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The champion Pugh family. Jonathon (gold 20 to 24 men's), John (Aussi Masters record), and Janet (gold 20 to 24 women's).

Master John sets Australian record

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A national record was broken by 28 seconds at the Aussi Masters short-course swimming championships in Launceston yesterday.

John Pugh, who was competing in the 55-59 age group, swam the 400m individual medley in a time of six minutes, 33.56 seconds.

The secretary of the Launceston club Mrs Ceri Weeks said that this was typical of the standard of performance for the event.

"Other than the national record there were six State records broken, as well as 59 individual records," Mrs Weeks said.

"Garth Slade from New Norfolk performed particularly well in the 30-34 age group breaking three State records."

More than a hundred swimmers took part in the event which was held at the Mowbray indoor complex over the weekend. The minimum age for participation is 20, with the oldest person competing being 74.

"There was a large number competing in the 60-75 age group which is

"We believe swimming is for fitness and fun and you don't have to be super competitive. But by the same token we have some very talented swimmers.

"It is a very good sport for families to be able to participate and swim and train together."

Five teams from throughout the State took part in the weekend event. They were: Launceston Aussi; Hobart Masters; Talays; Devonport Devils and the New Norfolk Masters.

RESULTS

Women

20-24 years: J. Pugh 1, K. Hunt 2. 20-29 years: V. Douglas 1, E. Parker 2, C. Robinson 3. 30-34 years: K. Smith 1, K. Daft 2, J. Coates 3. 35-39 years: J. Aliston 1, P. Gray 2, D. McHenry 3. 40-44 years: V. Flukes 1, B. Joscelyn 2. 45-49 years: B. Potter 1, T. Brereton 2, R. Langman 3. 50-54 years: J. Hyndes. 55-59 years: J. Chew. 60-64 years: M. Clougher 1. 65-69 years: T. Smith 1, J. Bradley 2. 70-74 years: H. Murfet 1.

Men

20-24 years: J. Pugh 1, A. Colquhoun 2, J. McEwen 3. 25-29 years: J. Brown 1, 20-24