



# Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

## WHALES TALES

Saturday 23rd February, 2019

### Merrylands Swimming Centre

Welcome back to Merrylands Swimming Centre. Those who attended club races last Saturday morning enjoyed an "away game" at Wentworthville Swimming Centre, but it is great to be back home for the remainder of the season. Council has worked hard over the last week to empty, clean and fill the pool ready for use this week, so we thank them for this work.

### 50 metre & 200 metre Freestyle Championship re-schedule

The cancellation of club races on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 has meant the 50 metre Freestyle Age & 200 metre Freestyle Open Championships have been re-scheduled to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The 50 metre Backstroke and 50 metre Freestyle, as well as the 200 metre Open Championships for these strokes will be swum on the same day.

Entries submitted for the Freestyle Championships will be carried over to the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. No late entries for the Freestyle Championships will be accepted.

Swimmers will be able to enter two other events on the morning in addition to the Championship races. Keep an eye on the club website for further details of the program and order of events for the morning.

### Metro South West Junior Area Championships

13 swimmers competed in the MSW Area Junior Championships at SOPAC last Saturday. Great results were achieved, with a total of 43 new PB's. Medals were won by Unish Shrestha (50m Breaststroke - Silver), Matthew Vivic (50m Butterfly - bronze) and Summer Shrestha (50m Freestyle - bronze).

Finalists across a total of 20 events were Joab Hada (50m Breaststroke, 100m Backstroke, 50m Backstroke & 50m Freestyle), Summer Shrestha (50m Breaststroke & 50m Backstroke), Laura-Belle Casey (50m Breaststroke & 100m Breaststroke), Matthew Vivic (100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke & 50m Freestyle), Unish Shrestha (50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke & 50m Freestyle), Helen Macpherson (50m Backstroke & 50m Freestyle), Nevah Shrestha (50m Backstroke) & Niushka Shrestha (50m Freestyle & 100m Butterfly).

An outstanding effort by our Junior members as they continue to break PB's and achieve wonderful results at meets representing our club. Thank you to our club coaches who have worked hard to have our swimmers peaking for these events and also to our parents who supported and worked as timekeepers during the afternoon session. It was a long day and we are proud of every one of our swimmers who competed on the day.

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

Today is the day of our Masters BPS and SwimFest meets. Thank you in advance to everyone who has volunteered their time today to help with the meets. It will be a long day and I know we will again show how well Merrylands ASC can host these events.

### Relay Nominated Time Changes

If your relay team would like to change their nominated time, you need to provide the new time to the Race Secretary **BEFORE the relay event is swum on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.**

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## Club Uniform – Hoodie Orders

With the cooler weather coming Margaret is now taking orders for club hoodies. Visit the online shop <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms> to place an order for all club uniform apparel.

## Learn to Swim

The next Learn to Swim lessons will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019.

## Swimming NSW Membership System Change

Swimming NSW will be switching to a new membership system (Swim Central) on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. As part of the change all members aged 18 & over will require a unique email address. Please log in to <https://mylane.swimming.org.au/> to update your contact details.

Please remember to keep your contact details on your membership records up to date. We can't contact you about pool closures, changes to club or training if your contact details aren't correct. Log in to <https://mylane.swimming.org.au> to check yours are correct today. Your login details are the same as the ones used for online entries.

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

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at the Holroyd Centre. For more details & online booking visit <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary/>

## Technical Officials

Would you like to obtain a technical accreditation? Most roles are now available with an online module. Details can be found at <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/technical-officials-nsw>. Age is from secondary school student up. Best of all these modules are free to members of Swimming NSW. Please see Graham for more information.

## Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
MASC 400metre Freestyle Open	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Closed
Merrylands Masters BPS Meet	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Closed
Merrylands Swimfest Meet	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Closed
MASC 200metre Freestyle	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
MASC 50metre Backstroke	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
MASC 50metre Freestyle	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Closed
Whales Challenge	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
MASC 400metre Freestyle Age	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

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