



Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

WHALES TALES

Saturday 14th December, 2019

Christmas Hamper Raffle & Christmas Events

The Christmas Hamper raffle will be drawn next Saturday 21st December, 2019 after club races. Tickets are \$1 each (books of 10 tickets \$10). There is still time to donate non-perishable items as prize items.

Novelty events, breakfast bbq and squad Christmas Party will follow the club races, so please stay around and enjoy these activities.

Squad Training

Remember training breaks from Saturday 21st December, 2019 and resumes on Saturday 4th January, 2020. If you plan to be away over December or January please let your coach know. If you haven't done this yet complete the online form at <https://merrylandsasc.asn.au/coaching/missedsessions.aspx>

Chocolate Fundraising

If you have any outstanding funds please return these to Trish Johnston. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to help sell the chocolates and raise funds for the club.

Whales Challenge #1

What a great turn out of swimmers for the first Whales Challenge of the season. We had around 15 extra swimmers at club races and we know it was a jam-packed morning! We saw the points tally fluctuate throughout the morning, with the lead changing a few times. However Merrylands Maroon (Turner team) hit the lead at the right time and ended up victorious. Congratulations to everyone who swam in the Merrylands Maroon team. Look out because Merrylands White (Emery team) are hot on your heels for the return event on Saturday 18th January, 2020.

Swimming NSW Senior State Age Championships

Vanessa Ozols and Alison Sakurovs will be swimming and representing our club at this meet, which is being held over the next 5 days at SOPAC. This meet also attracts swimmers from club's interstate and internationally, with swimmers from the UK, New Zealand, Singapore & Japan also competing. Vanessa will swim in the 50m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke & 100m Backstroke events and Alison is swimming in the 50m Freestyle event. We wish both Vanessa and Alison the best of luck and may the Whale be with you both.

Timekeepers Practical Assessment – Saturday 21st December, 2019

The practical assessment of timekeepers who have completed the online course will be carried out next Saturday morning (21st December) during club races. Good luck to all our members undertaking the course and we look forward to welcoming you to the ranks of accredited technical officials.

Updated Club By-Laws - <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/about/documents.aspx>

Bushfire Smoke

Smoke from bushfires affecting the Sydney area has impacted our ability to hold training sessions recently.

Check the website for updates on whether sessions are on, before leaving for the pool each day. If sessions are cancelled, an update will be posted on the club website by 3:30pm on that day.

Merrylands SwimFest & Masters BPS Meets – Saturday 22nd February, 2020

Don't forget to put this date in your dairy or phone calendar. We are holding both meets on the same day, as we did last year. Entry closing dates are:

Merrylands SwimFest 5.00pm on Saturday 8th February, 2020
Masters Meet 12.00pm on Friday 14th February, 2020.

Christmas & Holiday Events @ Club Merrylands Newman St, Merrylands

FREE Bingo - Wednesday 15 January 2pm
FREE Reptile Show - Sunday 19 January 12.30pm
Pizza Making - Tuesday 21 January 5pm - \$5

Cumberland Council Pool Hours over the Holiday Period

Local pools will have reduced opening hours over the holiday period and Merrylands Swimming Centre will only be open between 9.30am and 5.00pm from Tuesday 24th December, 2019 to Wednesday 1st January, 2020 inclusive (closed Christmas & Boxing Day). Normal opening times will resume on Thursday 2nd January, 2020 with the closing time moving to 8.00pm.

Club Uniform

Our great range of club uniform items are available for sale and these can be sourced through the online shop (<https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/>). Please see our Property Officer (Margaret Edwards) if you need assistance or have questions about the club uniform items. Margaret is also taking orders for hoodies and winter jackets, as these require minimum order numbers and have a lead time to obtain.

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ONLINE ENTRY CLOSING
NSW State Age Senior C/Ships	Friday 13 th December Wednesday 18 th December	Closed
MASC 400metre Freestyle (JNR)	Saturday 14 th December	Closed
NSW State Open & Age Open Water	Friday 20 th December Saturday 21 st December	Closed
MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 21 st December	Thursday 19 th December
Christmas Break - No Swimming	Saturday 28 th December	N/A
Club Races Resume	Saturday 4 th January	Thursday 2 nd January
MSW Qualifying Meet	Sunday 5 th January	Tuesday 24 th December
NSW Speedo Sprint Series Heats	Saturday 1 st February	Tuesday 21 st January

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