



Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

WHALES TALES

Saturday 12th January, 2019

50th Anniversary Celebrations

The Merrylands 50s were a great success last Saturday, with 3 heats to determine the semi-finalists. A full heat in the final saw Lisa Shrestha triumph over the boys to take the first place prize. Congratulations Lisa, you have bragging rights over all the boys in the club.

Dive In Movie – Saturday 19th January, 2019

The Dive In Movie is being held next Saturday night. The event is sold out, so we expect around 500 people to attend the movie. Gates will open at 7.30pm and the movie will commence at 8.15pm. Don't forget to bring your ticket and floats etc so you can enjoy watching the movie from in the pool. The canteen will be open and we will also be running a bbq (sausage sandwiches, chicken rissole or steak & salad sandwiches). For more information visit 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 22nd January, 2019. Enter online today at: <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/swimmeets/upcoming.aspx>

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 17th & 24th 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 18th January, 2019

Don't forget entry to these events being held next Friday night (18th January, 2019). Warm-up & marshalling prior to races commencing 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.

Whales Challenge

The 2nd Whales Challenge for the season will be held next Saturday (19th January, 2019). A chance for the Maroon team to even the score with the White team!

Boardshort Relay

A Boardshort Relay will be held on Saturday 26th January, 2019. So don't forget to pack your boardshorts for club races on the day and join in the celebrations for Australia Day.

Merrylands SwimFest & Masters BPS Meet– Saturday 23rd 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/>.

Please advise Graham of your availability for the day to help with the various jobs on the day.

Recent Swim Meets

Congratulations to our club members who competed last weekend at the Blacktown City Games Sprint meet, MSW Qualifying meet and Newport Ocean Swim.

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.

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).

Member Profile

Name: Ian Johnston
Age: 66
Year Joined: 1988 (approx.)
Positions Held: Various committee positions since the early 1990's including President. Currently Treasurer of the club
Favourite Stroke: Freestyle
Favourite thing about swimming: When the coach says 200 choice and then you can get out
Favourite food: Tricia's taco mince
Favourite TV show: The Good Doctor
When I grow up I want to be: Been there done that!
Favourite Swimmer: Peter Johnston

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

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
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
MASC Boardshort Relay	Saturday 26 th January	Thursday 24 th January
MASC 50metre Breaststroke	Saturday 2 nd February	Thursday 31 st January
Speedo Sprint Series - MSW Heats	Saturday 2 nd February	Tuesday 22 nd January
MASC 50metre Freestyle	Saturday 9 th February	Thursday 7 th February
MASC 200metre Individual Medley Boys 14 ys – SNR, Girls 13yrs - SNR	Saturday 16 th February	Thursday 14 th February
MSW Area LC C/ships (13yrs & under)	Saturday 16 th February	Tuesday 5 th February
MASC 400metre Freestyle Open	Saturday 23 rd February	Thursday 21 st February