



WHALES TALES

Saturday 15th October, 2022

Season is up and running

Thank you to everyone who helped get the season off to a great start last week. From the pre-season planning to all the work on the morning it takes a lot of people to ensure a successful day. Leo Repeti kindly refereed for the club races, so thank you to Leo for his time. The weather was kind for the morning as well, let's hope that continues throughout the season.

Officiating

To successfully run club races every week we need the help of a lot of people.

Timekeeping plays an important part as every swimmer depends on accurate timing for their race. We need 2 timekeepers per lane so please step forward to help on the morning. Timekeepers should report to the Chief Timekeeper (Denise Assi) before races commence so we can assign you to a lane and determine which additional lanes we need to fill.

If you are interested in learning more about officiating please let Graham know as we can provide a range of information and assistance to help you achieve your accreditations.

Skills Sessions

We will be holding a series of Super Saturday Skills Sessions after club races. The first session will be held this Saturday from 9am to 10am and will focus on Race Starts. The sessions will then be held on the first Saturday of the month from November onwards.

Swimmers from Novice 2 and above are welcome to book into this session. The cost is \$7.50 per swimmer, which will come off your multi-session pass.

These sessions should be considered an extra session, not a replacement for a session during the week, and need to be [booked online](#).

Relay Competition

Time trials have commenced for the Relay Competition and continue today. To enter your team today see Margaret before the relay event is swum. There are only 2 more swims left for time trials before teams need to be finalised and your entry time nominated.

Championships

Club Championships start next Saturday (22nd October 2022). Remember, to enter a Championship, you must have swum that stroke and that distance in the current season to be eligible to enter.

Make sure you [download](#) a copy of the program from the website and plan your swims so you don't miss out.

Tip: Don't leave qualifying until the last minute – get your qualification swims completed as soon as possible.

Committee 2022/2023

The Executive and Committee elected at the AGM in May:

Executive Members

President	Graham Edwards
Vice President	Peter Johnston
Secretary	Leanne Tovkach
Treasurer	Ian Johnston
Race Secretary	Alison Johnston
Social Secretary	Denise Assi

Committee Members

Tricia Johnston	Margaret Edwards
Ian Wilson	Danielle Vivic

We have a couple of vacancies, so if you are interested in helping out, please speak to Graham Edwards.

Club Captains

[Nominations](#) for the positions of Male and Female Club Captains are open and close at 9.30am on week 4 (29th October, 2022). Information about the duties and responsibilities of Club Captains can be found on the club website in the By-Laws.

All financial first claim members can vote for these positions on week 6 (12th November, 2022).

Membership Cards

The Pool Staff may ask for proof of your club membership when purchasing your pool entry or your 20-visit pass. You can download a copy of your membership card from Swim Central to show to the staff if requested. Instructions are [here](#).

Free Membership for 8yrs & Under

Thanks to a grant received from Club Merrylands swimmers aged 8yrs & Under, who regularly swim in our club races may be eligible to receive a reimbursement on their membership fees. More information on eligibility criteria and how to claim reimbursement is on our [website](#).

Bring a Friend

Did you know your friends can Come & Try club races for up to 4 weeks without being a member? Just get them to sign up through our [website](#).

Club Uniforms

We have a great range of club uniforms available for sale. These can be purchased through the club's online shop.

Some items require special orders to be placed, so minimum numbers may be required before orders for these items can be placed with the supplier.

If you have any questions about club uniforms please talk to the Property Officer, Margaret Edwards.

<https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms>

Parramatta Inter-Club Cup

The [Inter-Club Cup](#) is back for 2022! We will take on Parramatta City and McCredie Park right here at Merrylands Swimming Centre on Saturday, 12th November 2022. This is a great event for all our members with events from 7yrs & Under through to 50yrs & Over, and we need everyone's help to re-take the cup!

Entries are open to both Full Swimmers and Club Only Swimmers, so [enter](#) today!

Thanks to a grant from NSW Office of Sport, there is no cost to enter this year, and we will be providing food after the meet.

If you hold a Recreational Swimmer membership you will need to upgrade to at least a Club Swimmer to participate.

Entries close on Wednesday, 9th November – don't be late!

NSW State Masters Championships

Merrylands is being represented by 3 swimmers at the NSW State Masters Championships this weekend.

The 2-day championships are being held at the Australian Institute of Sport starting today. Our team will contest a total of 14 events. Good luck to Varant Jambazian, Kylee Murray & Leanne Tovkach. May the whale be with you all 🐳

Upcoming Meet Calendar

Check the [website](#) for the full list of upcoming meets, closing dates, programs and qualifying times.

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
NSW State Masters Championships	15-16 October	Closed
Metro South West Championships	29-30 October	19 th October
Metro South West Open Water Championships	6 th November	2 nd November
Parramatta Inter-Club Cup	12 th November	9 th November
Merrylands SwimFest	18 th February	4 th February

Sponsors

Thank you to our major sponsors who provide fantastic support to our club. If you know of a business or organisation that may be interested in providing sponsorship or support to our club please speak to Graham Edwards.



Some highlights from last Saturday



MYSTERY		MEDLEY			
1	Lisa	BR	BK	Fly	FS
2	Darla	BR	FS	Fly	BK
3	Ameena	BR	BK	Fly	FS
4	Joseph	FS	BK	Fly	BR
5	Daniel	Fly	FS	BR	BK
6	Matt	BR	BR	Fly	FS
7	Kyran	FS	BK	BR	Fly
1	Gabby	Fly	BR	BK	FS
2	William	FS	BK	Fly	BR
3	Jay	BR	Fly	BK	FS
4	Ruby	BK	FS	Fly	BR
5	Aisha	BK	BR	FS	Fly