



# WHALES TALES

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## Whales Challenge

The first Whales Challenge for the season was contested last Saturday. What a great start to the Challenges for the season. The Maroon (Turner) team led for most of the morning, but a great late effort by the White (Emery) team meant both teams finished tied on 1,329 points. With 2 more Challenges to be held during the season, everyone will be keenly awaiting the next Challenge on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 to help swim their team to victory.

## Christmas Hampers & BBQ

The club is providing Christmas Hampers for a member raffle to be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December (our last race day before Christmas). Every member will be allocated a raffle number and a lucky draw will occur after club races conclude. There are a total of 4 prize hampers and there is a limit of 1 hamper prize per family.

A BBQ will also be held as well as novelty events. These events will be held with Covid Protocols in mind, so please ensure you follow the directions provided on the morning. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the BBQ, so if you are able to assist please see Emily Ton. We hope everyone can join us on the morning as we celebrate the season and the end of a most unusual 2020.



## Squad Training Break

The last training session for 2020 will be held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and training will resume on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. If you will be away please complete the training break form to indicate your last day of training and your first day back.

## Swimming NSW Senior Age Championships

These championships commence today and conclude on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Good luck to Vanessa Ozols (5 events), Alison Sakurovs (1 event) & Summer Shrestha (1 event) who have qualified and will compete at the meet. May the whale be with you all 🐳

## COVID-19 Safety Plan & Protocols

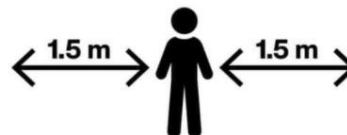
Updates that affect our club members can be found online at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/news>. Please ensure you regularly check the club website for these updates as changes occur.

We appreciate the assistance everyone is giving in helping to comply with the plan. We all need to ensure that we continue to adopt good practices. Some key points to continue to remember are:

- Do not come to club activities if you are not feeling well;



- Maintain social distancing by spreading out in areas to sit (do not congregate in areas);



- Only timekeepers, officials & swimmers for the event to be swum should be in the marshalling area;
- Practice good hygiene by washing hands & using hand sanitizer regularly.



## Fundraising Chocolates

If you are interested in participating in the fundraising please email the Social Secretary (Emily Ton) ([social.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au](mailto:social.secretary@merrylandsasc.asn.au)) advising you would like chocolates to sell. Orders will be placed in late January, so please let Emily know if you are interested in placing an order.

## Championship Qualification

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>.

## Club Championship Results

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in the 200m Individual Medley Open Championships last week. There were a total of 22 entries for these races, it was encouraging to see so many swimmers competing. Results were:

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

Mens Open	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brendan Kirkpatrick
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew Vivic
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Johnston

## Club Uniforms

Items can be purchased through the club's online shop <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms>

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

## Member Profile

Welcome to Michael Vivic as the newly elected Male Club Captain. Some interesting information about Michael that you may not know:

<i>Favourite Colour</i>	Red
<i>Favourite Food</i>	Pasta
<i>Favourite Sport (apart from swimming)</i>	Cricket
<i>Favourite Team</i>	NRL Bulldogs
<i>Favourite Holiday Place</i>	Umina Beach
<i>Favourite Memory</i>	Going to Fiji in 2012
<i>Favourite Song</i>	Funky Cold Medina
<i>Favourite Movie/TV Show</i>	Arrow
<i>Career after school</i>	Not sure just yet
<i>I like Merrylands Swimming Club because</i>	Of all the friendly people that are there

## 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 (JNR)	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
SNSW State Age Championships	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
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	Closed
Christmas – New Year Break	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	
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
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.



## Australian Not-For-Profit Technology Awards

Congratulations to Peter Johnston who has been presented with a Lifetime Service Award at the Australian Not-For-Profit Technology Awards. Peter received the award for his technology-related service to Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club. Peter has been providing his services since the mid 1990's and continuously adapts and finds ways to enhance accessibility to members of the club and the wider community.

A video of the award information can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3Ccwej5uX0>

We all greatly appreciate the extensive work Peter does behind the scenes for our club. I'm not sure how he fits in his full-time job, club coaching and Committee roles such as the website and technology solutions.