

BERMAGUI SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bermagui SLSC is a not-for-profit organisation registered under the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*. First formed in 1935, the members of the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club protect and support our community and surrounding areas and the thousands of visitors to Bermagui every year. We are one of 7 clubs that form the Far South Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving NSW.

Bermagui SLSC is a small club but we are committed to growing our membership numbers over the next several years. 2015 saw the introduction of some new initiatives aimed at meeting our goals and you can read more about them in the Committee Report later in this document. In addition to these initiatives we realise that the key to our long-term growth and sustainability is our Nippers program and we are making concerted efforts to build a strong base through our junior program.

We are actively engaging with the community and have introduced Friday Night Sippers in an effort to make our club a welcoming and fun place to be. We are also working on several initiatives aimed at mentoring and developing our younger members.



While the 2015-16 season has presented some challenges in terms of vacancies in key positions on our Committee, we feel that we've made some positive steps towards our longer term growth plans. Of particular note was the successful negotiations with Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) to restructure patrol hours through a new 3-year Life Saving Service Agreement. With the support of SLSNSW we feel we are now well-positioned to grow over the long-term while not placing too much stress on patrolling members in the short term.

In addition to fostering our junior program, a key to increasing our patrolling membership is a successful training program. We have two trainers who have been accredited as Facilitators during the season which greatly increases our capacity. We've also secured some funding from the NSW Government to offset many of our training costs for the next season and we're grateful for their support.

We've had many successes over the 2015-16 season and we're looking forward to continuing our momentum in the coming years.

As you will see as you read through our Annual Report, it takes many volunteer hands to create and maintain a strong and vibrant Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club and we extend a special thanks to all who contribute in any way for your continued support.

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OFFICE BEARERS 2015-16



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President, Vacant

Vice-President, Rob Shaw

Secretary, Cheryl McCarthy

Treasurer, Julie Rutherford

Club Captain, Vacant

Function Coordinator, Jenni Tedesco

Licensee, Neil Rutherford

Chief Training Officer, Bruce McAslan

Associate Training Officer, Peter McCabe

Junior Activities President, Peta Shaw

Vice Junior Activities President, Cassidy Dowd

IRB Captain, Warren Marshall

Vice-IRB Captain, Max Logue

Uniforms & Clothing Officer, Rachel Wallbank

Registrar, Rachel Wallbank

Radio Officer, Peter Mercieca

Gear Steward, Rob Shaw

Vice Gear Steward, Tim Hawken

Website Coordinator, Cheryl McCarthy

Publicity Officer, Rachel Wallbank

Public Officer, Julie Rutherford

Youth Coordinator, William Vaughan-Smith

Branch Delegates: Bruce McAslan

Neil Rutherford

Peta Shaw

William Vaughan-Smith

YEAR END COMMITTEE REPORT

Thankfully this season has been a quiet one in Bermagui with no major rescues or injuries to report. We had over 6,000 visitors to our beach during patrol hours with our patrollers putting in 1,456 hours between them. We had several members patrol many more hours than those rostered and we thank everyone for their professionalism and dedication to keeping our beachgoers safe.

2015-16 was a transition year for our Club and the key positions of President and Club Captain went unfilled for the season. All committee members pitched in to help out in filling the responsibilities of those roles and a big thanks goes to all for their extra efforts – Cassy Dowd, Warren Marshall, Bruce McAslan, Cheryl McCarthy, Peter Mercieca, Julie Rutherford, Neil Rutherford, Peta Shaw, Rob Shaw, Jenni Tedesco, William Vaughan Smith and Rachel Wallbank.

While we faced some challenges, we had many highlights during the season. The future of our Club is in a successful junior program and we had over 60 Nippers this season. The Nippers program was run by Peta Shaw, as was the popular Friday afternoon board training. Peta is stepping down after 15 years of involvement with the Nippers program and we'd like to extend our thanks and admiration for all of her contributions over the years.

