

LANE COVE'S RECORD BREAKING EFFORTS

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Lane Cove performed strongly at the recent Northern Suburbs District Championship series – with one of its best ever results and recording half of all the new individual records that were set.

The series was held over three weekends at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, with the final meet conducted last Sunday night.

Lane Cove, continuing its resurgence, entered more than 60 swimmers – many for the first time including 8 year old Sam Schofield.

Club swimmers set five new district records:

- * **Tim Antalffy** (20) *Open 50 Butterfly*
- * **Phil Butcher** (16) *15/16 50 Butterfly, 15/16 100 Butterfly, 15/16 50 Backstroke*
- * **Joseph Hilsberg** (10) *10 50 Backstroke*

Several also qualified for National Age championships for the first time:

- **Sally Gilbert** (14) *100 Breaststroke, 200 Breaststroke*
- **Josh Talvi** (13) *100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle*
- **Boys 14&U Fs Relay Team** (*Jack Barkl, Stephen McKay, Brandon Tam, Jack Van Der Vegt*)

The Club's Head Coach, John Thompson, acknowledged the support of his coaching team and the parents of the swimmers.

"Phil Hughes, Scott Farnell, Carlos Chitau and Luigi Sarkissian have worked diligently and conscientiously with the swimmers."

"The input of parents into the results cannot be overlooked either – they're the ones who get their kids to the pool early in the morning and pick them up after training at night."

But he said most of the credit goes to the swimmers themselves: "they are doing a good job in training and I look forward to Lane Cove continuing to show itself as one of the clubs of the future."

Lane Cove came second in the overall point score with 573 points behind Willoughby with 778 points. Knox Pymble was third with 461.

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