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Saturday 24th March, 2018

Masters Swimming NSW Coach of the Year

It gives me enormous pleasure to announce that Peter Johnston was named the Masters Swimming NSW Coach of the Year for 2017 at last weekend's Masters NSW State Championship meet. This is the 2nd time Peter has won this award, having first won it in 2013 and he is only the 2nd coach in NSW to win this award twice.

Peter is a finalist for the Masters Australia Coach of the Year, having also been awarded this honour in 2013. This award will be announced at the Masters National Championships in April 2018.

I am sure everyone in our club joins me in congratulating Peter on this award. It is fantastic recognition of the work, time and dedication Peter puts into the coaching program for our club and swimmers. We greatly appreciate Peter's commitment to all of our swimmers and the results achieved are a testimony to his work. Thank you also to Alison & William who allow Peter the time to undertake all of this work.

Trophy Return

If you still have any perpetual trophy's to return from last season please let Trish Johnston know so you can make arrangements to return them to her. They are needed for our Annual Presentation.

Merrylands Money

If you have Merrylands Money to spend you have today left to make purchases.

Easter Raffle – Drawn today

Thank you to everyone who has donated Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. The raffle will be drawn this morning and we are also holding a club bbq to celebrate the end of the season.

Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club – 50th Anniversary

We are announcing the winner of the Lolly Guessing competition this morning, so see Margaret if you would like to have any last minute guesses.

Swim Meets

Great results from the swim meets held last weekend. Our 12 swimmers at Masters NSW State Championships at SOPAC achieved some great results and medals. We won the Executive Trophy (for the 3rd time in 4 years) for the highest club participation rate at a State Championship and we came 2nd in our Division point score.

Our 25 swimmers at the MSW Sprint Meet at Blacktown also achieved great results with plenty of PB's & medals won. What a great way to finish the season, Congratulations to everyone who participated in meets throughout the season.

Squad Training

Training moves to Granville Pool on Tuesday 3rd April, 2018. All swimmers who intend on continuing to train in April must complete the Training Enrolment Form by next Friday, 30th March, 2018 so that the coach can determine what time sessions will be held. Squads will also have a training break over the coming months. To complete the online Training Enrolment Form and to find out about the training breaks for your squad visit the club website.

Annual Presentation & AGM

Our Annual Presentation will be held on **Saturday 2nd June, 2018** at Club Merrylands (Newman Room). Arrive at 6.00pm for presentation of trophies to commence at 6.30pm. You may wish to arrive at the club earlier to have dinner before presentation starts, or you may want to have dinner after the presentation of trophies has concluded. It is a great opportunity for us to support one of our club's major sponsors.

The Club's AGM will be held on **Monday 4th June, 2018** commencing at 7.30pm in the club room. We want to ensure the club continues to grow and that it provides a great swimming and social experience for the whole family. To do this it takes a dedicated committee and what better way than joining the committee to help set the direction and steer the club to greater heights. You might also like to nominate a club member for recognition of their dedication and hard work over the past season.

The dates for nominations for committee positions and awards are:

- Service Excellence Award – closes 31st March, 2018
- Life Member nomination – 60 days before the AGM (Tuesday 5th April, 2018)
- Committee nomination – 30 days before the AGM (Saturday 5th May, 2018)

See the club website for more information about these and how to submit a nomination. If you would like more information or have a question please see any of our current committee members.

Uniforms

Final orders for winter clothing items such as long coats & hoodies are being taken today. Please see Margaret as an order for these items will be placed at the end of March.

Visit our online store at <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/> to place your order & pay for uniform items.

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>

Swimming Continues

So what do you do with swimmer's whilst Merrylands Pool is closed over the next few months? McCredie Park Aquatics Swimming Club run club races on a Friday night at Guildford Pool (races start at 6.30pm). Their winter season commences in April and concludes in September. There are breaks over the school holiday periods in April & July. See Graham for more information.

Season Wrap-up

As it is our last Saturday morning for the season I would like to thank all of our club members for their participation in our club events, be they in the pool, on the pool deck or social activities. It has been great to see the club continue to grow and to have so many people involved. Thank you to our hard working committee, who do a lot of work away from the pool, and everyone who has helped us run club races on a Saturday and helped out at the various meets during the season.

Merrylands Pool will re-open in October 2018 for our 50th season and we will be celebrating all season long.

Contacts

For more information & race results check out our club website at www.merrylandsasc.asn.au
Our Club Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/MerrylandsSwimmingClub/>
Swimming Metro South West website link is www.metroswsw.swimming.org.au