



WHALES TALES



Saturday 10th December, 2022

Whales Challenge #2

The Whales Challenge is back for round 2 this morning in a do-or-die battle for the Maroon team. Can the Maroon team level the score after the White team won round 1? Or will the White team take an unassailable 2-0 lead? Which team will reign supreme?

New members, check your team [here](#) and don't forget your team cap.

Helping on Saturday Mornings

It takes many people to run club races on Saturday mornings, from set-up to officiating, to packing up – we need all families to help.

Please:

- Arrive before 6:50am to help setup
- Volunteer to time keep – we need 16 timekeepers to provide accurate timing – please don't make us come and ask.
- Help pack up before you leave

At the December Committee Meeting, the committee discussed the option of rostering families for setup each week, which we may have to implement if families aren't turning up early to help.

Don't know what needs to be done? Ask a member of the Committee and they can point you in the right direction.

Many hands make light work.

Where is your Parent?

Please remember: Parents of swimmers under the age of 18yrs are required to attend club races with their children. It is not a babysitting service.

Christmas/New Year Break

Our last club morning for 2022 is the 24th December. Races will resume on 7th January, 2023.

NSW Senior State Age Championships

The NSW Senior State Age Championships will be held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on 10-16 December. Three of our members have qualified for the championships. Congratulations to Alison Johnston, Matthew Vicic and Leo Zhu on qualifying.

Unfortunately, Matt has been unwell and will be unable to swim at the championships.

Details of the meet, along with access to the live results and live stream are available on the Swimming NSW [website](#).

Relay Competition

Round #5 of the Relay Competition is on today. Has your team completed the weekly form nominating the 4 team members who will swim today? The link for this form is [here](#).

Are you going on holiday?

Squad Members: Are you going on holiday in December/January? Make sure you complete the form [here](#) to let us know as soon as possible.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 24th December in conjunction with the Club Races from 7am. Races will be followed by Novelty Events and a BBQ and will be finished by 9:30am.

School Holiday Program

We will be running a free*, School Holiday Program for kids aged 5 to 12 on Thursday, 19th January from 8am to 9:45am.

This program is open to both members and non-members, so invite your friends and book online [here](#).

*Normal pool entry applies.

Lucky Door Prize

Each championship week, we have a Lucky Door prize. You could win your choice of a Speedo kickboard, flipper bag or pair of Opal Mirror goggles. How do you win? You must be in attendance at the Championship presentation when your name is called to win.

Share your photos

Do you have photos from meets or club races you can share for the newsletter or presentation evening? Use the link in the weekly Whales Tales newsletter to upload them.

FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)

The 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships hit the water in Melbourne on 13-18 December. You can watch Australia's Olympic Champions take on the best in the world in prime time on Channel 9 and [9now](#). Heats start at 11am each day, with the finals starting at 7:30pm.

Lions Club Award

Each month the Committee votes for the Lions Club Award – the club's Volunteer of the Year.

Members nominated for November:

Denise Assi	Tricia Johnston
Ian Wilson	Prafulla Shrestha
Ian Johnston	Glenda Wood
Leah Johnston	

Congratulation to these members on being nominated. Nominations are open for any member to recognise the service of other members. You can nominate a club member online [here](#).

COVID-19 Conditions

Read the updated conditions for club races [here](#).

Club Uniforms

Order club uniforms online [here](#).

Upcoming Meet Calendar

Check the [website](#) for the full list of upcoming meets, closing dates, programs and qualifying times.

MEET NAME	MEET DATE	ENTRY CLOSING
SNSW Senior State Age Championships	10 th December to 16 th December	Closed
NSW State Open Water Championships	18 th December & 19 th December	6 th December
MSW Long Course Qualifying Meet	8 th January	28 th December
Speedo Sprint Series Heats	12 th February	31 st January
Merrylands SwimFest	18 th February	4 th February
NSW Senior Metropolitan Championships	25 th February & 26 th February	14 th February
Speedo Sprint Series Finals	4 th March	Qualify via Heats meet
NSW State Open Championships	10 th March to 12 th March	28 th February
NSW Junior State Age Championships	25 th March & 26 th March	14 th March

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