

THE RISE & RISE OF D'AMBROSIO

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19 year old Sydney University student, Andrew D'Ambrosio, has continued his remarkable rise through the ranks of New South Wales swimming culminating with four finalist placings at the recent NSW Open Short Course Championships.

Swimming a full program, including the tough 400 Individual Medley event, D'Ambrosio, swam virtually all personal best times to finish in the top 10 in 4 of his 6 events:

6th 200 Individual Medley
6th 100 Individual Medley
7th 400 Individual Medley
9th 100 Backstroke

A year ago, he failed to make one Top 10 finish; two years ago he wasn't swimming.

20 year old team mate, Tim Antalffy, demonstrated that he's also one to watch by winning Bronze in the 50 metre butterfly and recording a personal best time in the 100 butterfly event.

The rise of D'Ambrosio and Antalffy mirrors that of the Lane Cove Swim Club. It jumped 16 placings to finish 22nd out of the more than 80 clubs competing at the Championships and becoming the number one open club in the Northern Suburbs district.

6 swimmers are now preparing for the National Open Short Course titles in Melbourne, beginning on the 20th of September, including youngsters Sally Gilbert (15) and Shori Hijikata (14).

Also competing will be some of the club's more experienced swimmers including D'Ambrosio and Antalffy along with talented butterflyer Phil Butcher (17), and 28 year old all-rounder, Nathan Besh.

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