



WHALES TALES



Saturday 20th January, 2024

Merrylands SwimFest

There are now just 3 weeks left until entries close – time to stop procrastinating and get your entries in!

Remember you get a 25% discount off your entries (if you click the correct button to enter). Full Swimmers and Club Only Swimmers are eligible to compete so [enter](#) today.

Not sure what to enter? Speak to your coach. Entries close on 3rd February, 2024.

See the [SwimFest](#) section of our website for all the details.

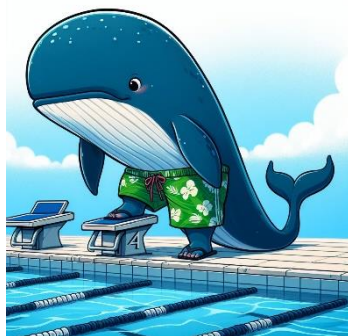
Merrylands SwimFest – BBQ

What is a swim meet without a BBQ? The SwimFest involves feeding a small army of volunteers and officials, plus the visiting competitors and their families. You don't need to be a Master Chef - if you can burn a sausage without burning yourself you are qualified. We need people to help cook and sell the BBQ so please nominate to assist with this role or any other role you are interested in [here](#).

Ian Wilson is the Meet Director for the meet and will be coming to see what you have signed up for.

Boardshort Relay

Our annual boardshort relay is on next week. What do you need to do to get involved? Just break out your funkiest pair of boardshorts to join the fun and we will put you in a team.



Parents are welcome to have a go too – sign up for a free [Come and Try membership](#) and enter the races the same way your kids do.

Club Uniforms

Need a hat, a new shirt or pair of shorts before the SwimFest? Order them online [here](#).

Championships Resume

Club Championships resume on Saturday 27th January with the 50m, 25m and 200m Butterfly. Remember to check the program and make sure you have qualified for the remaining events.

Lions Club Award

There was a big list of nominations for the Lions Club Award for the Committee to consider at the last meeting. Thank you to the following members for their contribution – your efforts haven't gone unnoticed:

Christine Liepins	Beth Abdelraheem
Denise Assi	Sylvia Chan
Joseph Assi	Kylee Murray
Lisa Shrestha	Uma Shrestha
Glenda Wood	William Johnston
Peter Johnston	Graham Edwards
Ian Wilson	Leanne Tovkach
Alison Johnston	Margaret Edwards
Danielle Vivic	

If you have seen someone that should be recognised, nominate them [here](#).

Seen a problem? Get it fixed

Seen something at the pool that needs fixing? Let Council know of any issues by using the Snap Send Solve mobile app which can be found at: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/snapsendsolve

Learn to Swim Teachers Needed

We are always looking for people to help teach our learn to swim program. If you are 15 or over and interested, please speak to Kylee Murray for more information.

Joke of the week

Q: What did the whale say to the wave after winning a race?

A: Hah! Beached ya



Technical Officials

There are many different positions involved in running a swimming meet: Timekeeper, Chief Timekeeper, Starter, Marshall, Check Starter, Inspector of Turns, Judge of Strokes, Recorder, Computer Operator and Referee.

If you see a job you are interested in learning, please ask one of the Committee.

Courses for many of these positions are also available [online](#).

Photo of the Week

This week's photo is from the fun Diving Clinic at SOPAC on Friday. We hear the kids had a great time. Thanks for sharing Alison.



Got some photos you wish to share? Check the weekly Whales Tales email for a link to upload your photos.

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
Speedo Sprint Heats	Saturday 10 th February	Wednesday 31 st January
Merrylands SwimFest	Saturday 17 th February	Saturday, 3 rd February
NSW Senior Metropolitan Champs	24 th & 25 th February	Tuesday, 13 th February
Metro South West 5-8 Years Meet	Saturday 9 th March	TBA