

Maccabi unites for multiple sclerosis

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THE eighth annual MS Maccabi National Swimathon took place across Australia over the week-end with 180 participants helping raise close to \$50,000.

For almost a decade the Swimathon has contributed valuable funds for both Maccabi Australia and the MS Society and more directly 25,000 Australians living with multiple sclerosis.

The funds aid those affected to lead more independent lives as well as provide much-needed equipment such as wheelchairs and walking frames.

The benefits for Maccabi Australia are far-reaching too, with the funds raised put towards helping athletes participate at Maccabiah, Pan American and

JCC Games, Maccabi All Abilities programs and other events.

In Melbourne, the Swimathon took place at the Bialik College Pool with teams assembled from the school, Maccabi All Abilities, Pan American athletes, Sunday Schleppers and Maccabiah athletes past and future.

In Sydney, swimmers took to the Moriah College Pool and in Perth the Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre hosted the event.

Melbourne's Maccabi donating efforts have seen them close within \$1500 of their \$25,000 goal, while Sydney, also striving to reach the same goal have raised almost \$20,000.

To donate visit msmegaswim.org.au and follow the prompts.



Pictured from left: Amber Berkowitz, Talia Cohen, Lily Davies, Naomi Bagel-Zevin and Jake Pudel.