

# Making a splash

Local Open Water Swim continues to make waves

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Swimmers from clubs all over the state turned out in force last Saturday for the third annual Open Water Swim, held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.

Made up of two events - a 2.5km and a 5km swim - the competition was fierce with 180 competitors in total.

Entrants were treated to perfect conditions for the event - blue skies, calm waters and warm weather - making for some very fast swims.

Stephen Jeong from Barker Aquatic finished first in the 2.5km Boys event, while Averil Jones from Tamworth City took out the 2.5km Girls event.

20-year-old Joshua Atard from Cherrybrook Carlisle claimed victory in the Men's 5km event, while 17-year-old Brooke Morgan from Carlisle Swim Club was crowned the winner of the 5km Women's event.

Blacktown City Swim Club were the top point scoring club overall, taking out \$1000 in prize money and a prized trophy.



It was a keen race to the finish in the Open Water Swim last Saturday

Locally, Nepean Aquatic Centre Swim Club (NACSC) members performed exceptionally well with Ethan Bleasdale winning gold (10 years boys) and Liam Bullard (11 years boys) claiming silver in the 2.5km event.

Also doing well for NACSC was Teagan Hinds and Kianni Slaughter (11 years girls),

who won gold and bronze respectively in the 2.5km swim.

"We are thrilled with the calibre and number of swimmers who have gotten involved in this event again this year, and are thrilled to see that this has become a great annual event for our region," Race Organiser, Alan Bentley said.