



WHALES TALES

Saturday 12th February, 2022

Speedo Sprint – Sunday 13th February

We have a team of 16 swimmers representing our club tomorrow at the Speedo Sprint Series being held at SOPAC.

Good luck to everyone in our team and may the whale be with you all 🐳. Look for a report about the meet in next weeks Whales Tales.

Merrylands SwimFest – Saturday 19th February

The Merrylands SwimFest is being held next Saturday. We will require help with set up prior to the meet as warm up commences at 1.30pm and races start at 2.30pm.

We have a big afternoon with the meet at capacity entries, so we need the assistance of all parents & carers on the day with a range of tasks to be carried out during and after the meet.

A big thankyou to our meet sponsors, Club Merrylands, Starr Partners, Merrylands Swim Squad and Alpha Security Corp who are kindly providing assistance.

Metro South West Area Championships Saturday 26th February & Sunday 27th February

Entries close Wednesday 16th February for this meet.

This is our areas major championship meet and will be held at SOPAC.

Relay Competition

A couple of timely reminders for this competition:

- Weekly swimmer nominations need to be submitted prior to the team swimming each week. This form nominates the 4 swimmers of the team that will swim on the day. Complete the form at <https://merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces/relay.aspx>
- No use of timing is to be used during the race (no watching the timekeepers stopwatch or pacing along the pool deck etc). Teams found doing this will be disqualified from the race

Vale – Tascha Sinclair

This week we received news that a former club member and Club Captain had sadly passed away.

Tascha Sinclair was a club member in the 1980/90's and was Club Captain in 1990, 1992 & 1993. As an active club member Tasha was awarded the Lions Club trophy in 1985/86 and 1990/91.

Tasha won her age championships over a number of years, including the 11 years (1985/86), 12 years (1986/87), 13 years (1987/88), 14 years (1988/89), 15 years & Open Womens (1989/90), 16 years (1990/91) & Senior Womens 1992/93.

Tascha's mum, Val was also an active club and committee member over many years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's family.



Tascha Sinclair (circled) receiving her Age Champion trophy at the 1988/89 Presentation evening

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Latest information can be found at

<https://merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces/entryconditions.aspx>

Cole Classic 2022

The 2022 Cole Classic was swum at Manly last Sunday and a number of our club members swam in the 1 km, 2klm o& 5klm races.

Congratulations to everyone on completing the swim in very tough conditions 🍋

Championship Results – 5th February 2022

50m Freestyle

Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys 7 years	William Johnston		
Boys 8 years	Jay Shrestha		
Girls 8 years	Emmanuelle Johnston		
Girls 9 years	Ruby Shrestha	Gabriella Assi	
Boys 9 years	Lucas Alvarez		
Girls 10 years	Aisha Abdelraheem	Jhanvi Jayasinghe	
Girls 11 years	Lisa Shrestha		
Boys 11 years	Joab Hada	Daniel Vivic	Unish Shrestha
Girls 13 years	Summer Shrestha	Niushka Shrestha	Ameena Abdelraheem
Girls 14 years	Shreya Shrestha		
Boys 14 years	Matthew Vivic	Kyran Davis	
Womens 15 years	Keira Somarchand		
Womens 16 years	Laura-Belle Casey	Vanessa Ozols	Darla Assi
Womens 17 years & Over	Alison Sakurovs	Katie Hope	Sophia Vivic
Mens 17 years & Over	Carlos Vergara	Timothy Oliver	
Womens 35 years & Over	Kylee Murray	Leanne Tovkach	Patricia Johnston
Mens 35 years & Over	Ian Wilson	Ian Johnston	

25m Freestyle

Mixed	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	Jacob Hada	Hannah Johnston	

200m Freestyle

Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Boys 11 years	Joab Hada	Daniel Vivic	
Girls 13 years	Summer Shrestha	Niushka Shrestha	Nevah Shrestha
Girls 14 years	Shreya Shrestha		
Boys 14 years	Matthew Vivic		
Womens 15 years	Keira Somarchand		
Womens 16 years	Laura-Belle Casey	Darla Assi	Vanessa Ozols
Womens 17 years & Over	Alison Sakurovs	Katie Hope	Sophia Vivic
Mens 17 years & Over	Carlos Vergara	Timothy Oliver	
Womens 35 years & Over	Kylee Murray		
Mens 35 years & Over	Ian Wilson	Ian Johnston	
Womens Open	Alison Sakurovs	Summer Shrestha	Niushka Shrestha
Mens Open	Matthew Vivic	Carlos Vergara	Ian Wilson

Upcoming Championship & Meet Calendar

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
MASC 50m, 25m & 200m (Open) Backstroke Championships	Saturday 12 th February	Closed
MASC 200m Individual Medley Championships	Saturday 12 th February	Closed
Speedo Sprint Series - Heats	Sunday 13 th February	Closed
MASC SwimFest	Saturday 19 th February	Closed
MSW Area LC Championships	Saturday 26 th February Sunday 27 th February	Wednesday 16 th February
NSW State Open Championships	Friday 4 th March Sunday 6 th March	Tuesday 22 nd February
MASC 800m (Open) Freestyle Championship	Saturday 12 th March	Thursday 10 th March
Speedo Sprint Series - Finals	Saturday 12 th March	Qualify via Heats
NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	Saturday 19 th March Sunday 20 th March	TBA
MASC 1500m (Open) Freestyle Championship	Saturday 26 th March	Thursday 24 th March
NSW Junior State Age Championships	Saturday 26 th March Sunday 27 th March	Tuesday 15 th March
MSW 5 – 8 Meet	Saturday 2 nd April	TBA
Australian Masters Championships	Wednesday 20 th April Saturday 23 rd April	Friday 8 th April
Australian Masters Open Water Championships	Sunday 24 th April	Friday 8 th April
MSW Area SC Championships	Saturday 28 th May Sunday 29 th May	TBA

Sponsors

We receive great support from our club sponsors and we thank them for this support.



We also welcome a new Secondary meet sponsor to the Merrylands SwimFest for 2022. Thankyou to Denise Assi for sourcing this sponsorship for the club.

If anyone has contacts who would like to assist in sponsorship of the club please let Graham know

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