



# WHALES TALES

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

## Merrylands SwimFest entries

Only 1 week to go before entries close (4<sup>th</sup> February) for the Merrylands SwimFest.

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

## Merrylands SwimFest jobs

We need lots of people to help run the meet and now is the time to volunteer.

Put your name down to do one of these jobs [online](#) today.

- Timekeeper
- Chief Timekeeper
- BBQ Cook
- BBQ Sales
- Marshal
- Check Starter
- Starter
- Announcer
- Recorder
- Runner
- Medals
- Refreshments

We will also need help setting up and packing up on the day.

## Relay Competition

The Relay Competition resumes this week. Remember to nominate your 4 swimmers before the event [here](#).

Teams can nominate a new time to swim against from the 4<sup>th</sup> February. If you want to nominate a new time to swim against, email the [Race Secretary](#) with your team name and new time before the race on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## Speedo Sprint Series Heats

Entries close on 31<sup>st</sup> January – see the [website](#) for details. Speak to your coach if you are unsure whether you should enter.

## Club Uniforms

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

## Video Promotion

A videographer will be attending Club Races next Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](#).

## 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](#).

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## Free Membership for kids 8 & Under

Did you know that thanks to Club Merrylands, we provide Free Membership for swimmers 8yrs & Under who regularly swim in our club races? Swimmers who meet the criteria can request a reimbursement of their membership fee. Details are [here](#) if you haven't claimed your reimbursement yet.

## Lucky Door Prize

The Lucky Door prize is back this week. You could win your choice of a Speedo kickboard, flipper bag or pair of Opal Mirror goggles. How do you win? You must be in attendance at the Championship presentation when your name is called to win.



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