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AUSTRALIAN TALENT BLOOMS IN WAKE OF CHLOE ESPOSITO SUCCESS

UIPM Australian Championships

The 2017 Australian Modern Pentathlon Championships in Melbourne attracted a healthy attendance of 27 competitors, demonstrating the effect of Chloe Esposito's victory at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games as well as Max Esposito's 7th-placed finish.

Marina Carrier won the Open Female competition with a very strong performance, scoring 1375 points ahead of silver medallist Charley Barrett (1184) and bronze medallist Grace Mahmoud (1089). The Riding event was held on day one, with all other disciplines taking place the following day.

Lachlan Wardell won the Open Male competition, with Ryan Wardell claiming silver and Paul Bridges-Black picking up bronze. There was a Masters competition and youth categories as young as Under-9.

Kitty Chiller, President of the Oceania Confederation and UIPM Executive Board Member, said: "It was a very successful competition with 27 competitors across all age groups. This is the most we have had in a domestic competition for many years.

"The most pleasing aspect was the number of females and the number of young athletes. And also the great athleticism of these kids, all of whom have great potential."