



WHALES TALES

Saturday 27th March, 2021

Season Conclusion

Today is our final Saturday of club races for the season. The weather really turned it on for us last week. Thank you to everyone who arrived earlier than normal to allow us to start the 1500m Championships just after 6.30am. We know swimming is a water sport, we just want the water in the pool, not everywhere else!



Highlights of the season include new club Championship records and a stack of PB's swum at meets including the Merrylands SwimFest, Area, Metropolitan, State & Open Water Championships. Congratulations to all of our swimmers on your achievements and to our great coaching team who work tirelessly to prepare our swimmers.

Thank you to everyone who has participated and contributed to another successful club season:

- Committee members
- Club Captains
- Everyone who helped set up, officiate & pack up
- Learn to Swim instructors & helpers
- Swimmers
- Coaches

We are holding a breakfast bbq at the conclusion of club races today, so please stay around to enjoy the breakfast as we say goodbye to Merrylands Swimming Centre for the next few months.

NSW State Open Championships

The State Open Championships were held last weekend. Vanessa Ozols competed in the 50m Freestyle swimming a PB and breaking 40 seconds for the first time and the 100m Freestyle with her second fastest time. Alison Sakurovs competed in the 50m Freestyle against a large field including many Olympic triallists. Alison swam her second fastest time. Congratulations to you both 🍊🍊

NSW Junior State Age Championships

The State Junior Age Championships are being held this weekend at SOPAC. We have 2 swimmers who have qualified for individual events:

Joseph Assi	Event 53 - 100m Breast
	Event 77 - 50m Breast
Matthew Vivic	Event 31 - 50m Butterfly

In addition Joseph Assi, Joab Hada, Unish Shrestha & Daniel Vivic will represent in two relays, Event 21 - 4 x 50m Free & Event 59 - 4 x 50m Medley.

Congratulations to our swimmers and coaches on qualifying for the Championships. We wish you all good luck and may the whale be with you 🐳

Squad Training

Training moves to Guildford Swimming Centre next week (from Monday, 29th March, 2021). Sessions will be held in the outdoor pool and are scheduled to return to Merrylands in October. Please complete your squad enrolment to confirm that you plan to train whilst Merrylands is closed. The coaches will then confirm your days and sessions for training.

Season 2021/2022

Registration for next season will open in September 2021 and club races will commence in October 2021. Stay tuned to the club website and FaceBook page for details as they are available.

Whales Challenge #3

Last Saturday we saw the 3rd & final Whales Challenge for the season contested. Congratulations to the Maroon "Turner" team who took the honours from the White "Emery" team and ended up winning the season challenges 2 – 0, with the first challenge a tie between the teams.

Club Championship Results

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in the 1500m Freestyle Open Championships last week. Results were:

Mens Open	
1 st	Brendan Kirkpatrick
2 nd	Matthew Vivic
3 rd	Ian Wilson

Womens Open	
1 st	Summer Shrestha
2 nd	Alison Sakurovs
3 rd	Niushka Shrestha

Season Championship Ribbons

Whilst we have not been able to hold championship presentations during the season we do have championship ribbons available for any swimmers who would like to receive them for their 1st, 2nd or 3rd placings in the championship events.

If you would like to receive your championship ribbons please let Margaret know and she will make arrangements for them to be provided to you.

Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Monday 24th May, 2021 in the Club Room at Merrylands Swimming Centre, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Annual Report of the club will be presented, together with the election of Office Bearers and Committee positions. Nominations for positions must be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the meeting. We encourage all members to attend the AGM.

Annual Presentation

The Committee is still working through the logistics of holding the Annual Presentation to celebrate this season. We will communicate information to all members once this is finalised.

School Meet Results

Congratulations to Joab Hada who was successful at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival. Joab went on to compete at the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival and made it to the NSW CPCS Championships where he swam a PB in the 50m Freestyle. Congratulations Joab 🏆



MSW 5-8 Years Development Meet

The 5-8 Years Development Meet will be held on Saturday 17th April 2021 at Guildford Swimming Centre. The meet will commence at 2.00pm (warm up 1.00pm). Entries close in Swim Central on Wednesday 7th April 2021. Program and meet information on the MSW website at <https://metroswsw.swimming.org.au>

McCredie Park 40 Year Anniversary Meet

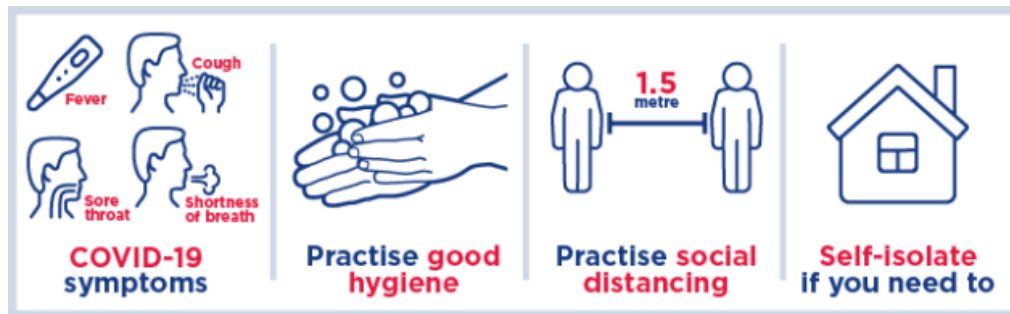
The postponed McCredie Park 40 Year Anniversary Meet will be held on Sunday 2nd May, 2021 at Guildford Swimming Centre. The meet will commence at 10.00am (warm up 9.00am). Entries close in Swim Central on Monday 26th April 2021 or when entries reach a timeline finish of 3.30pm. Program and meet information on the MSW website at <https://metroswsw.swimming.org.au>

Masters Long Course Championships

The NSW Masters SC Championships will be held at SOPAC on Saturday 10th April 2021 & Sunday 11th April 2021. Entries close at 12.00pm on Friday 2nd April 2021. More information can be found at <https://mastersswimmingnsw.org.au>

Upcoming Events - * includes season program changes*****

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
MASC 400metre Freestyle Championship (Boys 14 – Senior, Girls 13 - Senior) (Veterans)	Saturday 27 th March	Closed
SNSW State Age Junior Championships	Saturday 27 th March to Sunday 28 th March	Closed
NSW Masters LC Championships	Saturday 10 th April to Sunday 11 th April	Friday 2 nd April
MSW Area 5 – 8 Years Development Meet	Saturday 17 th April	Wednesday 7 th April
McCredie Park 40 Year Anniversary Meet	Sunday 2 nd May	Monday 26 th April



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