



WHALES TALES

Saturday 18th March, 2023

Wylas Timing System Trial

Thank you to everyone who assisted as we trialled the Wylas timing system last Saturday morning. We appreciate your help in allowing us to see how this system works and whether it may provide a viable alternative to other systems available.

Whales Challenge #3

The 3rd and final Whales Challenge for the season was swum and won last Saturday. It was great to see some younger embers swimming in their first Whales Challenge relay.

In a tight finish, the Maroon team did just enough to win with 1,030 points to White's 1,011. This means that the Maroon team also won the series 2-1 this season. Well done to everyone who competed for their teams!

Squad Training Change

Training moves to Guildford Pool from Monday 27th March – more details to come.

Trophy Return

With only a couple of weeks left of club races, we ask that you return any perpetual trophies from last season and bring them back to the club room.

5 to 8 Year Meet

The Metro South West 5 to 8yrs Development meet will be held at Guildford Swimming Centre on Saturday, 1st April. Entries close on Tuesday 21st March. Follow this link and [enter](#) today.

Masters Meets – State & Nationals

Calling all Masters swimmers. State & National Championships will be held in April.

The NSW State Long Course Championships will be held on Saturday 1st April & Sunday 2nd April at SOPAC. Entries close on Friday 24th March.

National Championships will be held from Tuesday 18th April to Sunday 23rd April in Hobart. Entries close on Thursday 23rd March.

Annual Presentation

Date: Sunday 28th May, 2023

Time: 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Venue: Club Merrylands Function room

We look forward to welcoming members and family to the presentation and encourage you to stay after the presentation to support the club by having a meal in any of the dining venues the club has.

Annual General Meeting

With the end of our season coming we will be holding our AGM soon. Keep tuned for the date to be advised (generally it is held around a week before the Annual Presentation).

We encourage all members to attend the AGM and consider nominating for a Committee position. To ensure the continued growth of the club we need members who can take the club forward in the coming years, so please consider taking on a role in the management of the club.

Junior Swimmers Results

The fantastic swimming and results continue. Congratulations to the following swimmers on breaking the times recently in the 15m, 25m & 33m races:

25m Backstroke

4/3/23 – Leah Johnston

33m Backstroke

11/3/23 - Leah Johnston* (broke on first attempt)

33m Freestyle

4/3/23 – Jude Johnston

25m Butterfly

11/3/23 – William Johnston

P-Plate Award

The P-Plate Award recognises (or perhaps highlights) the "Silly Mistake of the Year". Nominations [here](#).



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Lions Club Award

Each month the Committee votes for the Lions Club Award – the club’s Volunteer of the Year. You can nominate a club member to recognise their service online [here](#).

A large number of nominations were received for February for both members and non-members (family members) who have helped during the month (some received multiple nominations). Thank you to the following:

Sally Lee	Ian Wilson
Glenda Wood	Danielle Vivic
Dominic Vivic	Alison Johnston
John Bligh	Varant Jambazian
Trevor Ryan	Mandy Smart
Kylee Murray	Sophia Vivic
Leanne Tovkach	

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
NSW Junior State Age Championships	25 th March & 26 th March	Closed
MSW 5 – 8 Meet	1 st April	21 st March
NSW State Masters Championships	1 st & 2 nd April	24 th March
Australian Masters Championships	18 th – 22 nd April	23 rd March