your guns and staying focused. Heath also came 5th in the 200m IM. Congratulations on being an Age National champion in two events back to back.

Zoe Deacon (13 yo) also medalled with a bronze medal in the 200m Breaststroke doing a big PB of 2.93 seconds. She also made the final of the 100m Breaststroke where she came 9th. She was also part of the Wodonga 16&U girls Medley Relay team.

Olivia Plunkett (16 yo) had 5 individual events and 2 relays. She improved in the rankings in 4 events and was in the top 20 for the 200m IM. She swam in the 16&U girls Freestyle and Medley Relay teams.

James Jarrous (16 yo) did a PB in the 50m Free and improved 15 places in the rankings.

Will Matheson (16 yo) competed in the 200m Backstroke and improved in the rankings.

Georgia Stadelmann (16 yo) swam in the 100m Free and improved 9 places in rankings. She also swam in the 16&U girls Free Relay and Medley Relay.

Ben Bayes-Smith (14 yo) had 4 events at Nationals and did PBs in 3 of them. He ranked Top 20 in 400m Free and improved in rankings in 200m Back.

Michaela Roberts (13 yo) swam in the 200m Breaststroke and she improved in rankings.

Teigan Shirley (14 yo) swam in the 16&U Freestyle Relay and Sarah Whitehouse (15 yo) swam in both the 16&U Freestyle Relay and the 16&U Medley Relay teams.

Gt Aquatics was very successful sending 2 swimmers to National Age Championships and bringing home 8 top 10 places including a haul of 5 medals.

In his first season as a Shamrock, Lachlan Boye had a huge break through bringing home 3 bronze medals and improving his times in 4 of his 6 swims in the Multiclass events. He was swimming in the 15/16 age group as a 15 year old meaning next season should be fantastic for young Lachlan.

After a successful Australian Championships, Matthew Ward backed up winning a Gold and Silver medal in his 2 Multiclass swims, bringing Matthew's National Age medal total to 8 over the last 3 years.

The club has enjoyed a great season and is looking forward to more fast swimming over winter.

Wangaratta had 2 swimmers attend Nationals.

Izzy Renner swam the 15 years 100m Butterfly. She achieved a 0.79 sec personal best and improved her ranking by 18 places.

Elli Warren swam in the 16 years age group and competed in 5 events, finishing top 20 in four of them. She swam a personal best time in the 100m Backstroke. Elli's best placings were 11th Australian in the 400m Individual Medley and 14th in the 400m Freestyle.