



# WHALES TALES

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

## Welcome to our Spring Racing Carnival

Welcome back to Merrylands Swimming Centre and club races. We are excited to again hold a series of Spring Races, with a three week carnival before we commence the Summer season on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

The Spring Racing Carnival is an entrée to the Summer season and is provided to allow swimmers the opportunity to gain some race experience and fitness, whilst also trying some different events.

The Swimming Centre opens at 7.00am for setup and we are looking to commence races at 7.15am, with a finish within 90 minutes.

## Committee 2025/2026

The AGM of the club was held in May. The Executive and Committee elected for 2025/2026 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
Matthew Vivic	Kylee Murray
Varant Jambazian	Sylvia Chan

The Registrar for the club this season is Sylvia Chan. Any questions about membership should be directed to Sylvia.

Congratulations and welcome to everyone elected to positions on the club Committee.

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)

Sylvia Chan

Kylee Murray

### Learn to Swim Committee

Kylee Murray (LTS Co-ordinator)

Leanne Tovkach

Varant Jambazian

## Swimming NSW Registration is open

Registration for the 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 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.

## Revesby Workers 2025 LC Interclub Meet

Our club has been invited by Revesby Workers to participate in an Interclub meet on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

The meet will be held at Max Parker Aquatic Centre, Marco Avenue, Revesby. **Entries close on Thursday 18th September** (or earlier if entry limit is reached). For more information visit our club website.



## Metro South West LC Championships

The Metro South West LC Area Championships will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at SOPAC.

**Entries will close mid October.** We will provide more information once the program of events is published.

## Cumberland Inter-Club Cup

It is our turn to again host the Cumberland Inter-Club Cup to be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Merrylands Swimming Centre.

We have again been successful in obtaining a grant from Cumberland City Council for this meet and we will be providing catering, including food, drinks, coffee cart and the most popular ice cream van, YAY 😊

Our Social Committee is working hard to finalise all the details to make it a great afternoon again.

We will be using our set of touch pads for the meet so this is an early reminder that the meet is a whole of club event. Your help on the day will be needed and greatly appreciated.

## Walk to Defeat MND Fundraising

Thankyou to everyone who has donated to this key fundraising event. Our target goal of \$5,000 is within reach, having now exceeded \$4,200 🙌

Please spread the word about the fundraising effort to all of your friends and we hope you are able to join in on the fundraising walk event on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Blaxland Riverside Park, Sydney Olympic Park.

More information can be found using the QR code or website address on the attached brochure.

## Fat Jak's – new sponsor welcome

I am pleased to let you know that a local business, Fat Jak's, have joined with us and are providing sponsorship during the season.

Fat Jak's are located in Merrylands (MASON & MAIN 5/1 Main Lane) and they provide a range of delicious burgers, parmas and side dishes.

The sponsorship includes \$20 MVP vouchers and 10% discount loyalty cards. Stay tuned for more information and the rewards to begin 😊



## See a Problem? Get it Fixed

See 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)

## Donations

We continue our partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation to allow supporters to make tax-deductible donations to the club.

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

We appreciate the great support our members have provided since the partnership commenced. Donations can be made [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
Revesby Workers 2025 LC Interclub Meet	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Metro South West Area LC Championships	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	TBA Mid October
Cumberland inter-Club Cup	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	TBA





*Pool to Pavement for Peter*



**SYDNEY**

Join or Donate to our 'Make a splash for MND' team now!

*9am* **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2025**

**BLAXLAND RIVERSIDE  
PARK, SYDNEY  
OLYMPIC PARK**

**5KM CHARITY WALK TO SUPPORT  
PEOPLE LIVING WITH MOTOR  
NEURONE DISEASE**

**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES!**



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