



Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

WHALES TALES

Saturday 16th March, 2019

Speedo Sprint Series Finals

Congratulation to Unish Shrestha who swam in the 50m Breaststroke final at the Speedo Sprint Series Finals SOPAC last Saturday. Unish swam a PB and finished 16th out of 38 competitors representing all metro & country areas of NSW. A fantastic result Unish, we are all proud of you and your performance.

Swimming NSW State Open Championships

Congratulations to Alison Sakurovs and Reece Tomkinson who have qualified for the NSW State Open Championships being held at SOPAC this weekend. Alison is swimming in the 50m Freestyle (show those Campbell sisters who the boss is!), whilst Reece is swimming in the 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and 200m Backstroke events. We wish you both the best of luck and may the whale be with you both.

Masters National Championships

It's that time of year again when Masters swimmers converge for the National Championships. They are being held in Adelaide from Tuesday 19th March to Saturday 23rd March. We have 5 swimmers, Melissa Cohen, Kylee Murray, Steven Nguyen, Alison Sakurovs & Ian Wilson, competing in a total of 45 events. We wish you all the best of luck. Without the coach there make sure you hydrate and recover each day. I know those Merrylands caps will be spotted doing their warm-ups and swim downs. May the whale be with you all. Travel safe and we will see you back before the end of the season (yes you are expected back).

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 next 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 Photo – Saturday 30th March, 2019

We will be taking the club photo on Saturday 30th March, 2019 (the last morning of club races). Please wear or bring your club polo shirt on the day for the photo. If you need to purchase a new polo shirt for this please see the Property Officer (Margaret) today.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Tickets for the 50th Anniversary Dinner (Saturday 6th April, 2019) being held at The Holroyd Centre are available online. We look forward to seeing all of our members (14 years and older) attending the dinner. If you know a past member please pass on the information to them also.

Mr Chris Fydler OAM, President of Swimming NSW, will be attending and has graciously agreed to speak about his experiences as an Olympic swimmer and now as a parent of a competitive swimmer.

Tickets are \$50 (subsidised amount) and includes welcome finger food, main course and dessert. The welcome commences in the ground floor foyer at 6.00pm with the main course being served from 7.00pm. For more details & tickets visit <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/50thanniversary/>. Ticket sales close on Saturday 23rd March, 2019, so order your tickets now if you haven't done so yet.

Club Uniform

To place an order for all club uniform apparel visit <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms>.

Swimming NSW Membership System Change

Swimming NSW is currently implementing the new membership system (Swim Central) for our Area. We will advise you when access to this new system is open to all members.

Please ensure you 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.

Annual Presentation & AGM

The Annual Presentation will be held on **Saturday 1st June, 2019** at Club Merrylands. The presentation is booked from 6.00pm, with the presentation of trophies to commence at 6.30pm. You may wish to arrive at the club earlier to have dinner before presentation starts, or you may want to have dinner after the presentation of trophies has concluded. It is a great opportunity for us to support one of our club's major sponsors.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd June, 2019** commencing at 7.30pm in the club room at Merrylands Swimming Centre. All financial members of the club are entitled to nominate for positions on the committee and to vote at the AGM. So please consider nominating for a position, as we would love to see new members join the committee. Even if you do not wish to nominate for a position you are most welcome to attend the AGM.

The dates for nominations for committee positions and awards are:

- Service Excellence Award – closes 31st March, 2019
- Life Member nomination – 60 days before the AGM (Thursday 4th April, 2019)
- Committee nomination – 30 days before the AGM (Saturday 4th May, 2019)

See the club website for more information about these and how to submit a nomination. If you would like more information or have a question please see any of our current committee members.

Trophy Return

If you still have any perpetual trophy's to return from last season please bring them back to the club over the next few weeks of club races.

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
Masters National Championships	19 th March – 23 rd March	Closed
MSW Long Course Sprint Meet	23 rd March	Tuesday 19 th March
MASC 400metre Freestyle Age	Saturday 30 th March	Thursday 28 th March
Club Photo	Saturday 30 th March	
NSW State Junior Championships	Saturday 30 th March	Tuesday 19 th March
50th Anniversary Dinner	Saturday 6 th April	Saturday 23 rd March
Annual Presentation	Saturday 1 st June	
Club AGM	Monday 3 rd June	



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