



WHALES TALES

Saturday 30th November, 2024

Club Captains

Congratulations to Lisa Shrestha and Joseph Assi who were elected as Club Captains for 2024/2025.

Championship races

This morning we are holding the 400 metre Freestyle Championship races. Good luck to everyone competing.

Remember:

- to qualify to swim in a Championship race you must have swum that stroke and distance already this season;
- check the entry limit conditions for the number of races you can swim on a morning
Championship races are held.

Masters NSW Long Distance Championships

Congratulations to Alison Sakurovs who competed in the Masters NSW Long Distance Championships last Sunday at Granville Swimming Centre.

Alison won both the 1500 metre Freestyle & 400 metre Freestyle events in her age group 🏆

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.

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.

[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

Our partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation allows 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

Make sure you have Saturday 21st December in your calendar, as we will be holding our Christmas club event.

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

Infrastructure Grant Application

Whilst we await the long promised modernisation of Merrylands Swimming Centre we have this week submitted a grant application through the Office of Responsible Gambling Clubgrants program for funds to undertake some infrastructure improvements at the swimming centre.

The grant sought is for a new shade shelter at the deep end of the 50m pool and update of the male and female changerooms. Stay tuned for more information once we hear if we have been successful with the application.

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](#).



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
NSW Senior State Age C/Ships	Friday 6 th December to Thursday 12 th December	Closed
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	Saturday 1 st February
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



Giving Tree

As the holiday season approaches, let's come together to make this Christmas special for every child in our community. We are organising a Giving Tree to collect presents for disadvantaged kids who might not otherwise experience the magic of the season.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Donate New Toys or Gifts: Drop off new, unwrapped toys or gifts suitable for children of all ages.

Drop-off Locations:
 Club Merrylands Bowling
 Guildford Bowling Club

Deadline for Donations: Monday 9 December 2024

Every little bit helps, and your generosity will bring smiles to many faces this Christmas. Let's show the true spirit of our community by making sure no child is left without a gift to open.

HAM, PORK & TURKEY Raffle

\$6000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON OVER TWO BIG NIGHTS

MONDAY 9 AND 23 DECEMBER

**RAFFLE DRAWN AT 7.30PM
 TICKETS ON SALE AT 5.30PM**

CHRISTMAS TOY RAFFLE

\$5000 WORTH OF TOYS TO BE WON FOR ALL AGES

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER
 RAFFLE DRAWN AT 7.30PM
 TICKETS ON SALE AT 5.30PM

SPEND \$20 ON RAFFLE TICKETS AND RECEIVE AN ENTRY TO WIN THE MAJOR PRIZE

Santa is Coming

MONDAY 16 DECEMBER
6PM - 7.30PM

GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA

FRESH SEAFOOD Raffle

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER
\$3500 WORTH
 of fresh seafood trays to be won
 Raffle drawn at 7.30pm | Tickets on sale at 5.30pm

Purchase \$20 worth of tickets for your chance to win one of three major prizes



Club Merrylands is a major sponsor and long term supporter of our club. Please support them at these events if you are able to.

For more information about the club, membership and upcoming events visit

<https://www.clubmerrylands.com.au>



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