



WHALES TALES

Saturday 16th November, 2024

Club Captain voting

A reminder that voting for the 2024-2025 Club Captains closes at 9.30am this morning.

An email with a link to vote was sent to all financial first claim members this week. If you have not already voted using this link, please do so this morning.

Nominees for Club Captain are:

Male Club Captain	Female Club Captain
Joseph Assi	Lisa Shrestha
Max Okorovik	Niushka Shrestha
Jokubas Urbonas	

Cumberland Inter-Club Cup

Congratulations to our team of 36 swimmers who competed at the Cumberland Inter-Club Cup last Saturday afternoon.

It was a great afternoon of racing, with 40 new personal best times. We had 55 top-3 swims, including 19 first-place finishes 🏆

Unfortunately, it was a tough ask due to the weight of numbers, with 54 swimmers representing Parramatta City. Our team put up a valiant effort and we congratulate Parramatta City on retaining the cup this year. Thanks to McCredie Park who hosted the event this year.

A big thank you to our coaches who prepared our team for the meet and to our parents who worked as timekeepers during the meet and Margaret Edwards for Check Starting at the meet.

Club Uniforms

We have a great range of club uniforms in stock available for sale, see the club's online shop [club shop](#).

If you have any questions about club uniforms please talk to the Property Officer, Margaret Edwards.

Club Sponsorships

If you are aware of any business which may be interested in providing financial or other support to our club during the season please let Graham know.

Championship race results

Last week we held two Club Championship events, the 100 metres Freestyle and 100 metres Breaststroke. Congratulations to everyone who competed in these events. The results were:

100 metres Freestyle

8 Years Girls	Lily Palise
12 Years Girls	Gabriella Assi Grace Brancatisano
14 Years Girls	Lisa Shrestha
16 Years Womens	Niushka Shrestha
Senior Womens	Alison Sakurovs Laura-Belle Casey
Veteran Womens	Leanne Tovkach Tricia Johnston
9 Years Boys	Damien Chan Xavier Ou
10 Years Boys	William Johnston Daniel Brancatisano
11 Years Boys	Tomas Dlesk Jay Shrestha
14 Years Boys	Joseph Assi
15 Years Mens	Leo Zhu Max Okorovik
Senior Mens	Jaden Morera
Veteran Mens	Ian Willson Varant Jambazian Stephen Brancatisano

Open Championship results:

Open Womens	Alison Sakurovs Laura-Belle Casey Niushka Shrestha
Open Mens	Leo Zhu Joseph Assi Jaden Morera



100 metres Breaststroke

12 Years Girls	Gabriella Assi
14 Years Girls	Lisa Shrestha
16 Years Womens	Niushka Shreshta
Senior Womens	Laura-Belle Casey
Veteran Womens	Leanne Tovkach Tricia Johnston
9 Years Boys	Damien Chan
10 Years Boys	William Johnston
11 Years Boys	Tomas Dlesk Jay Shrestha Patrick Hannan
14 Years Boys	Joseph Assi
15 Years Mens	Leo Zhu* Max Okorovik
Veteran Mens	Ian Willson Varant Jambazian Simon Johnston

Open Championship results:

Open Womens	Laura-Belle Casey Niushka Shrestha Lisa Shrestha
Open Mens	Leo Zhu* Joseph Assi Ian Wilson

Congratulations to Leo Zhu who broke two club records last week in the Age & Open Mens Breaststroke Championship races.

Leo swam a time of 1:17.53, breaking the time of 1:21.35 set by Anthony Ventra in 2008 for the 15 Years Mens Age Championship and 1:18.95 set by Todd Jenkin in 2005 for the Open Mens Championship.

Seen a Problem? Get it Fixed

If you see something that needs fixing you can elevate this directly with Council by logging the issue [here](#).

Thank you to those who have logged issues using this link, as we have already seen some repairs undertaken to issues that were recently reported 🍌

Lions Club Award

Seen someone that deserves recognition for their efforts in helping out? Nominate them for the Lions Club Award, our peak award to recognise our volunteers over the season.

