



WHALES TALES

Saturday 11th February, 2023

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who turned up last Saturday in their club uniform for the filming. Thank you also for your patience as we had to rearrange some things on the fly to accommodate the schedule. We will share the video as soon as it is complete and we hope it will be a great promotion for the club.

Starr Partners recently completed a video with one of our other sponsors, Club Merrylands. You can check this video out [here](#).

Thank you to Starr Partners for their ongoing support.

Merrylands SwimFest – Helpers Required

It takes a small army to run the SwimFest and we need your help! If you haven't already done so, please [nominate](#) for a position now!

We need to fill the following positions:

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

No Club Races - Saturday, 18th February

This year, we have decided to trial not running Club Races on the morning of the Merrylands SwimFest.

This should shorten the day for everyone involved.

Club Races will be back on 25th February.

Club Uniforms

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

Merrylands SwimFest - Setup

We need assistance setting up for the meet, so we are asking that you arrive at the meet by 12:30pm to assist with the setup.

There is lots of setup work to do including:

- Shelters
- Chairs & Tables
- Lane Ropes
- Timing Equipment & Touchpads
- Flags and Banners
- BBQ and Food preparation

Then it all needs to be packed away again at the end. Please make sure you help.

Speedo Sprint Series Heats

Good luck to our team at the Speedo Sprint Series Heats on Sunday. Thirteen of our junior swimmers will swim in 46 individual events at the meet, with some swimming their first meet at SOPAC. Go Team!

Championship Records

Three new championship records were set in the Freestyle Championships last Saturday.

Kylee Murray set a new record of 36.68 in the Veterans 50m Freestyle breaking the previous record of 37.09 by 0.41 seconds which she had held since 2017. Kylee then backed up for the Veterans 200m Freestyle where she also broke her own record. Kylee took a massive 3.8 seconds off the record of 3:10.40 which she had set in 2020.

Matthew Vicic set a new record time in the 15yrs 200m Freestyle, breaking the old record of 2:24.72 which had been held by Robert Griffey since 1999. Matthew took a huge 3.06 seconds off the time to touch in 2:21.66.

Well done to Kylee and Matt on their swims!