Bermagui had one of its most successful training years with the addition of 10 new Bronze Medallion members and 6 SRCs. We are in dire need of more active patrollers and 2015-16 was a good start towards rebuilding our capacity. Another critical area in which we saw progress was in IRB Driver and Crew certificates. 1 new driver was qualified along with 8 who undertook the IRB Crew Certificate. We are making a concerted effort to train the IRB Crew members for their Drivers award and have a winter training program underway.

Other training awards consisted of 5 Basic Beach Management Awards, 3 ART and 3 Spinal Management Awards. We'd like to thank our training team, Bruce McAslan, Peter McCabe, Warren Marshall, Vikki Marshall and Cheryl McCarthy for their time and effort during the season. A special thank you to Anthony Vella for travelling from Batemans Bay to assist with assessing and to Michele and Peter Bootes for their patience and guidance at a Branch level during the season.

Our Club introduced a new initiative, Friday Night Sippers, over the summer and we hope to continue monthly over the off season. We had over 60 people attend each of the Fridays in January and have had good turnouts since. Sippers is a great opportunity to introduce new people to our Club and is also a chance to raise funds. Thanks to Rob Shaw, Neil Rutherford, Bruce McAslan and Rachel Wallbank for their efforts in getting this up and running.

Bermagui SLSC has had some success with fundraising during the season. We were very grateful to receive a \$5,000 donation towards our Nippers program from the Bermagui Seaside Fair. We also received a grant of \$1,776 from the Local Sport Grant Program to assist with training costs. We also receive valuable support from many people and business in our community and would like to make special mention of Bermagui Cellars and Mitre 10 for their support.

Functions have also become a successful source of revenue for our Club. Our goal is to have one per month and we're well on our way. Jenni Tedesco worked hard to build a solid base for functions before relocating overseas and Neil Rutherford is now taking the lead on growing functions capacity and revenue. Thanks to both Jen and Neil for their work on what is fast becoming a key source of revenue for our Club.

Negotiations for a new 3-year Lifesaving Service Agreement were very positive and the outcome gives Bermagui SLSC a great opportunity to build our membership and create a sustainable model for the future. We'd like to thank Andrew Edmunds from FSC Branch and the Lifesaving team at SLSNSW for their support and willingness to work with us to create a strong and vibrant club. While we very much appreciate the support of all Clubs in FSC Branch for their assistance with our patrols during the season, our goal moving forward is to build our patrolling numbers so that we no longer have to rely on the generosity of those who already volunteer many hours at their own clubs.

We were very proud to have one of our young patrollers, William Vaughan Smith, awarded FSC Branch Lifesaver of the Year. For someone so young William has had a very positive impact on our club and we look forward to having him on our team for many years to come. Congratulations also go to Cheryl McCarthy who was awarded FSC Branch Club Person of the Year.

Finally, we'd like to extend a special thank you to Sue Hunt, Director of Administration and Member Services, and Tony Rettke, FSC Branch President, for their exceptional support and guidance during the season. Your many efforts on our behalf are recognised and appreciated.

Our AGM will be held on 31st July 2016 and we look forward to filling all of our key positions for the coming season. We are very positive about the future of our Club and we looking forward to working with our members, our community, FSC Branch and SLSNSW towards building a strong and successful Surf Lifesaving Club in Bermagui.

2015-16 Committee
Bermagui SLSC

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

A sincere thank you to the following for their support during the season:

Major Community Supporters



Donations

Armans Beach Group

Bermagui Art & Craft Show

Back to Bermi Reunion 2015

Neilson's Mitre 10

Bermagui Cellars

Vanessa Ballard

National and State Surf Life Saving Sponsors



NEW SOUTH WALES



Supported by the



JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had an enjoyable season this past year with 70 registered Nippers. This was slightly less than last season but still a great number.

Our aim this season was to continue with the plan that we had in place last season which involved the children rotating through beach and water activities at 20 minute intervals. This was able to be carried out most weekends with the exception of a few when the tide was too high and the lack of beach made this difficult. The rotation system seems to work well and the kids all appear enjoy moving from activity to activity. I feel that moving to different groups run by different people helps the kids become more familiar with their peers and promotes a greater unity between the nippers and the older members of our club.



