



# WHALES TALES

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## Whales Challenge

Today is the first Whales Challenge for the season. Will it be the Maroon (Turner) team or the White (Emery) team to get the first win of the season? Good luck to both teams.

## 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>.

## Contact Tracing

A reminder to ensure that you sign-in every time you attend a club event.

Sign-in QR code



## Open Water Time Trial

Congratulations to Summer Shrestha and Matthew Vivic who each swam a 5klm time trail during the week. Both had great swims and achieved NSW Open Water Championship qualifying times 🙌

## Swimming NSW Junior Metropolitan Championships

Last weekend a team of 5 swimmers represented our club at these championships. And they did themselves, their coaches and our club proud with outstanding results!

From a total of 9 swims there were 6 PB's achieved.

Congratulations to Joseph Assi, Joab Hada, Summer Shrestha, Unish Shrestha & Matthew Vivic on your achievements 🏆

## Fundraising Chocolates

If you are interested in participating in the fundraising please email the Social Secretary (Emily Ton) ([emily.ton@merrylandsasc.asn.au](mailto:emily.ton@merrylandsasc.asn.au)) 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.

## COVID-19 Safety Plan & Protocols

Updates that affect our club members can be found online at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/news>. 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.

## Club Championship Results

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in the 200m Freestyle Championships last week. Results were:

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

Womens 15 Years	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Laura-Belle Casey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Breeanah Khoury
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darla Assi

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

Senior Womens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alison Sakurovs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophia Vivic

Senior Mens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brendan Kirkpatrick
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Johnston

Veteran Womens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kylee Murray
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melissa Cohen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leanne Tovkach

Veteran Mens	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Wilson

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 Vivic
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brendan Kirkpatrick
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Evans

## 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 still being taken for club hoodies as we need a minimum order number before we can place an order.

If you have any questions about club uniforms please talk to the Property Officer (Margaret Edwards).

## Handy Links – QR Codes

Whales Tales online

Relay Nomination form



Online attendance form

Relay Weekly Team form



## Christmas Hampers & BBQ

With the easing of restrictions and health guidelines we are pleased to advise that we will be providing Christmas Hampers (club funded, so donations are not requested this year). Stay tuned for details on how we will "raffle" the hampers. We will also be holding a BBQ on the last day of club races in December (19<sup>th</sup> December), so we look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with everyone at the pool.

## Upcoming Events

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
MASC 200metre IM Championship (Open)	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Whales Challenge	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
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
SNSW Open Water Championship	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm
Christmas – New Year Break	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Not yet open
Club Races – no championship race	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December
Club Races – no championship race	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
MASC 400metre IM Championship (Open)	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January
Whales Challenge	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January
MASC 50metre Butterfly Championship	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January
MASC 200metre Butterfly Championship (Open)	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January
MASC 50metre Breaststroke Championship	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
MASC 200metre Breaststroke Championship (Open)	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January

## 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

Thank you to anyone who purchased tickets in the raffle. It was drawn on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 with winners announced on the Club Merrylands website.