

Lane Cove's Magic Meet

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Up and coming swimmers, Phil Butcher (16) and Sally Gilbert (14), led Lane Cove to one of its most successful championship meets in recent years.

15 swimmers represented the club at last week's New South Wales Summer State Age Championships, held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. The youngest was 11 year old Joseph Hilsberg; the oldest was club captain, 16 year old Phil Butcher.

They were joined by 27 of their team-mates to make up 17 relays.

Butcher performed strongly taking home two medals. He won Gold in the 100 Fly in a new state record time of 55.15, making him Australia's all-time third fastest 16 year old behind Victoria's Andrew Lauterstein and Western Australia's Garth Kates.

The talented teenager came third in the 100 Backstroke.

Sally Gilbert took home her first ever State Championship medal – a bronze in her pet event, the 200 Breaststroke. Her finishing time also qualified her for the Olympic Trials in March.

Overall, the club came 37th in the competition out of 131 clubs that were competing from around New South Wales. An impressive 67% of all swims were lifetime bests.

Head Coach, John Thompson, paid tribute to the entire team.

"I was particularly impressed with the performance of our relay teams."

"Several finished in the top 10 indicating the growing strength and depth at Lane Cove" he said.

Amongst the other highlights:

4 th	Sally Gilbert	100 Br
6 th	Phil Butcher Josh Talvi	100 Fs 400 Fs 200 Fs
7 th	Girls 10x50 Relay Team	
8 th	Phil Butcher Boys 10x50 Relay Team	50 Fs
9 th	Joseph Hilsberg Mens 10x50 Relay Team	200IM 200 Bk
10 th	Joseph Hilsberg Josh Talvi	200 Fs 100 Fs

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