



WHALES TALES



Saturday the 21st of March 2026

Saturday Club Races

Club races start at 7:00am, but we still need our awesome helpers there by 6:45 latest to help set up.

Tomorrow, we have Swim for your school so everyone entering will be representing their schools!!

On a similar note, it has been so fantastic hearing about all our swimmers and their achievements throughout their school carnivals! This week we had a whale lot of swimmers swimming at Sydney west and diocesan regionals representing their school and our awesome club!



Last week we had the 1500m championship events, where we had a few fantastic swimmers compete against each other to see who can swim the fastest!! Check it out! (see downloadable version).

Easter Fun Coming Up!

Keep an eye out around the clubhouse for our Easter Egg Jar Guessing Competition!

◆ 1 guess = \$2

◆ 3 guesses = \$5

We also have Easter Raffle Tickets available:

◆ 1 ticket = \$2

◆ 3 tickets = \$5

And don't forget - our Easter BBQ Breakfast is on next Saturday!

If you have an Easter parade hat lying around at home, bring it along and wear it on the day. Some of our swim kids have already made some fantastic hats that their parents will be proudly wearing!



Let's make it a fun morning both in and out of the pool!

Perpetual Trophies Reminder

As the final week of club races draws closer, please ensure that any perpetual trophies currently in your possession are returned, dusted and ready to be presented to their next deserving winners.



Swimmer Spotlight – Spotlight on Patrick Hannan



Tell us about your swimming journey

All my swimming training has been through our Merrylands Club. In year 3, I started Learn to Swim here with Graham as my instructor. I was then asked to trial for Beginner Squad, and I was so nervous and backed out because I didn't want to do it. I remember my first school swimming carnival I lost every race and made it for relay. Eventually I joined Squads and have been progressing since then.

Favourite stroke

Backstroke because I can breathe whenever I want and not many people are good or like backstroke! I'm probably better at Freestyle though as I'm faster at that stroke. My least favourite stroke is Butterfly, because I drown.

Proudest swimming achievement

Making it to Regionals this year for my first year 7 High School swimming carnival. I made it for most events, all 100m strokes (except Butterfly), 50m free and I'm the 2nd swimmer in the 6 x 50m relay team.

Swimming goal for this year

Get faster in my 50m free. I'd like to get below 35 seconds. I'm currently doing 37 seconds.

What do you enjoy about our Club?

The free sausage sizzles, and then the swimming races. I really enjoy the Championship races, especially the Backstroke ones!

Something interesting about you?

I love Photography and taking photos of lizards in my backyard. I have a Canon eos10500D that I bought with my own money. It's my favourite hobby, maybe I can bring it to take Club photos one day!

Club AGM & Annual Presentation

As the season draws to a close, we turn our eyes to planning the Club AGM and Annual Presentation.

We have selected the dates for these, so we ask that you put these in your calendar:

Club AGM Monday 25th May
Virtual meeting

Annual Presentation Saturday 30th May
Club Merrylands

We will provide more information as we get closer to these dates

Coaching Reminders

Attendance Reminder:

If you know you will be away from training, please remember to mark your attendance online prior to the session/s. This helps our super-duper coaches plan sessions appropriately and make sure everyone gets the most out of training.

Training Session update:

Training and Club Races continue through April, including the school holidays; however, there is no training or races on the following dates:

Saturday 4th April - Easter Saturday

Monday 6th April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 7th April (no morning training - afternoon sessions on as usual)



Saturday 25th April - Anzac Day

Monday 27th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th to 30th April - Australian Masters Championships

Do you need to put your enrolment on hold?

If you are going to miss a full calendar month of training, you can put your enrolment on hold for that month. To put your enrolment on hold for a full calendar month, submit the form on the website by the 26th of March. If the form is not submitted by then, you will be charged for the next month.

If you are going to miss a small number of sessions, you can submit your absences through the Swim School System up to one month in advance.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Members are invited to attend the ANZAC Day service at Merrylands on Saturday, 25th April. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to come together to represent our club and pay our respects.

We meet at Merrylands RSL Club and then participate in the march to Charles Mance Reserve, 6 Newman St, Merrylands. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the club, and attendees are also invited to return afterwards at Merrylands RSL Club for a breakfast provided by the RSL club.

We encourage members who are available to come along and support this important community event.

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 5-8 Year Development Meet	Sunday, 29th March 2026	Wednesday 18 th March
Masters Swimming NSW Long Course Championships	Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th April 2026	Friday, 3rd April @ 12:00 PM
Swimwest Short Course Qualifying Meet	Sunday, 26th April 2026	Friday, 17th April @ 10:00 PM
MSA National Championships	Tuesday 28th April to Sunday 3rd May 2026	Monday, 6th April @ 12:00 PM

More information will be provided closer to the event, so stay tuned.

P-Plate Award

We like to recognise and reward all efforts during the season, and the P-Plate award is the perfect way to recognise something silly someone has done during the season. Click on the link below to nominate someone.

[Nominate a silly mistake](#)

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](#).

Club Uniforms

Need uniform items before the end of the season? Items can be purchased through the club's online shop [club shop](#).

