

# Eastern Edge club on top

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THE Cranbrook Eastern Edge Swimming Club has had a blinding run of triumphs in recent months and has now topped the State Open Short Course Swimming Championships.

Leaving 48 competing clubs in their wake, Eastern Edge finished on top with a whopping 673 points, in front of Hunter on 592 points and Carlisle Swimming Club on 557 points.

The team finished with three gold, six silver and five bronze medals. There were 31 Top 10 placings and Nicole Mee, arguably the swimmer of the meet, finished with two gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

Head coach Angelo Basalo said he couldn't be more proud. "This is a spectacular achievement for a club of our size to pull off," he said. "With the improving strength in our younger swimmers, we are looking good to give the nationals a real shake next year."

Earlier this year club member Brandon Barton held his own in the 10km Australian Open Water titles, coming fifth in the 5km and 10th in the 10km, against swimmers who competed in the World Championships in Rome last year.



Nicole Mee watches the last leg of her relay.

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Louise Stephenson was the first female to emerge from a sea of more than 2300 competitors after completing the 19.7km Rottneest Channel Swim in Perth.

Another member – and winner of the *Wentworth Courier's* 2008 Junior Sports Star – Samantha Marshall, has been selected to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in October. And Peter Leek was selected for the International Paralympic Committee World Championships in the Netherlands and the IPC Commonwealth Games Team in Delhi.

## MEDAL WINNERS

### GOLD

- Nicole Mee: 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly,
- Women's 4 x 100 medley relay: Hayley White, Samantha Marshall, Nicole Mee, Skye Cater

### SILVER

- Hayley White: 100m backstroke
- Jordan White: 200m backstroke
- Samantha Marshall: 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke

- Nicole Mee: 50m butterfly
- Men's 4 x 100m freestyle relay: Tom Miller, Christoph Karow, Alex Ross, Brandon Barton
- Women's 4 x 100m freestyle relay: Skye Cater, Jessica Glew, Jordan White, Nicole Mee

### BRONZE

- Nicole Mee: 100m medley
- Jordan White: 400m freestyle 16-18 yrs
- Tom Miller: 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle
- Men's 4 x 100m medley relay: Alex Ross, Simon Goldschmidt, Tom Miller, Christoph Karow
- Women's 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Jessica Glew, Skye Cater, Jordan White, Nicole Mee