



# Halicek makes a huge splash

By Paul Haigh

OLIVIA Halicek has broken through on the international swimming scene by winning the women's open age 50-metre breaststroke at the Singapore World Cup meeting last weekend.

The 19-year-old, who trains at Justin Rothwell Swimming Academy at the Whitlam Leisure Centre, won the event in 31.27 seconds to eclipse Sweden's Joline Hostman.

Halicek also finished third in the women's open age 100m individual medley and was second in the women's open age 100m breaststroke.

Coach Justin Rothwell said the win would do wonders for her confidence.

"Olivia has now proved to herself and the swimming fraternity she has arrived at international level," he said. "These are sensational results for Olivia her continual improvement is fantastic."

"At age 19 to be making great reductions on her personal best times is fantastic."

"We are using breakthrough information of nutrition and goal-setting to help with Olivia's career."

Rothwell has long believed Halicek would be a force on the international stage.



Breakthrough win: Olivia Halicek.

Picture: Elliott Housego

## SHORTS

### Bulls awards

LIVERPOOL Bulls Rugby Union Club will hold its annual presentation night at the El Toro Hotel this Saturday, November 3, at 7pm. Major awards for the club's players will be presented at the function.

### Tigers' plans

Wests Tigers will today, Wednesday, at 11am, unveil plans at the Sydney Cricket Ground for next season's Centenary rugby league celebrations.

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### Cricket washout

Heavy rain late Friday forced the washout of Southern Districts Cricket Club's first, second and third grade games on Saturday. Fourth did play at Greenway Park, Carnes Hill, dismissed for 61 against Burwood in the shires' competition. Burwood made 6 (dec)-126. Batting again the Bullants were 8-100 at stumps.

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