

Georgina Osborn and Olivia Burnett receive 5 and 10 year awards



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Two Tasmanian WAG Gymnasts received 5 and 10 year awards at the National Championships 2014

In association with the 2014 Australian Championships held at Melbourne's Hisense Arena in May, two of Tasmania's WAG team members received additional awards.

Georgina Osborn (currently level 8) has received a certificate for 5 years of competing in Australian Championships. Georgina, who attended her first Australian Championships in 2010, has had many achievements in her 5 years, most recently being a member of Tasmania's Level 8 team who placed third overall in this year's Australian Champs. This achievement is made even more special with this medal being Tasmania's first ever team WAG medal at a National Championships. Georgina said that "It was great to be a part of this team and to achieve something special for Tasmania, alongside some great girls." This year, Georgina also placed 3rd on Vault as well as 2nd on Vault in 2011 at level 7.

Olivia Burnett (level 10) received an award for 10 years of competing in the Australian Championships since she started in 2005. Olivia has had much success in her 10 years with one of her greatest achievements taking out the 3rd place all-around title at level 9 in 2010. In speaking about her time competing Olivia mentioned "The medal in the level 9 all-around in 2010 is probably my proudest achievement because it was so unexpected!" Olivia pays great respect to her teammates and coaching staff at HGA and has taken some time to look back and reflect on her achievements over the past 10 years. "I guess thinking about the past 10 years my experience at nationals has developed from being excited to making the Tasmanian team, to being excited by qualifying in the top 24, to make finals, to making top 15, top 10, and even medalling in the all-around."

This year's National Championships saw some outstanding results for Tasmania's WAG team with Olivia competing as an individual at level 10 for Tasmania finishing in 8th overall and 1st on Floor with an incredible score of 14.450. Olivia finished Vault in 16th place, 10th place on Bars, and 15th on Beam and had a combined overall total of 105.725. "This year was phenomenal, I had always dreamed I'd be able to call myself a national champion but didn't dare to think that it could be a reality; and for it to be in the level 10 competition against the best national levels gymnasts in the country, on floor with a few new skills was just so exciting! I still can't think about it without smiling!"

Gymnastics Tasmania would like to congratulate both ladies on their phenomenal achievements.