



# WHALES TALES

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2024

## Welcome to our Spring Racing Carnival

Welcome back to Merrylands Swimming Centre and club races. This week and next are an opportunity to prepare for the competition season, which starts on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October (no club races on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October due to the long weekend and school holidays). Please note that swims during the Spring Carnival don't count as qualification swims for the Club Championships – you need to swim the event after 1<sup>st</sup> October to qualify.

With Guildford Swimming Centre now closed (and fully demolished) we were successful in requesting Cumberland City Council re-open Merrylands Swimming Centre earlier this year and to also extend the closing date to the end of April 2025. We will also continue to work with Cumberland City Council to extend the opening period over the timeframe it takes to rebuild and open the new Guildford Swimming Centre.

## Committee 2024/2025

The AGM of the club was held in June. The Executive and Committee elected for 2024/2025 are:

### Executive Members

<b>President</b>	Graham Edwards
<b>Vice President</b>	Tricia Johnston
<b>Secretary</b>	Leanne Tovkach
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ian Johnston
<b>Race Secretary</b>	Alison Johnston
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Denise Assi

### Committee Members

Peter Johnston	Margaret Edwards
Danielle Vivic	Kylee Murray
Varant Jambazian	Sylvia Chan

This provides us with a full quota of Committee members for the year. I congratulate and welcome everyone elected and look forward to working with you to build on the strength and successes of our club.

We also have a couple of club sub-committees and these are comprised of the following Committee members:

### Competition Committee

Alison Johnston (Race Secretary & Chair)

Peter Johnston

Tricia Johnston

### Social Committee

Denise Assi (Social Secretary)

Danielle Vivic

Sylvia Chan

### Learn to Swim Committee

Kylee Murray (LTS Co-ordinator)

Leanne Tovkach

Varant Jambazian

The Social Committee has already been active in organising various social activities over the season break, as well as some upcoming school holiday activities (see below).

## School Holiday Activities

A range of activities are available for all members of your family. See the flyer at the end of Whales Tales for more details but a snapshot of information is:

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Archery

[Sharp Shooters | Sydney Olympic Park \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Lawn Bowls

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Minifit

[Kids School Holiday Events - Club Merrylands Bowling](#)

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Trivia

[Hotel Seven Hills](#)



## Swimming NSW Registration is open

Registration for the 2024/2025 season is now open and instructions on how to re-register for the summer are on the [How to Join](#) page. Swimmers can enter our Spring Racing Carnival before renewing their 2024/2025 memberships, but won't be able to enter events after 1<sup>st</sup> October.

We are again providing [Free Membership](#) for swimmers 8yrs & Under, who regularly swim in our club races. See the club website for more information about this.

## Metro South West LC Area Championships

The Metro South West LC Area Championships will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October at SOPAC.

### Entries close on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Swimmers will have 3 weeks of club races to attempt any qualifying times they require before the closing date. The program of events and qualifying times are available [here](#).

## Casual Swimming Coach opportunities

Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club is seeking enthusiastic Swimming Coaches to assist with our Squad Program at Merrylands Swimming Centre (and Wentworthville Swimming Centre during the winter season).

We are looking to fill two positions:

- [Junior Swimming Coach \(Casual\)](#)
- [Masters Swimming Coach \(Casual\)](#)

For details or to apply, see the advertisement on [Indeed](#).

## Learn to Swim – Council offer

Cumberland City Council is offering learn to swim lessons at Merrylands Swimming Centre this season and have a special offer available for a limited time. They are offering a free Council swim membership and half price swimming lessons at Merrylands Swimming Centre for enrolments between 16<sup>th</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> October. See the attached flyer for more information.

## Seen a Problem? Get it Fixed

Seen something at the pool that needs fixing? Let Council know of any issues by using the Snap Send Solve mobile app which can be found at: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/snapsendsolve](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/snapsendsolve)

## Relay Competition – new format

We are trialling a new Relay event for this year to replace the previous Relay Competition. A trial event will be held next Saturday (28<sup>th</sup> September). To get involved, enter event 15R via Swim Central for next week's races. The Competition Committee will create teams of 2 and teams will be given a time handicap. The first team to the wall wins.

## Donations

We have partnered with the Australian Sports Foundation to allow supporters to make tax-deductible donations to the club.

Funds raised will go towards upgrading and maintaining our timing equipment and results systems, providing better facilities for you, our members.

Of course, we will also continue to seek grants and sponsorship to help fund these purchases, but any donation you make will help us to reach our goals faster.

We appreciate any support you can provide and donations can be made at [Donate now](#)

## 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
Metro South West Area LC Championships	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Parramatta Inter-Club Cup	Saturday, 9th November	TBA



# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2024

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**MON  
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## ARCHERY

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK**

9.30am, \$22, 1hr session  
- Young Archers (7-9yrs)  
- Sharp Shooters (10yrs+, adults)

SOCCER PLAY AND PICNIC LUNCH AFTERWARDS.  
REGISTER VIA SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK WEBSITE.



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## LAWN BOWLS

**CLUB MERRYLANDS BOWLING**

9.30am (5-12yrs), 10.30am (12-18yrs) - free, 1hr  
REGISTER VIA CLUB MERRYLANDS BOWLING WEBSITE.



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## MINIFIT

**HILLTOP ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL**

10am (5-8yrs), 1pm (9-12yrs) - free, 2hrs  
FITNESS CLINIC.  
REGISTER VIA CLUB MERRYLANDS BOWLING WEBSITE.



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## TRIVIA NIGHT

**SEVEN HILLS HOTEL**

6pm - Bistro dinner  
7pm - Trivia event (free)

INDOOR PLAYGROUND AND WATER PARK FOR KIDS!  
BOOK THROUGH SYLVIA BY 23/9/24.



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT SYLVIA CHAN 0435 178 628





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# Claim a Free Membership and *Half Price Swimming Lessons*

Available when you enrol into swimming lessons at Merrylands Swim Centre between 16 September and 13 October 2024<sup>^</sup>



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/merrylands-swim-centre](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/merrylands-swim-centre)

<sup>^</sup>Terms and conditions apply. Offer starts 26/08/2024 and ends 13/09/2024. Swimming lessons will be discounted by 50%, total value will vary depending on how many classes are booked during the promotional period. The complimentary membership is only valid for the enrolled customer and only whilst an active enrolment is maintained. Customers must complete the enrolment form and agree to the standard terms and conditions. Limited to 1 claim per student.

