Major winners from the Masters Swimming Championships held at New Norfolk last weekend, Chrissie Mannix (representing Sandy Bay club), left, men's champ Les Young of Hobart, women's champion Justine Bamford of Hobart, and Peter Fisher (representing the champion club, Hobart).

Hobart wins shield at Masters Swimming Championships

State records fall

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MASTERS swimmers from all around Tasmania experienced a wonderful weekend at New Norfolk, with a blend of magnificent weather, country hospitality and great competition at the 12th summer championships conducted at the New Norfolk Olympic Swimming Pool.

As expected, the large Hobart club was successful in winning the club shield for the highest points scored, and the highly competitive Sandy Bay club clearly winning the New Norfolk trophy, with all but one of their members taking part in the event and scoring well.

The swimmers of the meet were Justine Bamford and Les Young, both from the Hobart club.

Both swimmers gained the maximum points for their five events and both created new state records in each of their events.

As well, these swimmers rated highly in national top-10 rankings in each of their swims.

In all, 59 individual state records were broken, with New Norfolk's Annie Munnings creating a new time in the women's 30-34-years 50m freestyle, and Kaye Turner set a new record in the women's 50-54 years 800m freestyle.

Kaye Turner and Mark Youd (men's 30-34 years) were victorious in winning gold medals in their age groups, Peter Munnings won bronze in the men's 35-39 group, and Annie Munnings narrowly missed the bronze medal by only one point in her age group.

In the stroke champion competition, an innovation at this year's championships, Peter Munnings was successful as the backstroke champion for men 35-39, and Kaye Turner was the freestyle champion for women 50-54.

Other New Norfolk members who competed and swam well over the weekend were Fiona Redgrove, Ken Stronach, Gai Kube and Megan Stronach.

Organisers were pleas with the large number entries received for the cha pionships, and many compet tors enjoyed the town's ho pitality over the who weekend, with a folk night the Bush Inn Hotel Saturday, and a presentatio lunch at the hotel on Sunda

Sponsored by Talays Ne Norfolk sports store, the even was opened by Michael Air MLC.