

Huon Valley Masters scoop the pool

Members of the Huon Valley Aquatics Masters showcased the depth of talent within the region's swimming community, at the recent Masters Swimming Tasmania's (MST) Long Distance Long Course Championships.

The event, held at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre on Saturday, November 18, witnessed outstanding performances by James Belstead (25) and Victoria Wilson (22) from the Huon Valley cohort.

The Championships comprised challenging events spanning 400m, 800m, and 1500m distances, offering swimmers the opportunity to set multiple records in a single event based on their times.

James Belstead proved to be a standout in the 1500m breaststroke, setting a new national record time of 23.31.16 in the 25 to 29 age group.

Notably, he also secured Tasmanian record times for the 400m and 800m breaststroke events.

In an impressive display of skill, James added to his accolades by establishing another Tasmanian record in the gruelling 800m individual medley, clocking in at 11.16.64.

Not to be outdone, Victoria Wilson, one of MST's most popular swimmers with her broad grin and sunny disposition, was impressive in the 1500m breaststroke and 800m backstroke.

Both of Victoria's swims produced multiple Tasmanian record times in the 18 to 24 age group - 1500m, 800m and 400m breaststroke, as well as the 800m and 400m backstroke.

These achievements underscore the thriving swimming culture in the Huon Valley and highlight the facilities that nurture and enable local swimmers to compete and excel across various levels.



Master class: Victoria Wilson and James Belstead set multiple records at the recent Masters Long Distance Long Course Championships.