

# WHALES TALES

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

#### **Contact Tracing**

NSW Health have this week updated contact tracing sign-in requirements for many organisations & businesses. As we are required to keep a record of all people attending club events (club races and training sessions) we ask that you ensure you sign-in every time you attend a club event.

Sign-in QR code



#### **COVID-19 Safety Plan & Protocols**

Updates that affect our club members can be found online at <a href="https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/news.">https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/news.</a>
Please ensure you regularly check the club website for these updates as changes occur.

A couple of key points to remember are:

- Anyone who is unwell for any reason should not attend any training, competition or club activity;
- Comply with health advice if you have visited any identified "hot spot" locations or venues;
- If you become unwell whilst at the pool please advise us and leave immediately;
- Maintain social distancing when at the swimming centre;
- Only use designated areas around the pool;
- Practice good hygiene.

### Whales Challenge

The first Whales Challenge will be held next Saturday (5<sup>th</sup> December). You can purchase your Maroon caps for this event through the online store

https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms

#### **Championship Qualification**

There are many situations that may arise which impact on swimmers plans, especially to qualify for championship races. Swimmers need to plan their championship eligibility swims as early in the season as possible, rather than leaving these swims to the last week available before the Championship event is to be swum.

A failure by a swimmer to swim an eligibility swim will preclude their participation in that championship.

Please ensure you have swum a championship qualifying swim before completing your online race entries each week. Championship dates & all other events can be found in the season program at https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces.

#### **Fundraising Chocolates**

If you are interested in participating in the fundraising please email the Social Secretary (Emily Ton) (<a href="mailto:emily.ton@merrylandsasc.asn.au">emily.ton@merrylandsasc.asn.au</a>) advising you would like chocolates to sell. We have some interest already and we will place orders for the specific number required in the coming weeks.

#### **Club Uniforms**

Our great range of club uniforms can be purchased through the club's online shop

https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms

Orders are also being taken for club hoodies, so if you have any questions about club uniforms please talk to the Property Officer (Margaret Edwards).

#### **MSW Open Water Championships**

Over the past few Sundays MSW have held the Open Water Championships. Congratulations to Brendan Kirkpatrick (5km) & Alison Sakurovs (5km) who competed in these championships.

#### **Club Championship Results**

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in the 100m Butterfly Championships last week. A lot of PB's were swum in these races ②. Results were:

Girls 10 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Shrestha

Boys 10 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Unish Shrestha
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Vicic

Girls 12 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Summer Shrestha
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Niushka Shrestha
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nevah Shrestha

Girls 13 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shreya Shrestha

Boys 13 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Vicic

Boys 14 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elie Menhem

Womens 15 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Breeanah Khoury
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Darla Assi

Mens 15 Years		
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Vicic

Senior Womens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alison Sakurovs

Senior Mens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brendan Kirkpatrick
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Evans
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Johnston

Veteran Womens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kylee Murray

Womens Open	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alison Sakurovs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Shrestha
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kylee Murray

Mens Open		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Vicic	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brendan Kirkpatrick	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Evans	

Congratulations to Matthew Vicic, who broke the record for the Boys 13 Years Championship. Matthew swam a time of 1:17.62, which broke the record of 1:19.90 set by Brett A. Taylor in 1981.

## **Swimming NSW Junior Metropolitan Championships**

These Championships are being held this weekend at SOPAC. We have a team of 5 swimmers who qualified and are representing our club.

Good luck to Joseph Assi (1), Joab Hada (1), Summer Shrestha (4), Unish Shrestha (1) & Matthew Vicic (2), who are competing in a total of 9 individual events. May the Whale be with you all.

#### Handy Links - QR Codes

Whales Tales online

**Relay Nomination form** 





Online attendance form

**Relay Weekly Team form** 





#### **Upcoming Events**

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
MASC 200metre Freestyle (SNR)	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Closed
NSW Metropolitan Junior Championships	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Closed
SOPAC	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	
MASC 200metre IM Championship (Open)	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Whales Challenge	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
MASC 200metre Freestyle (JNR)	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
MASC 800metre Freestyle (Open)	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas – New Year Break	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Not yet open

#### **Sponsors**

Thank you to our major sponsors who provide fantastic support to our club. If you know of a business or organisation who may be interested in providing sponsorship or support to our club please let us know.







#### **Club Merrylands Charity Raffle**



Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.clubmerrylands.com.au/win1of2mg3s

The raffle closes on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 8.15pm, so make sure you purchase your tickets before the closing time. Your support of one our sponsors in purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated.

When purchasing your tickets record you are from MASC and the club has the chance to win \$500