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Tahnee Smashes World Records On The Path To Portugal

Sports Minister Matthew Bonson today congratulated NTIS Development Scholarship holder Tahnee Afuhaamango, who charged through the Queensland 2008 Athletes with a Disability Swimming State Championships, to claim five world records.

Tahnee will compete in this weekend's NT Swimming Championships at Casuarina Swimming Pool, which Mr Bonson will officially open tomorrow evening.

With a maximum of four events allowed for any swimmer at the Championships, Tahnee took her place in the 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, and 100m Freestyle in the 17 and Over age category, earning her a first, second, third and fourth respectively.

"What a brilliant effort from a very determined young lady," Mr Bonson said.

"Her dazzling performance translated to four S14 classification Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation Masters World Records."

"And now Tahnee will head to Portugal in November to represent Australia at the Down Syndrome International Swimming Organisation World Championships. "

Ms Afuhaamango said she was thrilled with her performance in Queensland and that she loved swimming at the Chandler pool.

"I am starting to feel much fitter and stronger with my program at the Northern Territory Institute of Sport," she said.

Ms Afuhaamango's performance earned her a position in the Australian Down Syndrome Down Under Swimming Organisation Open Women's 4 x 50 metre

Freestyle Relay line up, where the team went on to break the Disabled Syndrome International Swimming Organisation World Record.

"I also enjoyed doing the relay and getting the World Record with the other girls in the Aussie team," she said.

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