**2019 Ovens & Murray Swimming Championships**

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February 2019 saw 258 swimmers from 15 clubs converge on the Yarrawonga Outdoor Pool for the 2019 Ovens & Murray Swimming Championships.

Two days of competition saw several records broken and many personal best times swum from all clubs competing.

Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club had 41 swimmers competing in a total of 185 events, with 103 personal best times being recorded. Yarrawonga/Mulwala swimmers took home 5 Gold, 16 Silver and 17 Silver Medals.

Medallists were:

Chelsea Kerr – 3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze

Hugh Mullins – 1 Gold, 8 Silver

Nicole Shiels – 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze

Flynn Fletcher – 2 Silver, 6 Bronze

Torah Duffy – 2 Silver, 1 Bronze

Philip Shiels – 2 Silver, 1 Bronze

Fin Angwin – 1 Bronze

Freya Fletcher – 1 Bronze

Fraser Nagle – 1 Bronze

Eliza Shiels – 1 Bronze

Sam Tayler – 1 Bronze

Along with medallists the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club had 5 swimmers finish 4th, 16 swimmers finish 5th, 17 swimmers finish 6th, 12 swimmers finish 7th and 5 swimmers finish 8th.

Lara Angwin achieved 6 personal best times out of 6 swims and placed in the top eight four times.

Ruby Thomas achieved the largest personal best time with a 14.35 second improvement in her 100m free.

A total of 22 swimmers earnt points for the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club by finishing in the top eight. Hugh Mullins top scored for the club with 28 points. Overall the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club finished 5th in the Ovens & Murray District.

Head Coach – Lyndon Hart was extremely impressed with the swimmers enthusiasm and efforts over the two days. Lyndon went on to say a big thankyou to all those club members for assisting in running a great competition.

18 Swimmers are now looking forward to competing at the All Junior Semi-finals at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre on the 2 March 2019. This is the largest group of swimmers representing the Yarrawonga/Mulwala Swimming Club at this event.

The season finishes on Sunday 17 March 2019 with the Ovens and Murray Relay Championships, where we are looking at taking a very large team to compete.