



## 2024 Nationals Wrap Up

Over the Easter weekend, 53 Queensland team members along with their families and supporters headed south to the Max Kirwan Twin Lakes at Mulwala, NSW for the 2024 Australian Waterski National Championships.

The weather gods delivered some perfect weather for the entire event (despite some chilly starts), and NSW hosted a fantastic tournament.

The QLD skiers all competed admirably from our youngest skier - Jacob Lukin in the U10B division through to our oldest skier - Fred Douglas in the O70M division.

Over 16 PB's were achieved, including 2 'Overall 3-event' PB's for Lucas Cornale and Taj Reeves. 6 National Records were also broken at the event:

Kristy Appleton:	U17G Jump	45.6m
Taj Reeves:	U12B Jump	32.2m
	U12B Overall	2600.19 / 2@52/12m / 3220pts / 31.9m
Lucas Cornale:	U21M Trick	8850pts
	U21 Overall	1983.80 / 3@58/10.75m / 8850pts / 49.3m
Sade Ferguson	U21W Slalom	3@55/10.75m

To top the week off, QLD took home the Beynon Shield again, for the state whose members scored the most points over the tournament. Well done QLD!!

The U17's World participants were announced at the Presentation Dinner, and it includes 4 Queenslanders: Bryce Smith, Kristy Appleton, Zarhli Reeves and Selina Appleton who will be heading to Predator Bay in Canada for the 29<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August.

The O35's World participants were also announced and include 7 Queenslanders: Pete Cornale, Ken Ito, Scott Reeves, Darryl Shorten, Fred Douglas, Katie Pickford and Mel Collins who are heading to Botaski in Toledo Spain for the 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August.

Congratulations on their selection!

Next year QLD is hosting the Nationals at Stoney Park in Port Macquarie. Stay tuned for details coming out soon, and get ready to put your hand up to help out – it's going to be a great one!

Have a great off-season, and good luck to all those heading overseas to compete for Australia!