Twilight nippers also continued this season. This fell on the last Sunday of each month and ran from 3-5pm. The idea of this was to allow the kids to experience the different (and often difficult) ocean conditions in the afternoons and also to let Mums and Dads enjoy the occasional sleep in.



Our Nippers BBQs were not as successful as last season. It seemed that we ran out of willing helpers and the whole BBQ idea was pretty much kaput after the Christmas break.

Board training remained extremely popular this season with up to 22 kids in attendance most Friday afternoons. While board training is mainly aimed at our younger members who are not all that confident on a board, it was nice to see a couple of our older Nippers coming down to help out.

While for the most part I feel Nippers was a success this season, it was made difficult, at times, by the lack of qualified personnel to assist with the running of our Nippers program and related activities. The idea of our junior program is to teach our kids essential surf safety

and awareness skills. This needs to be carried out in a safe environment, which is very hard to achieve without people putting up their hands to help out. In order to improve on the success of our past couple of seasons, it is imperative that we have more active members become involved in the running of our Nippers program either through assisting with activities, carrying out water safety or becoming an age manager.

The Nippers program is a very important part of our club, it would be great to see a few more members on the beach each Sunday morning and also at Board training on Fridays.

After 15 years of being involved in the Nippers program, I have decided that this past season has been my last. I would like to thank everyone for their support, especially over the past two years during my time as Nippers President. I wish my successor good luck with their future endeavours.

Peta Shaw

Junior Activities President



BERMAGUI BEACH PATROL GROUPS

Group 1

Rob Shaw, Peta Shaw, Harrison Bunney, Stephen Bunney, Luke Kingston, Mackenzie O'Neill, Mikayla Shaw, Ryan Shaw

Group 2

Graham Day, Jesse Rudneski, Olivia Dummett, Finn McGrory-Ramsey, Steve O'Sullivan, Megan Rutherford, Kerry Tyrell

Group 3

Peter McCabe, Ruth Burgess, Ben Burgess, Fred Hannebery, Ashley King, Olivia McCabe

Group 4

Vikki Marshall, Warren Marshall, Millie Boyle, Jack Dobell, Sebastian Hannebery, Dayna Lingard, Jorja Moore

Group 5

Rachel Wallbank, Peter Mercieca, Tommy Hawken, Max Logue, Jen Tedesco

Group 6

Van Osgood, Andrew Curven, Brett Guthrie, Eric Hills, Bruce McAslan, Cheryl McCarthy, William Vaughan-Smith



VOLUNTEER PATROL STATISTICS

Member Patrol Hours

Group 1	368
Group 2	178
Group 3	181
Group 4	145
Group 5	153
Group 6	377
Volunteer/Water Safety (hours included above)	
Total	1,402 hours

Rescues

Gear or No Gear	NIL
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Attendance

Swimmers/Attendees	6,984
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After Hour Call Outs

Calls/Attendance	NIL
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LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Thank you to all of the trainers, assessors and helpers who participated in this season's training courses. A special thank you to Tony Vella from Bateman's Bay SLSC who travelled to Bermagui to assist as an Assessor and Mentor. Thanks also to Michele and Peter Bootes for their guidance and assistance during the season. Through their support Bruce McAslan and Cheryl McCarthy have now received their Facilitator status for Bronze Medallion allowing us to run courses at Bermagui and not have to rely on Assessors from other clubs.

A goal for 2016-17 is to qualify at least one Assessor for the IRB Crew Certificate and Silver Medallion IRB Driver courses.

