



Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

WHALES TALES

Saturday 2nd March, 2019

Merrylands SwimFest & Masters BPS Meets

Last Saturday saw Merrylands "Super Saturday" events held (why weren't FoxSports covering these?) with club races followed by the Masters BPS & SwimFest meets. What a day! This was the first time we have thrown the dice holding both meets on the one day. I believe we achieved a great result, with positive feedback about both events and we finished almost 40 minutes ahead of schedule, despite an unplanned late start to the Masters BPS meet.

The Masters BPS Meet saw ten 1st place, three 2nd place & two 3rd place finishes in individual events. Overall Merrylands finished 5th in the Team Pointscore.

The SwimFest saw a total of 50 PB's achieved with medals won by:

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| 50m Breaststroke | Unish Shrestha, Hayley Baker & Peter Johnston – "Gold Gold Gold" Matthew Vicic – Bronze |
| 50m Backstroke | Matthew Vicic & Alison Sakurovs – Silver Joab Hada, Michael Evans & Hayley Baker – Bronze |
| 50m Freestyle | Joab Hada, Matthew Vicic & Alison Sakurovs – Gold Summer Shrestha - Silver Hayley Baker – Bronze |
| 50m Butterfly | Matthew Vicic – Gold Sophia Vicic & Alison Sakurovs – Silver Hayley Baker & Michael Evans – Bronze |
| 10 & Under Relay | Unish Shrestha, Lisa Shrestha, Joab Hada & Niushka Shrestha – Silver |
| 12 & Under Relay | Summer Shrestha, Nevah Shrestha, Helen Macpherson & Matthew Vicic – Bronze |

Matthew Vicic also achieved further State qualifying times in the 100m Butterfly (2 PB's in the 1 event). Congratulations to every one of our swimmers who competed in these meets.

Did you know?

On average, swimmers receive \$66 worth of awards at club championships and the presentation evening each year, but on average only pay \$32 in race entry fees throughout the season. The \$34 difference is made up through fund raising activities such as the SwimFest and Masters meets, which we couldn't run without your help. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the meets. It was a great club effort, with the majority of our members being at the pool the whole day and into the evening by the time we had packed up. Only 356 sleeps to the next Merrylands Super Saturday!!!

Swimming NSW Junior Metropolitan Championships

We have 4 of our junior club members who qualified to compete at the Metropolitan Championships at SOPAC this weekend. We wish great swims to Matthew Vicic (100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle & 50m Butterfly), Helen Macpherson (50m Freestyle & 50m Butterfly), Summer Shrestha (50m Freestyle & 50m Butterfly) and Niushka Shrestha (50m Butterfly). May the whale be with you all.

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 9th March, 2019.**

50 metre & 200 metre Freestyle Championship re-schedule

The 50 metre Freestyle Age & 200 metre Freestyle Open Championships have been re-scheduled to next Saturday (9th 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 from 9th February. No late entries for the Freestyle Championships will be accepted. You will be required to enter the Backstroke Championships and any other events you want to swim (regular races, handicap etc.). See the online entries for exactly how many events you may enter and the order of events. Championship entries are \$1 as usual. There will be no entry fee for the other events.

Metro South West Area Long Course Sprint Meet – Saturday 23rd March, 2019

Entries for this meet, to be held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Saturday 23rd March, 2019, **close on Tuesday 19th March, 2019 at 11.00pm**. Our club is also rostered for hosting duties at this meet. This will require a number of people to assist with roles such as medals, result running and refreshment delivery. Please advise Graham if you can help with the hosting roles on the day.

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.

Swimming NSW Membership System Change

The new membership system (Swim Central) will now be implemented by Swimming NSW for our Area on Monday 11th March, 2019. Members aged 18 & over will require a unique email address. Please log in to <https://mylane.swimming.org.au/> to update your contact details.

Swim Central requires that all members under 18 be part of a linked family group, with an adult aged 18 or over set as the primary member. So what do you need to do? If an adult member of your family is a member of the club – either a swimmer, or non swimmer – you don't need to do anything. If you don't have an adult member of your family as a member of the club, you will need to start a membership application, but cancel it before payment. See <https://nsw.swimming.org.au/news-articles/swim-central-coming> for details.

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

50th Anniversary Celebrations

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

Upcoming Events

| MEET NAME | MEET DATE | ENTRY CLOSING |
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| MASC 200metre Freestyle | Saturday 2 nd March | Closed |
| MASC 50metre Backstroke | Saturday 9 th March | Thursday 7 th March |
| MASC 50metre Freestyle | Saturday 9 th March | Closed |
| Whales Challenge | Saturday 16 th March | Thursday 14 th March |
| MASC 400metre Freestyle Age | Saturday 30 th March | Thursday 28 th March |



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