



## SANTAS WHALES TALES

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

### Christmas Wishes

We are already half way through the season and today is our last day for club races in 2019. Where have the first 12 weeks of club races gone? On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish every one of our members and their family's a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

After club races this morning we will have a BBQ breakfast, Christmas Hamper raffle draw & novelty events. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for the hampers. Tickets are \$1 and a book of 10 tickets is \$10, which you can still purchase this morning before the draw.

We look forward to seeing you back at training and club races on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. We will have the Merrylands 50's competition on during the morning races, so don't forget to get your entries in. Can Lisa Shrestha defend her inaugural title?

### Swimming NSW Senior State Age Championships

Vanessa Ozols and Alison Sakurovs represented our club at this meet last weekend. Congratulations to both Vanessa and Alison on their swims.

### Timekeepers Practical Assessment – today

The practical assessment of timekeepers who have completed the online course is being carried out this morning during club races. Good luck to all of our members undertaking the assessment and thank you to Dennis Browning (Mc Credie Park) who has volunteered to carry out the assessments.

### Christmas & Holiday Events @ Club Merrylands Newman St, Merrylands

FREE Bingo - Wednesday 15 January 2pm  
FREE Reptile Show - Sunday 19 January 12.30pm  
Pizza Making - Tuesday 21 January 5pm - \$5

### Cumberland Council Pool Hours over the Holiday Period

Local pools will have reduced opening hours over the holiday period and Merrylands Swimming Centre will only be open between 9.30am and 5.00pm from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 inclusive (closed Christmas & Boxing Day). Normal opening times will resume on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 with the closing time moving to 8.00pm.

### Merrylands SwimFest & Masters BPS Meets – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020

Don't forget to put this date in your diary or phone calendar. We are holding both meets on the same day, as we did last season. Entry closing dates are:

Merrylands SwimFest            5.00pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2020  
Masters Meet                      12.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.



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## A riddle for you

Who wins a fight between a large hornet and a tarantula spider??

## Learn to Swim

The first block of our Learn to Swim program concluded last week. It was a great success, with children and adults all participating. A big thank you to all of our volunteers who organised, taught and assisted in this program. We have received some great feedback about the quality of our program and this comes down to the dedication of our volunteers.

## Club Uniform

Our great range of club uniform items are available for sale and these can be sourced through the online shop (<https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/>). Please see our Property Officer (Margaret Edwards) if you need assistance or have questions about the club uniform items. Margaret is also taking orders for hoodies and winter jackets, as these require minimum order numbers and have a lead time to obtain.

## Upcoming Events

| MEET NAME                             | MEET DATE                          | ONLINE ENTRY CLOSING             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)</b> | Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December | Closed                           |
| <b>Christmas Break - No Swimming</b>  | Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December | N/A                              |
| <b>Club Races Resume</b>              | Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January   | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January |
| <b>MSW Qualifying Meet</b>            | Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January     | Closed                           |
| <b>NSW Speedo Sprint Series Heats</b> | Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February  | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January |

## Speedo Sprint Series

Going away in January? Don't forget entries for the Speedo Sprint Series close on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. Enter online today at: <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/swimmeets/upcoming.aspx>

## McCredie Park 40 Year Anniversary Development Meet

Our good friends at McCredie Park Aquatics SC are celebrating their club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 with an Anniversary Development Meet on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 at Guildford Swimming Centre. Races start at 10.30am and there are events for swimmers from 4 years old and up. So let's show support for them and have good representation from Merrylands.

The program is available at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/swimmeets/upcoming.aspx> and online entries close at 12.00pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## Whales Tales Online

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**Riddle Answer** - neither when the coach scoops them out of the pool and stomps on them both 😊

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