



# Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

## WHALES TALES

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2018*

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Back to Merrylands Day

We hope you enjoyed the Back to Merrylands Day celebrations last Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who attended the day including our Life Members, past and current members, families & friends. Unfortunately Ms Julia Finn MP for Granville was unable to attend and had sent her apologies for this. Thanks also to Jann Fathers who visited and helped out refereeing club races.

The celebrations and events held on the day were organised by the club and they could not have happened without a big effort by the Committee members. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day with activities such as cooking the bbq breakfast, running the pool activities, organising and picking up the cake and taking photos.

The club hired an inflatable for the day and it was enjoyed by everyone who attempted to become a Merrylands Ninja Warrior. Additional life guards to man the inflatable during the day were provided by council. It was great to host a special visit by Yampu, the Optus Junior Dolphin, I hear Yampu made a great impression on all the kids, young and not so young!



We still have a number of other events planned to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary over the rest of the season. These include:

- Merrylands 50s - Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019
- Dive In Movie - Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2019
- 50th Anniversary Dinner - Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

More details for these and other events can be found at [www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary](http://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary)

### Club Captains

We will be announcing our Club Captains for the 2018/2019 season this morning.

### Fundraising

Thank you to those who have taken and sold chocolates for our recent fundraising activity. Please return funds to Vicki & Hayley Baker by the end of week 8, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

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## 100 metre Backstroke Championship –Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

The postponed 100 metre Backstroke Championship races will be held next Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> 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. More details are available on the club website (online entries).

## Parramatta Inter-Club Cup – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

The Parramatta Inter-Club Cup will be held at Granville Pool next Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018). The Competition Committee will advise all swimmers who have been selected to represent our club at this meet. Cost for each swimmer is \$10 which includes pool entry, event entries and a sausage sandwich. Entry to the pool for spectators is free.

Warm-up commences at 3.00pm, with the meet commencing at 3.30pm. So make sure you are at the pool and stretched ready to enter the water at 3.00pm for your warm-up.

We will need to provide timekeepers on the day so we ask all parents to be available to assist during the meet.

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.

### Did you know?

Do you know who your office bearers and committee members for this season are?

#### ***Executive***

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Graham Edwards  | President        |
| Peter Johnston  | Vice-President   |
| Leanne Tovkach  | Secretary        |
| Ian Johnston    | Treasurer        |
| Alison Johnston | Race Secretary   |
| Vacancy         | Social Secretary |

#### ***Committee***

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| Tricia Johnston  |
| Ian Wilson       |
| Vicki Baker      |
| Margaret Edwards |
| Vacancy          |
| Vacancy          |

In addition these members hold a number of other positions and perform roles that ensure the smooth running of our club. Thank you to these members for volunteering for these roles and the time they provide to the club. 7 of these members are life members of the club and they have dedicated many years of service to the club.

There are lots of jobs that need to be done on a Saturday morning. Are you interested in learning how to do any of the following: Chief Time Keeper, Marshal, Starter, Recorder, Timing System Operator, Computer Operator? If so, please speak to Graham.

The more people involved in these roles the smoother club races can run and also cover times when our officials are not available.

As you can see we do have a couple of positions vacant on the committee and we are looking to fill these roles. Previous experience in roles and committee positions are not required. We would love to have a broad cross section of our members volunteering to help steer the direction of the club as we enter the next 50 years.

To learn more about the club and it's activities club members can log on to the club website and read the latest Annual Report (2017/2018 season).

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## Timekeepers

Thank you to everyone who helps with timekeeping the club races each week. Your help is invaluable in providing 2 timekeepers per lane so we have accurate timing for the swimmers. A few things to remember when you are timekeeping:

- After each race has started, check that your watch has started. If it hasn't notify the Chief Timekeeper
- Check your watch is running throughout the race. If you bump one of the buttons and it stops, press the button again and the watch will resume from where it should be up to
- If you miss the finish and stop your watch early or late, or have any other problem – notify the Chief Timekeeper
- Leave phones aside during the races so that you can concentrate on the swimmer in your lane
- There is Tea and Coffee available in the club room for timekeepers after the races

## Swimming Metro South West – Open Water Championships

Congratulations to Matthew Vicic on his first open water swim in the 2.5k race last Sunday. Great effort Matthew and with a big smile at the finish.

## Swimming Metro South West – Senior Long Course Championships

Good luck to Michael Evans, Steven Nguyen, Alison Sakurovs & Reece Tomkinson who are competing at the Area Championships being held at SOPAC this weekend. May the whale be with you all.

## Are you a member of Club Merrylands?

Club Merrylands are developing a program to reward local community clubs such as our club. To do this Club Merrylands would like to identify memberships held by our club members and group them together. If you would like to participate in this program and help our club obtain additional support from Club Merrylands let Graham know you are a member. We will provide more details of this program as Club Merrylands implement the reward program.

## Shoosh For Kids

Shoosh for Kids is a collaboration between the Office of Sport and Swimming NSW to promote positive behaviour to clubs, members and spectators. For more information visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/ryc/fairplay/ShooshforKids>

## Member Profile

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| Name:                           | Peter Johnston   |
| Age:                            | 39   |
| Year Joined:                    | 1987   |
| Positions held: (if relevant)   | Life member, Vice President, Registrar, Learn to Swim Coordinator, Competition Committee Member, Assistant Publicity Officer, Coach, Recorder/Computer Operator, IT Guru, and parent |
| Favourite Stroke:               | Breaststroke   |
| Favourite thing about swimming: | The feeling of moving effortlessly through the water when your stroke all comes together   |
| Favourite food:                 | Hamburgers   |
| Favourite TV show:              | Formula 1 Grand Prix   |
| When I grow up I want to be:    | Waterslide tester  |
| Favourite Swimmer:              | Is this a trick question? Coaches don't have favourites 😊  |

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

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## Upcoming Events

| MEET NAME  | MEET DATE  | ENTRY CLOSING                      |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>MASC 200metre Ind Medley (Junior)</b>                                   | Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Closed                             |
| <b>MSW Area LC C/ships (12 Yrs &amp; Over)</b>                             | Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Closed                             |
| <b>MASC 200metre Ind Medley (Open)</b>                                     | Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November |
| <b>MASC 100metre Backstroke</b>  | Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Closed                             |
| <b>Whales Challenge</b>  | Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November |
| <b>Parramatta Inter-Club Cup</b>   | Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November                   |                                    |
| <b>Masters Long Distance C/ship</b>  | Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November   |
| <b>MASC 200metre Freestyle JNR<br/>Boys 10 – 13 yrs, Girls 10 – 12 yrs</b> | Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                    | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November |
| <b>MASC 400metre Ind Medley (Open)</b>                                     | Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| <b>MASC 400metre Freestyle JNR<br/>Boys 10 – 13 yrs, Girls 10 – 12 yrs</b> | Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                   | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)</b>                                      | Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December                   | Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>Christmas – New Year Break</b>  | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December                   |                                    |
| <b>Club Races return</b>   | Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                     | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January   |



Some more photos from Back to Merrylands Day  
For more information & race results check out our club website [www.merrylandsasc.asn.au](http://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au)