

## 2018 Georgina Hope Australian Age Championships

The Australia Age Championships got underway on Saturday 21st April at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. With 1723 athletes competing in 5512 individual entries and 326 relays during the 8 days of competition, of these 1723 swimmers 12 of them were from our local Clubs.



Albury Swim Club – Bailey Clemson, Brooke King and Mackenzy Muller

Wodonga Amateur Swimming Club – Zoe Deacon, Will Elgin and Mackensy House

Wodonga City Swimming Club – Nicholas Evans, Sarah-Jane Male and Patrick Richardson

Wangaratta Amateur Swimming Club – Maggie Skewes

Wangaratta Stingrays Swim Club – Olivia Miller

Albury North Lavington Swimming Club- Annie Brown

A few of the highlights from the meet were:

Bailey swam a personal best time of 55.19 in the Boys 15 years 100 Freestyle, moving him up the ranks by 5 positions, 36th to 31st.

The Boys 16 years 50 and 100 Freestyle events saw Will improve on his entry times, lifting his ranking in the 50 Free from 33rd to 17th and in the 100 Free from 44th to 37th.

Nicholas performed well in the Boys 13 years 50 and 100 Freestyle events. He swam a personal best time of 26.33 for his 50 Freestyle, and an improvement of 0.49 of a second in the 100 Freestyle lifted his ranking from 21st to 17th.

Maggie had a big week of competition swimming with 7 events and making finals in 4 of these. Maggie brought home Bronze in the Girls 14 years 100 Butterfly swimming a time of 1:02.76 (an improvement of 1.8 seconds). She also medalled in the 200 Freestyle (an exciting race for those watching) which saw Maggie lift from 6th position on the last turn to storm home into 3rd swimming a personal best time of 2:05.74 knocking 2.12 seconds off her entry time. This gave her the Victorian Country Record for this event formally held by team mate Elli Warren.

Zoe also had an outstanding week bringing home Gold in the Girls 17-18 years 100 Breaststroke. She took 2.32 seconds off her entry time to swim a time of 1:10.31 - the result has also given her the Victorian Country Record

holder for this event. Another Victorian Country Record fell after her performance in the 200 Breaststroke where she swam a personal best time of 2:31.36. This 2.69 second improvement on her entry time rewarded Zoe with a Bronze medal.

In the Multi Class events, Albury's Brooke King had an outstanding meet. Brooke was entered in 6 events, and swam personal best times in all her events. Highlights for Brooke would have to be her Gold Medal performance in the 100 Freestyle where she knocked almost 2 seconds off her entry time. Brooke also came home with two silver medals.

Olivia Miller from Wangaratta Stingrays Swim Club had her first experience of Age Championships and performed well in the 50 Backstroke.

Well done to all our swimmers.