



WHALES TALES

Saturday 6th January, 2018

Welcome Back

I hope you have enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and a great start to the 2018 New Year. Believe it or not we have only 12 weeks of swimming left after today.

Need inspiration for a great New Year's resolution that you can actually stick to? How about submitting your Race Entries on time and correctly. Cards are due in the box by 6pm Wednesday and Online Entries close 8pm Thursday.

Too hard to remember during the week? Complete your entries on Saturday mornings straight after club races.

Too busy to get them done on time? Guess what! Contrary to popular belief the Competition Committee DO have a life outside of swimming too. Make 2018 great for all– get those entries in on time!

Speedo Sprint Heats

Looking for a fun, friendly and fast paced activity this summer? Come and take part in the 2018 Speedo Sprint Series.

The Speedo Sprint Series caters for girls and boys aged between 8-13 years in 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50 m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly events and is a great way to have fun and learn new skills in a friendly environment.

Due to its timing, the meet, along with the Merrylands SwimFest, also provides good practice for School Swimming Carnivals. All club members aged from 8 to 13 are encouraged to enter.

This year's meet will be held on Sunday, 11th February, 2018 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre (races start at 1.00pm). Online entries close on Tuesday 30th January, 2018.

If you have not attended a meet before and would like some more information or help on entering, just ask one of the Club Committee Members.

February 2018 Important Dates

February 2018 sees our club holding two important swim meets, the Masters BPS on Saturday 10th February 2018 (entries close 2nd February 2018) and Merrylands SwimFest on Saturday 24th February 2018 (entries close 10th February 2018). We look forward to all of our club members participating in and assisting with these meets.

Chocolate Fund Raising

Thank you to everyone who sold chocolates for our fund raising. Please return any outstanding funds to Danielle Vicic.

Australia Swims

A 9-day celebration of water in January 2018. For more information on planned events and activities visit <https://australiaswims.com.au>

Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE
Club Races Resume	Saturday 6 th January	Wednesday 3 rd January
Whales Challenge	Saturday 20 th January	Wednesday 17 th January
MASC 1500metre Freestyle (Open)	Friday 2 nd February	Wednesday 31 st January
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MASC 50metre Butterfly	Saturday 10 th February	Wednesday 7 th February
Merrylands Masters BPS meet	Saturday 10 th February	Friday 2 nd February
Speedo Sprint Heats	Sunday 11 th February	Tuesday 30 th January
MASC 50metre Freestyle	Saturday 17 th February	Wednesday 14 th February
MASC 400metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 24 th February	Wednesday 21 st February
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 24 th February	Saturday 10 th February

Beers Burgers & Bowls

Sunday 31st December, 2017 saw a total of 10 members of our club and families attend the first Beers Burgers & Bowls event held by Club Merrylands. A great time was enjoyed by everyone with some bowls stars unearthed.

Club Merrylands will be holding this event on the last Sunday of every month in 2018 at Guildford Bowling Club, so why not come down and enjoy a few relaxing hours. Cost is \$12, which includes a burger for lunch, drink voucher and bowls. No need to book just turn up, the fun commences at 11.00am.



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Uniforms

Please see our Property Officer (Margaret) for your uniform orders or purchases. We are also progressively adding club uniform items to our new online store. Follow this link to see what items are currently available through an online order <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/>

Technical Accreditation

Technical roles now have online courses available. Let Graham know if you are interested in obtaining your first, or adding to your current technical accreditation (<https://nsw.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=217>).



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1/530 Merrylands Road, Merrylands

If you need to change a race entry already lodged or have any questions about the races please email race.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au

For more information & race results check out our club website www.merrylandsasc.asn.au
If you have any ideas or information for the newsletter, please email at publicity@merrylandsasc.asn.au or contact Graham Edwards on 0418 551 200