

MASTERS SWIM 09

Tauranga veteran Sidney Salek set two national records on the first two nights of Masters Games swimming in the Splash Centre.

The 75-year-old took 19.18sec off the 400m freestyle record with a new mark of 6m 47.59s and snipped 2.06s from the 100m individual medley record.

The records have still to be officially ratified.

Napier-based American Phil Krueger also turned in some smart times.

The 59-year-old from Jacksonville had the fastest men's 200m individual medley swim with 2m 54.95s, was second fastest in the 100m breaststroke (1:16.60) and third fastest in the 100m medley (1:17.56).

Lower Hutt's Christopher McJorow, 41, claimed best time in both the 25m breaststroke (24.54s) and 100m backstroke (1m 00.65s) and was second quickest in the 100m medley (1:13.26).

He was 1.04s slicker than Wanganui's 46-year-old Marcus Vettise in the butterfly and 5.41s faster than Mark Keelty, 32, from Wanganui in the backstroke.

Keelty turned in a very fast 13.15sec in the 81-strong field in the popular 25m freestyle.

Brisbane's Paul Stopforth, 45, was quickest over 200m backstroke (3:07.87) and 200m breaststroke (3:17.09) with Mike Helleur (PN – 52) fastest in the 25 breaststroke (18.76s).

Braden Crossan, 48, from Wanganui, impressed on the second day of competition with fastest swims over both 100m medley (1:13.01) and 50m backstroke (33.56).

Jane Charuba, a 50-year-old from Cairns, picked up four titles including fastest times in the 25m breaststroke (19.88s) and 200m breaststroke (3:24.34).

Karen Hird (Hamilton), 26, showed her class with slickest times in the 100m breaststroke (1:27.92), 200m medley (2:50.86), 400m freestyle (5:11.53) and 100m medley (1:20.95),

Shirley Fotheringham (Feilding), 46, took time honours in the 100m butterfly (3:22.16), Pam Workman (also Feilding), 53, headed the 200m backstroke (2:51.06), Wanganui's Rachael Calverley, 36, was smartest in the 25m butterfly (15.92) and 25m freestyle (14.68) with Debra Garrett (Taupo), 38, quickest in the 100m breaststroke (1:12.74) and 50m backstroke (38.24).

Wanganui's three-times world rowing champion Philippa Baker-Hogan, 41, won the 100m medley and 400m freestyle.

Australians carried off 24 titles including four each to Charuba, 79 year old Jean Knox and Stopforth and three each for Irene Keel, Libby Hassall and ex-Wanganui swimmer Brian Fothergill.