



Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

WHALES TALES

Saturday 3rd November, 2018

100 metre Backstroke Championship –Saturday 24th November, 2018

The postponed 100 metre Backstroke Championship races will be held on Saturday 24th November, 2018, in addition to the 200 metre Individual Medley Open Championship. The 400 metre event has been removed from the program to provide time for the two championship events to be held.

The order of events for the day will be:

- 200 metre Individual Medley Championship (Open)
- 50 metres Individual Medley
- Butterfly – all distances
- Breaststroke – all distances
- Freestyle – all distances
- 100 metre Backstroke Championships
- Backstroke (50 metre, 25 metre & 33 metre only)
- 200 metres choice
- Relay
- Senior Handicap
- 15 metre

See the table below to confirm what events you can enter on the day:

| 6 years & under | 7 – 9 years | 10 – 16 years | 17 + years |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| 3 Swims 50IM Relay | Age 100 Back Open 100 Back 2 Other Swims 50IM Relay | Open 200IM Age 100 Back Open 100 Back 2 Other Swims Relay | Open 200IM Age 100 Back Open 100 Back 2 Other Swims Relay Senior H/Cap |

Club Captains

The following nominations have been received for the positions of Male and Female Club Captains:

Male
Michael Evans

Female
Sophia Vivic
Charlie-Rose El Riachi

Voting will be held next Saturday morning (10th November, 2018) during club races.

InterClub Cup – Saturday 24th November, 2018

The InterClub Cup will be held at Granville Pool on Saturday 24th November, 2018. This is a short meet where every swimmer (young and not so young) from our club competes. The Race Committee will be advising swimmers of the events they have been selected to compete in.

If you need to purchase club uniform items before this meet please see the club Property Officer (Margaret Edwards) & the club website to place an order.

50th Anniversary – Back to Merrylands Day Saturday 10th November, 2018

The first event celebrating the club's 50th anniversary swimming season will be held next Saturday. It is Back To Merrylands Day with club races, novelty events, bbq and pool party (inflatable) some of the day's events. If you know any of our former-members please let them know about the day and encourage them to come down to club races that morning.

We would also like to hold a display of our perpetual trophies, so if you currently have a perpetual trophy please bring it with you on the day.

Further information at www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary/poolparty.

A celebration dinner will be held at the end of the season on Saturday 6th April, 2019 at the Holroyd Centre. More details at www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary.

Learn to Swim

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out with Learn to Swim. There are no lessons on the 10th November, 2018 due to the Back to Merrylands Day. Lessons will resume on 17th November, 2018.

Did you know?

The original starting blocks had changed little since the pool was constructed in 1968. Replacement of the starting blocks has been over a year in the making and it has only been due to the hard work of the committee that we have new state-of-the-art blocks today.

The club sourced the majority of the funding to replace the blocks, selected the model of block, placed the order and organised the installation. We are also organising covers to protect them.

The blocks selected (the Omega OSB14) are a similar model to those installed at SOPAC - having the same top - which will give our swimmers the ideal equipment for use in practicing their starts.

So how much did they cost? Each block cost \$3,688 - so look after them! We had the last blocks for 50 years, so the new ones need to last a while.



The original blocks in 1973



2018 version

In 1972, Merrylands Swimming Centre hosted the swimming events for the 7th Australian Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Games, which doubled as the selection trials for the 1972 Summer Paralympics. In 1977, the centre also hosted swimming events as part of the Far East and South Pacific Games for the Disabled.

Important Information for Age Championships

With changes this season to the Swimming NSW calendar some of our club Age Championships will be held on different dates, depending on the age group. Swimmers need to check the club website for more detailed information (www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces/championships).

In particular **Boys aged 13 years** and **Girls aged 12 years** on 1st October, 2018 and who age up (have a birthday) before the MSW Area Championships on 17th November, 2018 may be affected with a clash in dates for the Age 200 metres Individual Medley championship (being held on 17th November, 2018). If this is the case you may apply to have your Age Championship race moved to another date. See the club website for more details.

Important Information about Race Entries

Entries for races can be lodged online at www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces/onlineentries up to 8.00pm on the Thursday before Saturday races.

If you need to change a race entry already lodged please email race.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au

To be eligible to enter championships the swimmer must be financial in this season. The swimmer must have swum the same stroke and same distance during the current season (check the program and plan your swims carefully).

Remember there are limits to the number of swims you can do on a Saturday.

If there is a championship for your age (whether you are swimming in it or not) you can swim:

- your Age championship
- the Open championship (subject to having swum in your age championship)
- 2 other events
- Senior Handicap (if 17 and over)
- Relay (if there is one on the program for the day)

If there is NO championship for your age you can swim:

- 3 events
- Senior Handicap (if 17 and over)
- Relay (if there is one on the program for the day)

If you enter too many events your entries for the extra event/s will be withdrawn when the program is prepared for the day.

Member Profile

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| Name: | Ben Taylor |
| Age: | 50 |
| Year Joined: | 2017 |
| Positions held: (if relevant) | Swimmer |
| Favourite Stroke: | Breaststroke |
| Favourite thing about swimming: | Friends made |
| Favourite food: | Anything home cooked |
| Favourite TV show: | Russell Coight's All Aussie Adventures |
| When I grow up I want to be: | Still trying to decide |
| Favourite Swimmer: | Alexander Popov – 1992 & 1996 Olympic gold medallist |

See Graham to provide your profile information for inclusion in future editions of the Whales Tales.

Upcoming Events

| MEET NAME | MEET DATE | ONLINE ENTRY CLOSING |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| MASC 100metre Freestyle | Saturday 3 rd November | Closed |
| Back to Merrylands Day | Saturday 10 th November | |
| MASC 100metre Butterfly | Saturday 10 th November | Thursday 8 th November |
| Voting for Club Captains Close | Saturday 10 th November | |
| MSW West Area Open Water C/ships | Sunday 11 th November | Tuesday 6 th November |
| MSW Area LC C/ships (12 Yrs & Over) | Sat 17 th & Sun 18 th November | Tuesday 6 th November |
| MASC 200metre Ind Medley (Open) | Saturday 24 th November | Thursday 22 nd November |
| MASC 100metre Backstroke | Saturday 24 th November | Closed |
| Whales Challenge | Saturday 24 th November | Thursday 22 nd November |
| Parramatta Inter-Club Cup | Saturday 24 th November | |
| Masters Long Distance C/ship | Sunday 25 th November | Friday 16 th November |
| MASC 200metre Freestyle JNR Boys 10 – 13 yrs, Girls 10 – 12 yrs | Saturday 1 st December | Thursday 29 th November |
| MASC 400metre Ind Medley (Open) | Saturday 8 th December | Thursday 6 th December |
| MASC 400metre Freestyle JNR Boys 10 – 13 yrs, Girls 10 – 12 yrs | Saturday 15 th December | Thursday 13 th December |
| MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open) | Saturday 22 nd December | Thursday 20 th December |

Entries for the MSW Area Long Course Age & Open Championships (12 Years & Over) being held on Saturday 17th November, 2018 & Sunday 18th November, 2018 close at midnight this Tuesday (6th November, 2018). So make sure you lodge your entries before the closing time.

Fundraising

Our chocolate fundraising activity is underway. Thank you to those who have taken and sold chocolates. Please return funds to Vicki & Hayley Baker as we would like to wrap this up by the end of this month.

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Relay Competition

Relay forms with team member names need to be lodged with the Race Secretary before **today's** relay

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