



WHALES TALES



Saturday 21st January, 2023

Boardshort Relay

Our annual Australia Day Boardshort Relay will be held today. Get your boardshorts on and we will put you in a team.

Championships resume next week

Club Championships resume next week. Don't forget you need to have swum an event previously this season to qualify, plus, you need to get your entries in on time!

50m, 25m & 200m Breaststroke are up next week.

Video Promotion

A videographer will be attending Club Races on Saturday 4th February to film some of our club activities and conduct some interviews with members to promote the club and one of our sponsors, Starr Partners.

Please make sure you are wearing your club uniform on the day

No Training – Australia Day

There is no training on Thursday 26th January due to the Australia Day Public Holiday. Enjoy a day off to celebrate our great country.

Merrylands SwimFest – closing soon

The clock is ticking on entries for the Merrylands SwimFest with now only 14 days until the entries close.

See the [website](#) for details, get your entries in and think about how you will help on the day.

Club Uniforms

Order your club uniforms before the Merrylands SwimFest online [here](#).

Do your kids know what is going on?

Keep your kids informed about what is happening. Print them a copy of the newsletter to read each week or sign them up to receive a copy via [email](#).

Merrylands SwimFest Jobs

We need lots of people to help run the meet. There are many niche jobs we need to fill.

Announcer: Do you like the sound of your own voice? Then the job of announcer at the meet could be for you!

Medal Table: Fancy a bit of bling? Then maybe a spot on the medal table distributing medals is your thing.

Marshal & Check Starter: Swimmers need help getting to the correct lane at the correct time. These positions are critical to the meet running smoothly.

Recorder: Can you handle numbers? The recorders process the results and relay entries for the meet.

Do any of these sound like you? If so, please volunteer when asked later this month.

Lions Club Award

Each month the Committee votes for the Lions Club Award – the club's Volunteer of the Year.

You can nominate a club member to recognise their service online [here](#).

Speedo Sprint Series Heats

Time is running out to enter the Speedo Sprint Series. Speak to your coach if you are unsure whether you should enter. Entries close on 31st January – see the [website](#) for details.

P-Plate Award

The P-Plate Award recognises (or perhaps highlights) the "Silly Mistake of the Year".

This award is hotly contested and we have even had a couple of visiting officials trying to get in on the act recently.

So, have you seen a swimmer, spectator or official 17 years or over do something silly? Nominate the person [here](#).





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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
Speedo Sprint Series Heats	12 th February	31 st January
Merrylands SwimFest	18 th February	4 th February
NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	25 th February & 26 th February	14 th February
Speedo Sprint Series Finals	4 th March	Qualify via Heats meet
NSW State Open Championships	10 th March to 12 th March	28 th February
NSW Junior State Age Championships	25 th March & 26 th March	14 th March
NSW State Masters Championships	1 st & 2 nd April	24 th March
Australian Masters Championships	18 th – 22 nd April	23 rd March

