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Orinda Aquatics Swimmers Compete at Far Westerns

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From left: Mary Allison Ashby, Alexa Hanley, Charlene Funai, and Natalie Morlock, members of the girls 13-14 400 yard medley relay team. Photo provided

On April 1-3, 11 swimmers from Orinda Aquatics (OA) traveled to Morgan Hill to compete in the Far Western Championships. Over 150 teams and 1600 swimmers competed in this meet, with teams coming from as far away as Virginia and Canada.

The OA swimmers who qualified and competed were Mary Allison Ashby, Alec Baker, Talbot Jacobs, Liv Baker, Alexa Hanley, Matt Lennon, Kiera O'Brien, Alex Paterno, Natalie Morlock, Charlene Funai and Jordan Owyong.

Mary Allison Ashby, 13, won the 100 backstroke with a time of 57.20 and qualified for the Junior National Championship later this year. She also placed third in the 50 Free, and fourth in both the 100 Free and the 200 Free.

A number of other OA participants were finalists as well, including Alec Baker, 10, placed fourth in the 100 IM and fifth in the 100 Fly and Talbot Jacobs, 14, placed fourth in the 500 Free and fifth in the 100 Back.

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