



WHALES TALES

Saturday 20th November, 2021

Season Program – Club Championships

The full season program is now available at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces>.

As we have advised due to the later start to the championships, and a reduced number of weeks available to run championships, the events will run a bit differently this year.

The first of the Club Championships begin next Saturday, (27th November) with the 100m Freestyle (Open & Age) & 100m Breaststroke (Open & Age) being held on the morning.

For the 100m events, swimmers will enter their Age Championship. All swimmers will swim together in an Open event to determine the results for the Open Championship, with the results split into ages to determine the Age Championship results.

So, using the 100m Freestyle as an example, all swimmers who enter the championship will swim a single 100m Freestyle race, with swimmers seeded in heats based on their entry time, not their age group. The times swum in the race will be used to determine the places for both the Age 100m Freestyle Championship and Open 100m Freestyle Championship, with points allocated in each competition, plus the Graded Point Score. Males and Females will be seeded separately.

We will still provide graded club races on these mornings, but they will be a limited program to provide the opportunity for members who are not competing in championship events to have swims and to also allow qualification for upcoming championship events.

Whales Challenge #2

The second of the 3 Whales Challenges this season is being held this morning. The White "Emery" team took the first challenge. Can the Maroon "Turner" team even the score today??

Club Captains

The nominations received for Club Captains for this season are:

Male Captain

Michael Vicic
Matthew Vicic

Female Captain

Darla Assi
Laura-Belle Casey
Jorja Matthew
Vanessa Ozols
Shreya Shrestha
Keira Somarchand

We will confirm with the nominees that they accept their nomination and publish the final list of nominees in next week's Whales Tales. All financial first claim members can vote for Club Captains next Saturday (27th November). A link to vote online will be provided in next week's Whales Tales.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols



All attendees (swimmers, spectators, volunteers) must sign-in, and out, when they attend the swimming centre, using the Service NSW app, and show proof of vaccination to council staff when asked.



All swimmers, volunteers, coaches and spectators over the age of 16 must be fully vaccinated to attend club races. Children under the age of 16 must be either fully vaccinated, or accompanied by a member of their household who is fully vaccinated.

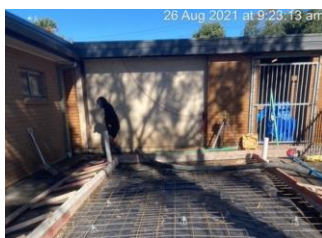
Information & Conditions for Attendees also found at <https://merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces/entryconditions>

Storage Shed

You have no doubt noticed a new building appear next to the club room (we certainly heard it during club races last Saturday morning). We were successful in obtaining a grant for this through the Community Building Partnership program administered by the NSW Government. With Cumberland City Council we were able to obtain approval to construct the shed and they undertook the project management on our behalf.

The storage shed will enable us to move equipment out of the club room and this will provide more space in the club room for other activities (when health protocols allow this).

Thank you to the NSW Government and Cumberland City Council for their funding and project management of this project. Below are some photos of the project.



We will continue to seek other grants to improve the facilities and equipment available to our club members.

Relay Competition

This morning is the last chance for your team's relay time trial. As the competition commences next Saturday (27th November) make sure you have registered your team (maximum of 6 team members per team) before next week and enjoy taking on all the other contenders for the champion relay team for the season. The team entry form and swimmer nomination forms can be found at <https://www.merrylandsasc.asn.au/clubraces/relay>

Club Uniforms

We have a great range of club uniforms available for sale. These can be purchased through the club's online shop.

Some items require special orders to be placed, so minimum numbers may be required before orders for these items can be placed with the supplier.

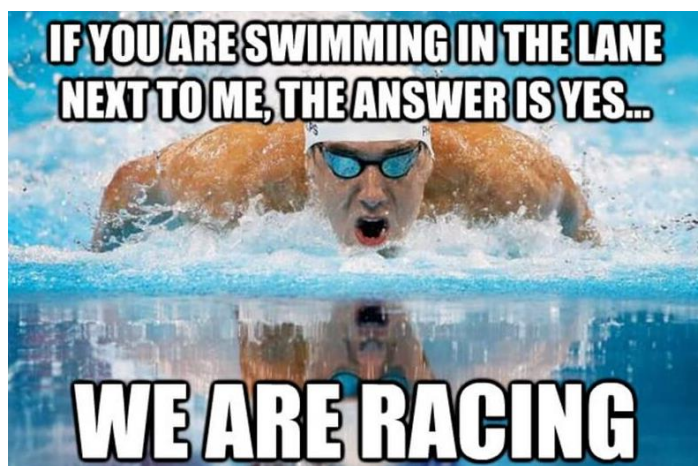
If you have any questions about club uniforms please talk to the Property Officer (Margaret Edwards). <https://shop.merrylandsasc.asn.au/club-uniforms>

Technical Officials – Online Webinars

The Swimming NSW Technical Swimming Committee (TSC) has presented a series of webinars for officials. These webinars cover a range of topics and if you are interested in viewing any of these recorded topics they can be found at

<https://nsw.swimming.org.au/technical-officials/learn-nsw/development-program>

For those who aren't sure 😊



Upcoming Meet Calendar

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
Whales Challenge #2	Saturday 20 th November	Closed
MASC 100m Freestyle Championship	Saturday 27 th November	Thursday 25 th November
MASC 100m Breaststroke Championship	Saturday 27 th November	Thursday 25 th November
MASC 100m Backstroke Championship	Saturday 4 th December	Thursday 2 nd December
MASC 100m Butterfly Championship	Saturday 4 th December	Thursday 2 nd December
SNSW LC Qualifying Meet	Saturday 4 th December Sunday 5 th December	Tuesday 23 rd November
MASC 400m Individual Medley Championship (Open)	Saturday 11 th December	Thursday 9 th December
NSW Multi-Class Championships	Saturday 11 th December	Thursday 30 th November
NSW Junior Metropolitan Championships	Saturday 18 th December Sunday 19 th December	Tuesday 7 th December
NSW Open Water Championships	Monday 20 th December Tuesday 21 st December	Tuesday 14 th December
MSW Area Open Water	Sunday 9 th January	TBA
NSW Senior State Championships	Thursday 20 th January Tuesday 25 th January	Tuesday 11 th January
Speedo Sprint Series - Heats	Sunday 13 th February	Thursday 12 th November
MASC SwimFest	Saturday 19 th February	TBA
MSW Area LC Championships	Saturday 26 th February Sunday 27 th February	TBA
NSW State Open Championships	Friday 4 th March Sunday 6 th March	TBA
Speedo Sprint Series - Finals	Saturday 12 th March	Qualify via Heats
NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	Saturday 19 th March Sunday 20 th March	TBA
NSW Junior State Age Championships	Saturday 26 th March Sunday 27 th March	TBA
MSW 5 – 8 Meet	Saturday 2 nd April	TBA

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