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## **Lane Cove stands up at NSW Open Championships**

A team of 8 swimmers represented the Lane Cove Swimming Club at the NSW Open Short Course championships for the first time.

The team rose to the challenge of the high class competition with the overwhelming majority of swims being life time bests.

20 year old Tim Antalfy was the highest finisher, narrowly missing out on a medal in the 50 butterfly, coming fourth in a time of 25.20 seconds.

The club's youngest competitor, 12 year old Josh Talvi, swam a controlled 400 freestyle in just over 4 minutes 35 seconds to finish 7th.

16 year old Phillip Butcher recorded one of the country's fastest 100 butterfly times for a 16 year old this year, coming 8th overall in 55.69 seconds. For Butcher and team-mate, Joshua Chang, NSW Open was a forerunner to the Secondary Schools National Championships in Hobart this week.

Lane Cove's Head Coach, John Thompson, said he's encouraged by the weekend results.

"State Open provided the perfect practice for our swimmers preparing for the NSW Age Championships next weekend and the National Open Short Course Titles in Melbourne at the end of the month" he said.

"For several of our swimmers including Talvi and 15 year old Sam Gilbert" he added, "this was the first time they have swum at such a high level."

Lane Cove finished 38 out of the 87 New South Wales clubs that were competing.

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