



Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

WHALES TALES

Saturday 8th December, 2018

SNSW Senior Metropolitan Championships

Congratulations to Alison Sakurovs who swam a season best time in the Women's Open 50 metre Freestyle at the Senior Metropolitan Championships held last weekend. Great work Alison, good reward for all those hard training sessions and NO chocolates!

50th Anniversary – Back to Merrylands Day

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

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

Planning is well underway for the Dive In Movie, so keep an eye on the club website for ticketing information. Entry to the movie is free but numbers will be limited and entry into the event will be by ticket only. More details can be found at www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary

Merrylands SwimFest – Saturday 23rd February, 2019

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

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/>, see the screen shot below.

We are hosting the Masters BPS Sprint Meet and SwimFest on the same day, so we really need help throughout the day. Jobs on the day will include set up & pack up, timekeeping, marshalling, check starting, starting, bbq & refreshments.

Graham is preparing a roster of jobs, so please advise of your availability for the day.

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).

Squad Training

The last training session for 2018 will be held on Saturday 22nd December, 2018 and sessions resume on Wednesday 2nd January, 2019 (time to work off the Christmas joy). If you are going to be away over January please advise the coach of your changes to your normal training session attendance.

Cole Classic Charity Swim – Sunday 3rd 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 3rd 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 4th December, 2018):

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

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.

Swimming NSW Website

SNSW have implemented a new website (Swim Central). If you haven't yet, take the time to visit the website to check out the information available at <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/>

Going on Holidays?

Share a photo with your 50th Anniversary Cap and let's see how many places it can visit before the end of the summer 📷

Tag [Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club](#) in your photo and add the hashtag [#masc50](#) to get involved 📷

Pool Entry Cards

To assist in reducing any issues with pool entry card payments and usage we recommend:

- When you top up your card ask the attendant at that point how many entries you now have on your card;
- When you top up your card ask for your receipt as proof of payment if there are future issues. If you are paying by credit card, you can use that as proof of payment if required;
- When you scan your card on entry, ask how many entries you now have left so you know the correct number are being deducted.

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.

Member Profile

Name: Graham Edwards
 Age: 59
 Year Joined: 1980's
 Positions held: (if relevant) President, Life Member, Referee
 Favourite Stroke: Breaststroke (and nothing else, especially 200 metre training sets)
 Favourite thing about swimming: Staying healthy & great friendships, it's a fun place to be
 Favourite food: Baked dinner
 Favourite TV show: Ask Margaret?
 When I grow up I want to be: Healthy, wealthy & wise, oh and grumpy!
 Favourite Swimmer: Cameron Smith (oh sorry he's a golfer)

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 |
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| MASC 400metre Ind Medley (Open) | Saturday 8 th December | Closed |
| 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 |
| Christmas – New Year Break | Saturday 29 th December | |
| Club Races return | Saturday 5 th January | Thursday 3 rd January |
| MASC 1500metre Freestyle (Open) | Friday 18 th January | Thursday 17 th January |
| Whales Challenge | Saturday 19 th January | Thursday 17 th January |
| Dive In Movie | Saturday 19 th January | |
| MASC 50metre Butterfly | Saturday 26 th January | Thursday 24 th January |

Whales Tales Online

Do you want the weekly Whales Tales delivered straight to your inbox? Scan the QR code below with your mobile phone to sign-up online, and never miss the latest news



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