

2017 GHF Australian Age Championships

21-28 April 2018

24 of our swimmers competed in the individual events across the first five days of the championships. There were some impressive results.

Day 1: Saturday 21 April

Jacinta Essam (Ginninderra) lead off the meet for us with a 5th place in the final of the first event – 16 year old girls 200m butterfly.

Abbey Webb (Ginninderra) followed in event 3 (17-18 years 50m freestyle) with the first of her medals for the championships with a 3rd place and a PB of 25.63

Ginninderra swimmers Elliott Irwin, Chelsea Kenneally, Anna Varela, Tuggeranong Vikings swimmers Habibat Ogunbanwo and Courtney Taylor long with Maggie Williams (Canberra) and Benjamin Varela (QTS) also competed in the heats on day 1.

Day 2: Sunday 22 April

Jacinta Essam once again lead off on the second day. She took 4 seconds off her entry time to take 2nd in the final of the 16 year old girls 400m freestyle.

We had two girls swim off in the final of the 17-18 100m backstroke with Abbey Webb winning the events in another PB 1:03.34 by a margin of a mere .06 of a second. This was Abbey's first gold medal of the championships. Courtney Tylor (Tuggeranong Vikings) came in 9th.

Kayla Hardy (Ginninderra) came a creditable 5th in the final of the 15 year old girls 200m butterfly.

Tori Perez Del Pulgar (QTS) came in 10th in the final of 16 year old girls 100m breaststroke.

The Ginninderra team of Kayla Hardy, Chelsea Kenneally, Meg Senior and Abbey Webb came in 5th in the girls 18 & under 4x100m freestyle relay ending a good day for our local swimmers.

Also in action on day 2 were Kayla Hardy, Chelsea Kenneally, Meg Senior (Ginninderra), Casey Abel, Rachel Crawford, David Tabke, Chelsea Tapply and Benjamin Varela (QTS) and Jarrod Lee (Woden).

Day 3: Monday 23 April

Meg Senior (Ginninderra) made it to the finals of the 14 years girls 100m free finishing 9th.

Jacinta Essam picked up gold in the 16 year old girls 400m IM with an impressive 6 seconds PB.

Abbey Webb picked up another bronze with her 3rd place in the 17-18 girls 200m freestyle in another PB.

Also competing in the heats on day 3 were Taylah McCluskey (Canberra), Elliott Irwin, Chelsea Kenneally, Anna Varela (Ginninderra), David Tabke [taking over 6 seconds off his time in the 400m freestyle] and Benjamin Varela (QTS) and Jake Mackie (Woden).

Day 4: Tuesday 24 April

Abbey Webb began the day with a 4th in the final of the 17-18 years girls 100m butterfly.

Chelsea Kenneally came 10th in the final of the 15 years girls 100m backstroke.

Tori Perez Del Pulgar came in 7th in the final of 16 year old girls 200m breaststroke.

Kayla Hardy (Ginninderra) took nearly 10 seconds off her entry time to take silver in the final of the 15 years girls 400m IM.

Sarah Wilford (Canberra) came 6th in the 13 years girls 100m freestyle in a PB.

Also in action on day 4 were Hannah Hall, Elliott Irwin, Meg Senior, Anna Varela (Ginninderra), Casey Abel (QTS) and Habibat Ogunbanwo (Tuggeranong Vikings).

Day 5: Wednesday 25 April

Abbey Webb picked up another bronze medal in the girls 17-18 years 200m backstroke in another PB.

Meg Senior was 7th in the final of the 14 years girls 100m backstroke.

Sarah Wilford was 8th in the final of the 13 years girls 50m freestyle.

Jacinta Essam picked up her third medal for the meet with a 3rd in the 16 years girls 200m IM.

Other local swimmers in action on day 5 were Sophie Groves, Maggie Williams (Canberra), Hannah Hall, Chelsea Kenneally (Ginninderra), David Tabke, Benjamin Varela (QTS) and Jarrod Lee and Jake Mackie (Woden).

Day 6: Thursday 26 April

Jacinta Essam picked up another bronze, this time in the 16 years girls 800m free.

Kayla Hardy picked up her second medal of the meet with a 3rd place in the 15 years 200m IM.

Abbey Webb picked up another gold medal when she won the 17-18 years girls 100m freestyle taking almost a second off her entry time.

Other swimmers competing on day 6 were Sarah Wilford, Emma Willett (Canberra), Elliott Irwin, Chelsea Kenneally and Meg Senior (Ginninderra), David Tabke and Benjamin Varela (QTS), Ethan Lowey and Habibat Ogunbanwo (Tuggeranong Vikings), Jarrod Lee (Woden).

Day 6 saw the start of the Multi-Class events. Three of our MC swimmers were in action: David Bale and Gabby Waller (Tuggeranong Vikings) and Ben Stokes (Woden).

The final results for the multi-class events are still to be posted.

Well done to all of the swimmers who competed in Age Nationals, especially those who have swum PBs as well as our medal winners!!
