

Matthew Ward goes on record breaking bull run in the lead up to National Age and National Open.

GT Aquatics super swimmer Matthew Ward has gone on a record breaking run this past weekend when he joined with up and coming age group swimmer Riley Briggs in Sydney at NSW Country championships. Briggs took Ovens and Murray's district championship by storm 2 weeks ago (9 gold & 1 bronze medal). Briggs secured top 10 placings in several events, complementing Matt Ward's 3 records from 5 swims. Matt won the 50 breast and scored bronze in 50 butterfly showcasing what is happening inside the doors of GT Aquatics. The pair managed to place the Shamrocks Swimming Club in the top 30 in NSW.

"The aim was to swim well for both boys I am pleased with their performances and it is great for the rest of the club to have mentors like Ward around." (Brian Craig – coach)

"Taking down 3 records when not rested is a great sign for what's going to happen at Age Nationals and then Australian championships (world trials)"

Late April, Ward will attend the Australian Swimming championships in Adelaide, *"setting himself up over this past summer as Ovens and Murray's premier swimmer and one of the most diverse multi-class (disability) swimmers in the country, the swimming Australia Target Rio Squad 2016 member, we are expecting to do well at both nationals"*.

"The kid's a freak, who breaks an Australian record in training in an event he has never done?" Lachie Davison talking about a training session held late Feb.

Matt Ward will hold a Barbeque at Safeway Lavington on 2 March 10:30-2:30 to raise funds for his trips away. He will race in Adelaide 13-15 April and 26 April to 3 May. After the National Championships Ward will have a 7 day break before his winter swimming season starts.

Presently Matthew is trying to gain a long term sponsor to help him get to the top of the sport. If you want to help, please call his coach on 0403368065.

