

31st Tasmanian Winter Championships Swim 5 of National Swim Series

The Championships conducted over the weekend of 22/23 August at the Launceston Aquatic Centre attracted 144 entrants, including 21 interstate competitors. Meet organisers were very happy to



welcome swimmers from as far afield as Cairns and WA, as the entry list was the highest ever recorded for a State Championships in Tasmania and represented participation by over 33% of the branch membership.

The Championships heralded a shift in the branch dynamics with our newest club, the Hobart based 'Tomatoes Swim' convincingly winning the Club Championship to add to their impressive win at the Summer Championships. Their win finished a seven

year winning streak by the Launceston club, who had dominated the Winters' with 26 wins out of 30. The Hobart Aquatic club successfully defended their Relay Champion Trophy from last year.

Male swimmer of the meet was Hobart based Maciej Slugocki, who had arrived back from FINA World Masters in Kazan just hours before the meet carrying his two gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

Female swimmer of the meet was Mia Blignaut from the Tomatoes club who was swimming in her first Masters meet.

Congratulations to all.

