

## **2025 World Para Series – Melbourne and Victorian State Open Championships:**

February has been a busy month, with a few of our Para swimmers travelling to Melbourne to compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the 2025 World Para Series. This meet featured swimmers from around the world, as well as most of the Australian National and Flippers teams. We had three (3) swimmers competing, McKinley Arnison, Beau Matthews, and Alex Tuckfield, with them all doing well! Additionally, Alex and Beau topped up their events by racing the Victorian Open Championships which were running concurrently.

Alex performed well, with his best result being in the 100 Free, where he came away with Silver. Alex made the final in all his events, and ended up having a marathon program, swimming with quality across the meet.

Beau was outstanding, winning Gold in the Youth events in each of his events – 100 Free, 100 Breast and 200 IM. Beau took some great steps forward this meet and is now mixing with the Open competitors – he is not afraid of anyone!

Both Alex and Beau were both rewarded in being selected in Australian relay teams.

McKinley is coming back from a break, and was able to swim well across her events, making the B Final of the 100 Back. Her week was made more eventful by being nominated for International Classification, which is always a stressful time for our Para swimmers.

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