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5th Annual Open Water Swim Event a great success!

\$4500 won in prize money

Swimmers from 52 clubs around NSW and the ACT turned out in force on Saturday for the fifth annual Nutrition Station Open Water Swim at Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith.

Made up of 4 events, a 1km wetsuit, a 1km, 2.5km and 5km swim, the competition was fierce with 510 entries in total – the largest amount of entries for the event to date! The weather was a challenge at times with a few strong gusts of wind but it still allowed for some great swimming and spectating throughout the morning. Competitors had varying goals, ranging from a fun swim or swimming their first open water event to securing a state or national qualifying time. Entrants also included a swimmer from the UK and another from Switzerland who were in the country and wanted to experience the event.

The 1k event, now in its second year, proved very popular with new swimmers to Open Water and all ages with just under 165 athletes participating - a huge increase on last year's numbers, providing younger swimmers with the opportunity to experience Open Water swimming.

The top point scoring club, taking out \$1000 in prize money and a trophy, were Hunter Swim Club, followed by Randwick Swim Club as runners up. Individual events were won by entrants from NSW swim clubs, including SOPAC Swim Club (Matthew Galea, Men's 5km), SLC Aquadot (Jordan White, Women's 5km), SGAC Aquatics (Peter Karadjov, Men's 2.5km) and City of Sydney Swim Club (Grace Henry, Women's 2.5km).

Race Organiser Alan Bentley said "The response to this year's event has been overwhelming, making it the largest Open Water Event held to date at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. We are very happy with the number and calibre of swimmers who have gotten involved again this year, and are thrilled to see that this has become a great annual event for our region".

Bentley added, "A huge thank you to our sponsors Nutrition Station, Dukes Estate Agents, Nepean Aquatic Centre, Vorgee and Westpac Bank for their generous support.



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We would also like to thank the Penrith SES crew for providing the water safety and first aid throughout the day and all of the technical officials from Swimming Metro Southwest who gave up their time. Without them, we would not be able to run the event.

To all of the volunteers from Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club who filled the roles of race check in clerks, stamping numbers, paddling kayaks for water safety, judging & timekeeping, helping hand out water to the competitors, presentation, setup & pack up, we thank you. As a club we are proud that we're able to fill all of the volunteer roles at both our open water and short course swim meets without asking for assistance from other clubs."

Full List of Results:

Official results now also posted on the Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club website under the "open water events" tab.

- Men's 5km
 - 1st Mathew Galea (SOPAC Swim Team)
 - 2nd Ollie Signorini (Manly)
 - 3rd Logan Kaye (Manly)

- Women's 5km
 - 1st Jordan White (SLC Aquadot)
 - 2nd Jessica Madden (SLC Aquadot)
 - 3rd Cassandra Fayers (Hunter Swim Club)

- Men's 2.5km
 - 1st Peter Karadjov (SGAC Aquatics)
 - 2nd John Higgins (Blacktown City)
 - 3rd Jayden Marshal (Uni of NSW)

- Women's 2.5km
 - 1st Grace Henry (City of Sydney)
 - 2nd Gem Crittenden (Hunter Swim Club)
 - Kaitlyn Oberekar (Valley Aquatics)

- Club Point score & \$1000 went to Hunter Swim Club

- NACSC State qualifying times:
 - Monique Wilson
 - Arianne Thomas
 - Michael Payne
 - Lucas Bentley

- NACSC National qualifying times:



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- Lucas Bentley

Photos: originals available upon request

Matthew Galea, Mens 5km winner



Hunter SC, Point Score Winner



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