



Nachum Buch supports our Jewish Swimmers at last weekend's 2019 Optus Victorian Open Swimming Championships.



L-R Brooke Roseman, Jordana Marks, Isabella Smorgon, Jesse Nissen, Ashley Weill, Benno Negri, Zac Freuden FRONT Nachum Buch & Edna Buch HR

Nachum Buch Israel's first Olympic Swimmer (Helsinki 1952) and Maccabiah legend spent last Saturday morning watching today's crop of Jewish Swimmers kick off the year at the 2019 Victorian Open Swimming Championships held at MSAC last Friday through Sunday.

In a magic moment at the end of the heats session the swimmers, many who represented Australia at the 2013 and 2017 Maccabiah Games got to meet Nachum and share their Swimming experiences.

Please [click here](#) for the **Australian Jewish News** article by Aaron Fetter

Running in conjunction with the Championships was the Para Swimming World Series and International Classification where 2017 Maccabiah star and 2018 Commonwealth Games Para Gold Medallist Matthew Levy participated. In the week leading up Matthew and Nahum caught up with Nachum reliving Israeli swimming history with Matthew.

In the pool **Benno Negri**, who trains with Mac Horton at Melbourne Vicentre, had a jam packed program resulting in a Gold medal in the 4x100m Medley Relay as well as Silver in the 4x100m Freestyle and 50m mixed Freestyle Relays. Individually Benno was the first Victorian (4th overall) behind Australian swimmer Cameron McEvoy in the 100m Freestyle in a time of 50.72. Benno also made the finals in four other events including 50m & 200m Freestyle, 50m Fly and 100m Backstroke.

Jesse Nissen and **Zac Feuden** from Macquarie University in NSW both swam strongly with Zac making the final in the 200m Butterfly 2:10.95. Jesse a powerful Backstroker had good win in 50m,100m & 200m Backstroke events



L-R Jesse Nissen, Brooke Roseman, Benno Negri L-R Jordana Marks, Ashley Weill, Brooke Roseman, Isabella Smorgon

In the Women's Open events there was a quartet of Maccabiah Swimmers, **Isabella Smorgon, Ashley Weill, Brooke Roseman & Jordana Marks.**

Isabella had a great meet swimming for her new club MLC making finals in the 200m Breaststroke 2:44.26 and 50m Breaststroke 35.01 as well as strong swims in the 100m Breaststroke, 200m IM, 100m Freestyle & 50m Butterfly.

Concentrating on Backstroke Ashley made the finals in the 200m Backstroke (4th) 2:18.06, and (7th) 1:004.91 the 100m Backstroke.

Ashley's medal winning teammates from 2017 Maccabiah Games Brooke Roseman and Jordana Marks continued there good form with Brooke swimming in the triple sprint events 50m Butterfly 31.30, 50m Freestyle 29.58 and 50m Backstroke 33.14 while Jordana swam season best times in the 100m Freestyle 1:01.16 and 100m Butterfly 1:07.66

The swimmers and their parents, many of whom were coached by Nachum in the 1980's treasured meeting Nachum and sharing Israeli and Jewish swimming history.