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Robert Hurley Returns to Where it All Began

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Local distance swimming star Robert Hurley took time out from his final preparations for the upcoming Commonwealth Games to meet a group of young swimmers at the local Towradgi pool where he learnt to swim.

He mingled with over 50 young swimmers from McKeon's Swim School at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort last Saturday where recent renovations have just been completed.

Bobby, as he likes to be known, was humbled by the experience of being back at the pool where he first honed his competitive swimming drive, and relished the chance to talk with the stars of tomorrow.

He regularly visits local schools and swimming clubs to talk to children and swimmers as part of his responsibilities with Swimming Australia.

"Being around the kids really brings the Games close. I'm excited to be here and can't wait to race in Delhi," he said

While the 25m pool at Towradgi looks small to him now, Bobby often still trains in the 25m short-course format, in which he is a past world record holder for the 50m backstroke, to develop his speed.

Hurley, 21, will attend an Australian Team training camp at Kuala Lumpur from 25-30 September before flying out to Delhi where he will race the 400m and 1500m freestyle events.

He is one of 31 swimmers attending their first Commonwealth Games during which he will experience living in an athlete's village for the first time.

"I'm very much looking forward to the atmosphere of the village and seeing the mix of different cultures and athletes from around the world. I hope to do my best and reinforce my position in world swimming," he concluded.

McKeon's Swim School operates from locations at Unanderra and Towradgi.

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Attachment: Robert Hurley with two young children at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort pool at Towradgi



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