

## National Success at Australian Championship for Tasmanian MAG Team!



*Kodee Voss, Tuesday, 30 July 2013*

Congratulations to you all! Full report and photo's included.

This year's Australian Championships was held at Sydney Olympic Park from the 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of July. This event brings together: Trampoline, Rhythmic, Sports Acrobatics, Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics.

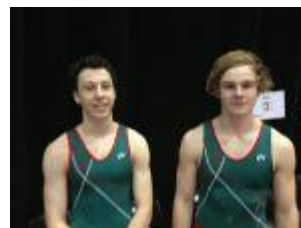
The men's team consisted of: Oliver Dalco and Oliver Lohrey; competing at level 6 under 12, Matthew Rose and Cooper Wilson competing at level 7, Daniel Bell competing at level 8, Philippa Lohrey and Rachael Dalco as chaperones, Thomas Osborn as Head Judge, Kodee Voss as head coach and Mark Moncur as Team Manager. The men's team arrived on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July as our training schedule commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup>. For the first 3 days of training the boys were lucky enough to only have New South Wales using the training facilities as most other States were yet to arrive.

We were very lucky this year to have the assistance of Rachael and Philippa as chaperones, who organised the team's food and kept the gymnasts entertained between training sessions and competition. They were an excellent support to the team and the trip would have been very difficult without them! This year was Thomas Osborn's first year as Head Judge for the team and it served as an amazing learning opportunity for him. Thomas was able to sit on panels for level 6 through to Senior International. His experience at this event will benefit our state greatly, especially judging at the senior level.

I found this year's Australian Championships to be amazing, as my first year being Head Coach. I was fortunate to have a very supportive and encouraging team of athletes and officials to help make this experience incredible. Due to the boys results listed below I was lucky enough to be selected as part of the coaching team for the Open Levels Tour to New Zealand in October.

### Competition

*Level 6 Under 12's* – Oliver Dalco and Oliver Lohrey competed on Tuesday and Thursday whilst we were away. Initially they were quite nervous and didn't know what to expect, however as they felt more



comfortable in the environment they put forward some personal best performances. After the two days of competition Oliver Dalco finished in 30<sup>th</sup> place and Oliver Lohrey finished in 38<sup>th</sup> place. The Ollie's found this to be a great experience and can't wait to trial for next year's event!



*Level 7 Open* – Cooper Wilson and Matthew Rose also competed on the Tuesday and Thursday at their first Australian Championships. Cooper Wilson had a great first day; competing his tucked tsukahara vault, a full pommel routine and back 1/1 on floor. On his second day of competition he unfortunately landed short during his warm up vault which provided him with discomfort throughout the event. Cooper didn't let it affect his overall performance, putting forward exceptional routines especially on floor. Cooper finished in 27<sup>th</sup> place overall.



Matthew Rose had a good overall competition putting forward an exceptional score of 13.2 on parallel bars where he finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Matthew had two falls on pommel across the day, but was successful in getting all his skills to count towards his final score. Matthew finished in 19<sup>th</sup> place overall and has been selected to represent Australia at the New Zealand National Championships in October. Best of Luck to Matt at this event!

*Level 8 Open* – Daniel Bell was the first gymnasts from the boy's team to compete, starting on the Monday. Daniel put forward amazing clean routines across both days, helping to achieve a 75.99 and a 74.1. Daniel had two no-falls comps making it a pb for his all-around performance. Daniel placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall (backing up his 3<sup>rd</sup> place at last year Aus Champs), 3<sup>rd</sup> on rings and 3<sup>rd</sup> on high bar. Based on his performance he has been selected to represent Australian at the New Zealand National Championships in October, making this his second international trip representing Australia!

This event backed up our 2012 performance and we can't wait to achieve even greater things at the 2014 Australian Championships. A big thank you to the team and to Mark Moncur, our Team Manager. Well done to all boys and we look forward to seeing you at future events!