

Lane Cove's stunning success

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A record number of swimmers, including some of Australia's best new talent, took to the pool in the annual Lane Cove Swim Club's Spring Meet.

450 swimmers competed in the event in the newly refurbished outdoor 50m pool at the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre – nearly double the number who entered last year, which at the time was the club's biggest Spring Meet ever.

Long-time Lane Cove members – like Life Member, Judith McMahon – say they'd never seen anything like it.

"The response to the carnival was amazing. I've never seen the pool so full of swimmers, it was stunning" she said.

The youngest competitor was 6 year old Romane Molle from the Cook and Phillip Club. The oldest was 50 year old Chris Butcher from Lane Cove – proving that age is just a matter of mind!

Some of the country's best up and coming swimmers performed strongly including:

- **Phoebe Cater** (Warringah), who took out the women's 50, 100, 200, 400 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 50 Backstroke
- **Mitchell Dixon** (Wizards), who took out the men's 50, 100, 200 & 400 Freestyle, and the men's 50m Backstroke
- **Thomas Hollingsworth** (Epping), who took out the men's 200 IM, 100 Backstroke, 100 Butterfly, 100 Breaststroke
- **Samantha Marshall** (Cook and Phillip) who took out both the women's 100m and 200m Breaststroke events
- **Nicole Mee** (Uniswim), who took out the women's 50 Butterfly, 100 Backstroke
- **Phil Butcher** (Lane Cove), who took out the men's 50 Butterfly

Event organiser, Ron Aquilina, paid tribute to the volunteers who helped run the carnival.

"With more than 2000 entries, it's important that everyone works together to make sure things run smoothly – and they did!"

The home team won the team point score. Barker Aquatics was second followed closely by Uniswim.

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