Thankyou to the following people who were nominated during October 🍌:

Denise Assi
Johnson Chan
Graham Edwards
Margaret Edwards
Ian Johnston
Peter Johnston
Tricia Johnston
William Johnston
Jeff Palise
Niushka Shrestha
Jokubas Urbonas

Nominate a volunteer

P-Plate Award

Don't forget to keep an eye out for someone making a silly mistake during the season. We like to recognise and reward all efforts during the season and the P-Plate award is the perfect way to do this for something funny that happens at club.

Nominate a silly mistake

Make a Donation

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.

Make a donation

Christmas Raffles, Events & BBQ

Our Social Committee has been hard at work with the elves planning our Christmas club event (Saturday 21st December).

A flyer advertising the morning is attached, so keep the morning free to come and enjoy the celebrations.



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
MSW Open Water C/Ships	Sunday 17 th November	Closed
NSW Junior Metropolitan C/Ships	Saturday 23 rd & Sunday 24 th November	Closed
NSW Masters LD Championships	Sunday 24 th November	Closed
NSW Senior State Age C/Ships	Friday 6 th December to Thursday 12 th December	Tuesday 26 th November
NSW Open Water Championships	Saturday 14 th December & Sunday 15 th December	Tuesday 3 rd December
MASC Christmas BBQ	Saturday 21 st December	
Area Speedo Sprint Heats	Saturday 8 th February	TBA
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 15 th February	TBA
NSW Senior Metropolitan C/Ships	Friday 21 st February to Sunday 23 rd February	Tuesday 11 th February
NSW Junior State Age Championships	Saturday 15 th March to Sunday 16 th March	Tuesday 4 th March
NSW State Open Championships	Friday 21 st March to Sunday 23 rd March	Tuesday 11 th March



Set Up & Pack Up on Saturday Mornings

There is a lot to do in set up and pack up on Saturday mornings – thank you to the members who have been arriving early and/or staying back to help.

These are some of the things that need to be done, with an emphasis commencing on time:-

Priority Items

- Shelter and side shade for the recorders on the lane 1 start side of the pool – lives in the clubroom near the side door.
- Plastic table and 4 (grey) chairs for the recorders. Table lives in the shed. Grey chairs from the club room.
- Wireless Router to be fitted to the time clock pole at the start end, plugged in and switched on.
- Starter podium and witches' hats (to remind people not to walk in front of the Starter and Referee) – lives in the shed, front left corner.
- Power cables for computers to be connected to same power point as Router on pole.
- Speaker etc for starting device – lives in plastic box on Starter's podium. Place speaker on lane 8 side securely next to pole of backstroke flags and roll cable along pool deck coping to lane 1 side. Cover exposed cable with cable guards (see below).
- Starting device tripod – lives in the clubroom near the side door (same place as shelter and side shade)
- Starting device – will be on charge in the clubroom on kitchen bench
- Cable guards (6 yellow) for the Recorders & speaker for the Starter – these live in the shed.

Important Items

- Stopwatches and clipboards – black case lives in the locker in the clubroom and needs to be set up on a folding table from the shed. Turn them on.
- 15m (false start) rope (in box with Starter's podium) and poles (in 'old club room'). You will need someone to show you how this works and you will be so proud of yourself when you master it!
- 25m rope (for 25m, 33m & 15m races). Lives in the shed in a wire trolley and needs to be rolled out along the end (preferably 50m end) of the pool.

Final items

- Block covers removed and put out of the way under the blue shelter.
- Chairs setup for Timekeepers at both ends of the pool. Chairs live in the shed and there is a trolley to move them.
- Presentation dais (only for Championship days) – lives in the clubroom under the trophy cabinet right side as you enter.
- Umbrellas if it is raining – found in a black plastic drum trolley in the Shed – good luck wheeling this one 😊 Including the beach umbrella for the Starter.

Pack up; return everything to the location it is stored and please be careful in handling cables and ropes so as not to tangle. Sometimes the blocks get a wash if we can find a working hose.

On rainy days, placement of the recording table and all associated equipment including router will be on the veranda of the Clubhouse. No need for shelter and tables.

Remember that timekeeper watches should not be turned on until after the Router is switched on