



# Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

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## WHALES TALES

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*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2018*

### **Club Captains**

Congratulations to Michael Evans and Charlie-Rose El Riachi who have been elected as Club Captains for the 2018/2019 season. Thank you to Sophia Vivic for her great work as a Club Captain in the 2017/2018 season.

### **Whales Challenge - Today**

Today is the first of our 3 Whales Challenges for the season. All swimmers have been appointed to represent either the White "Emery" or Maroon "Turner" teams for all races this morning. The list of team members is on the noticeboard in case you haven't checked the website to see which team you are in.

Swimmers need to wear a cap of their team colour in each race they swim in. If you don't have a cap of your team colour please see Margaret.

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

The Parramatta Inter-Club Cup is being held at Granville Pool this afternoon. We will have approx. 40 swimmers representing our club at this meet.

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.

May the Whale be with all of our swimmers, let's see if we can win the cup for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

### **Club Uniform**

Club uniform items can be ordered on the online shop <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms>. If you have any questions about club uniform items please see the Property Officer (Margaret Edwards).

### **Swimming Metro South West – Senior Long Course Championships**

Congratulation to Michael Evans, Steven Nguyen, Alison Sakurovs & Reece Tomkinson who represented our club at the Area Championships held at SOPAC last weekend. A great result achieved with 1 medal (Bronze to Reece for his 50m Backstroke), 8 finalists and 4 PB's.

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

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)

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## Fundraising

Thank you to those who have taken and sold chocolates for our recent fundraising activity. Please return funds to Vicki & Hayley Baker.

### **Cole Classic Charity Swim – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019**

Timothy Hayes, a past member who attended the recent Back to Merrylands Day will be participating in the Cole Classic Charity Swim to raise funds for The Kids Cancer Project. Tim is swimming and raising funds to honour his eldest daughter, Stephanie, who passed way in June this year.

You can support Tim in his fundraising efforts by donating to help raise funds for this great cause at <https://coleclassic2019.everydayhero.com/au/swim-for-stephanie>. Tim's target is to raise \$5,000.

Or if you would like to play a more active role you and enjoy an ocean swim, you could join Team Swim for Stephanie. The event is being held at Manly Beach on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019 and distances to choose from are 1km, 2km or 5km. Registering for this event can be done by following this link (early bird rate available up to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2018):

<https://secure.tiktok.biz/register/default.aspx?EventID=sunrun&Edition=2019&Team=SwimforStephanie>

### **Merrylands SwimFest – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019**

Entries for the 2019 Merrylands SwimFest are now open. The program of events is now available.

This year, members of our club will receive a discount on their event entries. To receive your discount, make sure you enter using the "Entries for Merrylands Members" button on the Online Entries page on our website at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/swimfest/>

## 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

## 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.

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## Pool Entry Information

Club Members receive a significant discount on entry fees at the council's swimming centres when attending club activities.

It is important that attendance at the centre is accurately recorded - this will have a direct impact on future upgrades of the centre as council considers the usage of pools when planning improvements.

### ***When attending Club Races or Training, please ensure you:***

- wait to be served at the front entrance before entering the centre;
- have your current 2018/19 club membership card with you - you may be asked to produce your card for proof of club membership;
- have completed your details on your membership card - Name, Club & Membership Number.

If you have any problems, please speak to Graham or Peter.

### ***Entry fees to the pool are detailed below:***

#### *1. When attending Club Races:*

- Children 4yrs & Under No Charge - must be advised to pool staff on entry;
- Club Members must either pay the Club Member entry fee of \$4.20, or
  - a. use a Club 20 Entry Pass (\$46 for 20 entries - equivalent of \$2.30 per entry - 1 pass can be used by multiple people), or
  - b. use a Centre Member Pass (1, 3, 6 and 12 month passes are available for a single named Club Member - each member requires their own pass)
- Non-Club Member Spectators must either pay the Spectator Fee of \$3.80, or use a Spectator 20 Entry Pass (\$72 for 20 entries - equivalent of \$3.60 per entry - 1 pass can be used by multiple people)
- Non-Club Member Swimmers must pay the normal pool entry fees
- Officials (Timekeepers etc.) - No Charge - must sign the book at the entrance and assist with the running of the races.

#### *2. When attending Training & Learn to Swim:*

- Children 4yrs & Under No Charge - must be advised to pool staff on entry;
- Club Members must either pay the Club Member entry fee: \$4.20, or
  - a. use a Club 20 Entry Pass (\$46 for 20 entries - equivalent of \$2.30 per entry - 1 pass can be used by multiple people), or
  - b. use a Centre Member Pass (1, 3, 6 and 12 month passes are available for a single named Club Member - each member requires their own pass)
- Spectators - No Charge - must be advised to pool staff on entry
- Swimmers not in the Squad or Learn to Swim pay the normal pool entry fees

Want to join the club as a Non-Swimmer? The Non-Swimmer membership fee is \$22. This small fee provides you with the benefits of being a club member including access to the above club member discounted pool entry fees. Access <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/membership/registration.aspx> to apply for membership.

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## Member Profile

Name: Leanne Tovkach  
Age: 48  
Year Joined: 2014  
Positions held: (if relevant) Secretary, Executive Committee Member  
Favourite Stroke: Backstroke  
Favourite thing about swimming: Swimming clears the mind and is relaxing  
Favourite food: Nachos and cheesecake  
Favourite TV show: Chicago PD/Fire  
When I grow up I want to be: The best person I can be to my family and friends  
Favourite Swimmer: David Bale (my brother) and Leisel Jones

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



Thank you to our sponsors for their support of our club

## Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
<b>MASC 200metre Ind Medley (Open)</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Closed
<b>MASC 100metre Backstroke</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Closed
<b>Whales Challenge</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Closed
<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	Closed
<b>MASC 200metre Freestyle JNR 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 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

## Whales Tales Online

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For more information & race results check out our club website [www.merrylandsasc.asn.au](http://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au)