



Granville swimming pool opened in 1936 and was one of the first Olympic-sized pools built in Sydney.

The original swimming centre included a small children's pool, 10 metre diving tower and a water slide. A second 50 metre pool was added in 1957, and from 1973 the main pool was heated. In 1988 the pool was named in honour of local swimming champion John Devitt.

Several state, national and international swimming and diving champions have trained and competed at Granville, including John Devitt, Dawn Fraser, Julian Carroll, Barrie Kellaway, Susan Costin and Barry Darke. The focus of community and family events for generations, the centre has also been the location of major events such as the Australian championship titles and the 1948 Olympic trials. Thousands of children have learned to swim here, or competed in organised school or club races.

In 2005 Parramatta City Council completed a major refurbishment of the pool complex, creating modern facilities and a safer environment for the local community.



Small photographs, from top:
Don Campbell and friends at
Granville pool, about 1955
Courtesy of Don Campbell

Granville Boys' High School
swimming carnival, 1971
Courtesy of Granville Historical Society

Members of the Parramatta City
Amateur Swimming Club, including
Colleen Pettiford and Susan Costin, at
Granville, 1956
Courtesy of Susan Bridie

Main images:
Above right: The new Granville
swimming pool, *Decoration and Glass*,
June 1936
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Left: Children's pool, about 1940
Courtesy of Granville Historical Society

