



# WHALES TALES

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022

## Club Championships

Club Championships start today. Remember, to enter a Championship, you must have swum that stroke and that distance in this 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.**

Good luck to everyone competing in the Club Championships over the season.

## Whales Challenge #1

The first of the three Whales Challenges starts today. This is an intra-club series with swimmers divided into two teams (Maroon "Turner" Team and White "Emery" team").

Last year saw the White team take a clean sweep in all three challenges. Can the Maroon team start off with a win in the first challenge this season?

Entries for club races are submitted as usual for a normal Saturday morning. Swimmers must wear their club cap in their team colour while competing to get points for their team. Teams are available [here](#).

## Club Captains

[Nominations](#) for the positions of Male and Female Club Captains are open and close at 9.30am on week 4 (29<sup>th</sup> 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 (12<sup>th</sup> November, 2022).

## Relay Competition

Time trials for the Relay Competition conclude today. To enter your team for the time trial today see Margaret before the relay event is swum. The Relay Competition will commence on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Details on selecting the entry time, entering the team, and nominating the 4 swimmers competing each week can be found on the club [website](#).

## NSW State Masters Championships

Merrylands was represented by 3 swimmers at the NSW State Masters Championships in Canberra last weekend.

Congratulations to Varant Jambazian, Kylee Murray & Leanne Tovkach on your swims over the meet.

The team of 3 swam a total of 14 events, achieving a total of 6 new personal best times and earned 1 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. 🏆🥈🥉 A Full report can be found on the club [website](#).

## Skills Sessions

The first of the Super Saturday Skills Sessions was held after club races last week. It was well attended by swimmers, with both land and pool skill work.

Further sessions will be held on the first Saturday of the month from November onwards (between 9am to 10am).

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](#).

## Learn to Swim

Our Learn to Swim program starts 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We do need helpers to assist in delivering this important program. People interested can speak to Peter Johnston to find out what roles are needed to be filled.

[Enrolments](#) are open **now** to existing members and the cost will be \$55. Full details about the program and how to register can be found on the club [website](#). Enrolments will open to non-members during the week, so don't delay in enrolling.

## 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. To order uniform items go to <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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 (entries close on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022).

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.

We also require the help of everyone on the afternoon as we will need to set up, provide timekeeping (we will have automatic timing system being used), catering, pack up etc. Please see Graham to volunteer.

This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> time the meet has been held, with the past years not being held due to Covid restrictions.

### Past Winners

Year	Club	Venue
2013	Merrylands	Granville Swimming Centre
2014	Parramatta City	Merrylands Swimming Centre
2015	Parramatta City	Parramatta Swimming Centre
2016	Merrylands	Granville Swimming Centre
2017	Parramatta City	Merrylands Swimming Centre
2018	Parramatta City	Granville Swimming Centre
2019	Parramatta City	Merrylands Swimming Centre
2020	Not held	
2021	Not held	

Let's make 2022 the year of another Merrylands win!

## 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
<b>Metro South West Championships</b>	29-30 October	Closed
<b>Metro South West Open Water Championships</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
<b>Parramatta Inter-Club Cup</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> November	9 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Merrylands SwimFest</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> February	4 <sup>th</sup> February

## Sponsors

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