



WHALES TALES

Saturday 10th February, 2018

Masters BPS Meet - Today

Today we are hosting our annual Masters BPS meet. This event has attracted a total of 75 Masters swimmers from across various clubs in NSW/ACT, as well as 11 visiting technical officials.

The meet commences with warm-up at 11.00am and races starting at 11.30am. We expect the races to conclude by 1.00pm. We will be staying after club races & squad training to set up for the meet and I would like to thank our members (young and old) and parents who are helping with the meet today.

Merrylands Swimfest Meet – Saturday 24th February, 2018

This meet is one where every junior club member should be entering events as it is our major swim meet for the season. **Entries close online at 5.00pm TODAY.**

We need a lot of help on the day to run this meet, so if you haven't yet advised you are able to assist on the day, please let Graham know today.

We will also be running a major raffle on the day and we have two great prizes already, however we would like to offer more prizes. So if you could bring donations over the next two weeks that would be greatly appreciated as we can prepare some additional hamper prizes.

Youth Advisory Panel's Twilight Race Party

Swimming NSW's Youth Advisory Panel has been busy organising an event designed specifically by teenagers for teenagers. Reece Tomkinson is a member of the Youth Advisory Panel and he has been active in the work to plan this event. The Twilight Race Party will be held on Saturday 17th February, 2018 from 4pm to 8pm at the Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre, Bexley.

Cost is \$10 with more information on the noticeboard in the club room or visit <http://www.emailform.com/builder/form/u742iET46J> or @snswyap on Facebook

Recently Swimming NSW sought nominations for new members to join the Youth Advisory Panel for the coming season. It gives me great pleasure to advise you that Sophia Vicic is one of 7 new appointments selected from a large group of applicants. Sophia will join Reece Tomkinson on the panel, giving our club two representatives on this important panel.

Hosting Duties – MSW 5 – 8 Year Meet - Saturday 3rd March, 2018

We are rostered to provide hosting duties at the Metro South West 5 – 8 Years Meet on Saturday 3rd March, 2018. This is an afternoon meet held locally at Guildford Pool. Our duties include helping with gate entry, result posting, presentation of medals & ribbons etc. We need about 4 or 5 helpers on the day, so if you can help please let Graham know.

Whales Picnic – Sunday 11th March, 2018

The Whales Picnic is being held at Blaxland Riverside Park, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park (off Holker Street, Silverwater) on Sunday 11th March, 2018 (11.00am – 4.30pm). So save the date.

Trophy Return

It is now time to return any perpetual trophy's you have from last season. Please return these on a Saturday morning to the club room.

Metro South West Area program changes 2018/2019

Metro South West Area programs will be changing during the 2018/2019 and this will include date and championship meet format changes. These changes operate in conjunction with Swimming NSW & Swimming Australia program changes and one of the major changes will be to Area & State Championship age group qualification, number of days/sessions of meets and events offered.

As we receive final confirmation of new dates and program changes we will communicate these to you. However our coaches are aware of the proposed changes and their training programs will reflect the changes to ensure our swimmers are suitably prepared for these meets.

Race Starting Time and Entries

Remember to enter races the Saturday prior to or during the week before the cut-off times (manual card entries at 6pm Wednesday & online entries at 8pm Thursday). There is a limit of 2 swims in addition to a championship swim (when there is a championship event for your age group).

Any questions about races should be emailed to race.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au

Relay Team Revised Times – 17th February, 2018

The relay team competition recommences today. Your team can submit a revised time to the Race Secretary before the relay swim next Saturday (17th February, 2018) for the last 4 rounds.

Active Kids Program

For more information see the noticeboard in the club room or visit the MyServiceNSW website at www.service.nsw.gov.au or Swimming NSW website at <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=258>

Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club – 50th Anniversary

A range of celebrations will be held over the 2018/2019 season and the sub-committee want to *whet your appetite* for these celebrations, so on Saturday 17th February, 2018 they have a little surprise planned for you. Make sure to bring your 50 cent coins with you!!

Uniforms

Visit our new online store at <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/> to order uniform items.

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE
MASC 50metre Butterfly	Saturday 10 th February	Closed
Merrylands Masters BPS meet	Saturday 10 th February	Closed
Speedo Sprint Heats	Sunday 11 th February	Closed
MASC 50metre Freestyle	Saturday 17 th February	Wednesday 14 th February
MASC 400metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 24 th February	Wednesday 21 st February
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 24 th February	Saturday 10th February
MASC 50metre Breaststroke	Saturday 3 rd March	Wednesday 28 th February
MASC 50metre Backstroke	Saturday 10 th March	Wednesday 7 th March
Speedo Sprint Finals	Saturday 10 th March	
Whales Picnic	Sunday 11 th March	
MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 17 th March	Wednesday 14 th March
MASC 200metre Freestyle	Saturday 24 th March	Wednesday 21 st March

For more information & race results check out our club website www.merrylandsasc.asn.au