



# Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

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## WHALES TALES

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*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019*

### **Welcome to 2019**

We hope you have enjoyed a very merry Christmas with your family & friends. We wish you a safe and prosperous 2019, as we continue to celebrate our club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The Merrylands 50s will be run throughout the club races today. A knockout handicap event consisting of 3 rounds (Heats, Semis and Finals), with each round held at different points within the morning's program. The top placed swimmers in each round progress onto the next round. As the event is handicapped, every swimmer has the chance to win, with the overall winner taking home a prize.

### **Dive In Movie – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

It is only 2 weeks to the Dive In Movie. Entry to the movie is free and there are a limited number of tickets still available. To find out more information & order your tickets go to [www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary](http://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary)

### **Holiday Photos?**

There is still time to share a photo with your 50th Anniversary Cap if you are going away on holidays. Tag [Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club](#) in your photo and add the hashtag #masc50 to get involved.

### **Speedo Sprint Series**

Don't forget entries for the Speedo Sprint Series close on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2019. Enter online today at: <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/swimmeets/upcoming.aspx>

### **Club Uniform**

For all club uniform orders visit 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).

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

### **January Skills & Drills Sessions**

The squad will be running Skills & Drills sessions for the swimmers in the Junior and Development Squads on Thursday mornings during the rest of January. Remaining sessions will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 from 7am to 8:15am. Swimmers can book in for which ever sessions they want. Sessions will include filming of technique and race skills. Register online at <https://squadshop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/drills-skills-session>

### **1500m Championship, 200m Mystery Medley & Junior Handicap – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

Don't forget entry to these events on Friday night, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Warm-up & marshalling prior to races at 6.45pm. We will need help with timekeeping, so even if you are not swimming we would appreciate your help on the night. A BBQ will also be held at the end of the events.

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## Whales Challenge

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Whales Challenge for the season will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. A chance for the Maroon team to even the score with the White team!

## Merrylands SwimFest & Masters BPS Meet– Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019

Entries for the 2019 Merrylands SwimFest remain 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/>.

We are hosting the Masters BPS Sprint Meet and SwimFest on the same day Jobs on the day will include set up & pack up, timekeeping, marshalling, check starting, starting, bbq & refreshments. Please advise Graham of your availability for the day.

## Swim Meets This Weekend

Good luck to our club members who are competing at the Blacktown City Games Sprint Meet (today) and MSW Qualifying Meet (tomorrow). May the Whale be with you all.

## Masters Swimming Renewal

If you are a Masters swimmer it is time to renew your Masters membership if you haven't already done so. Masters membership runs over the calendar year and you will need to be a current member for upcoming Masters events such as the National (March) & State (April) Championships.

## Member Profile

Name: Joseph Daniel Assi  
Age: 8  
Year Joined: 2017  
Favourite Stroke: Breaststroke  
Favourite thing about swimming: Learning a new stroke  
Favourite food: Lasagna  
Favourite TV show: Teen Titans Go  
When I grow up I want to be: Soccer Player  
Favourite Swimmer: Ian Thorpe

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

## Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
<b>MASC 1500metre Freestyle (Open)</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Whales Challenge</b>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Dive In Movie</b>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	
<b>MASC 50metre Butterfly</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>MASC 50metre Breaststroke</b>	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>Speedo Sprint Series - MSW Heats</b>	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
<b>MASC 50metre Freestyle</b>	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>MASC 200metre Individual Medley Boys 14 ys – SNR, Girls 13yrs - SNR</b>	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>MSW Area LC C/ships (13yrs &amp; under)</b>	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>MASC 400metre Freestyle Open</b>	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February