Assessor: Tony Vella

Trainers: Vikki Marshall

Warren Marshall

Bruce McAslan

Peter McCabe

Cheryl McCarthy

Jenni Tedesco

Helpers: Jesse Rudneski

William Vaughan-Smith

Rachel Wallbank

BRONZE MEDALLION

Charmaine Blair
 Millie Boyle
 Harrison Bunney
 Stephen Bunney
 James Kelly
 Ashley King
 Olivia McCabe
 Finn McGrory-Ramsey
 MacKenzie O'Neill
 Steve O'Sullivan

IRB CREW CERTIFICATE

Harrison Bunney
 Andrew Curven
 Olivia Dummett
 Ashley King
 Dayna Lingard
 Cheryl McCarthy
 Stephen O'Sullivan
 William Vaughan-Smith

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES

Max Logue
 Jesse Rudneski
 William Vaughan-Smith

SPINAL MANAGEMENT

Max Logue
 Jesse Rudneski
 William Vaughan-Smith

SILVER MEDALLION BASIC BEACH MANAGEMENT

Max Logue
 Bruce McAslan
 Cheryl McCarthy
 Jesse Rudneski
 William Vaughan-Smith

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE

Tommy Hawken
 Eric Hills
 Jorja Moore
 Megan Rutherford
 Mikayla Shaw
 Ryan Shaw

SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER

Max Logue



CARNIVAL RESULTS

FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH CHAMPIONS – 2015-16

Under 8 Female Sprint Sophie Potts

MORUYA JUNIOR CARNIVAL – 6TH DECEMBER 2015

UNDER 8

Female Wade	Sophie Potts	3rd
Female Sprint	Sophie Potts	2nd
Female Flags	Sophie Potts	2nd

UNDER 9

Female Board	Shakira Dummett	1st
	Phoebe Coxon	2nd

UNDER 11

Female Board	Mackenzie Moore	5th
Female Flags	Mackenzie Moore	4th

Male Sprint	Matthew O'Meara	5th
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Beach Relay	Bermagui	5th
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UNDER 12

Diamond Lady	Alanna Dummett	5th
Female Sprint	Alanna Dummett	1st
Female Flags	Alanna Dummett	3rd

Male Surf	Thomas O'Meara	5th
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Surf Teams	Bermagui	4th
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UNDER 13

Female Sprint	Mikayla Shaw	6th
Female Flags	Coco Bradley	5th
	Mikayla Shaw	6th

UNDER 14

Female Surf	Megan Rutherford	1st
	Jorja Moore	4th
	Sarah Lingard	5th
Female Board	Megan Rutherford	3rd
Diamond Lady	Megan Rutherford	2nd
	Sarah Lingard	3rd
Female Sprint	Jorja Moore	4th
Female Flags	Jorja Moore	5th
	Sarah Lingard	6th
Beach Relay	Bermagui	2nd
Surf Teams	Bermagui	3rd
All Age Relay	Bermagui	5th

JINDAYNE JUNIOR CARNIVAL – 13TH FEBRUARY 2016**UNDER 8**

Female Sprint	Sophie Potts	1st
Female Flags	Sophie Potts	4th

UNDER 13

Female Surf	Mikayla Shaw	5th
Female Sprint	Mikayla Shaw	1st

UNDER 14

Diamond Lady	Sarah Lingard	4th
Female Sprint	Sarah Lingard	4th
Female Flags	Sarah Lingard	4th
Female Surf	Sarah Lingard	6th

NAROOMA JUNIOR CARNIVAL – 28TH FEBRUARY 2016**UNDER 8**

Female Wade	Sophie Potts	1st
Female Sprint	Sophie Potts	2nd
Female Flags	Sophie Potts	3rd

UNDER 14

Female Surf	Megan Rutherford	2nd
Female Board	Megan Rutherford	2nd
Diamond Lady	Megan Rutherford	2nd
Female Sprint	Megan Rutherford	4th

SENIOR CLUB AWARDS

PERPETUAL SHIELDS

Club Person – Senior: Cheryl McCarthy
Club Person – Cadet: Max Logue
Club Person – Junior: Mikayla Shaw

PATROL GROUP

Group 6

Van Osgood, Patrol Captain
Andrew Curven, Vice-Captain
Brett Guthrie
Eric Hills
Bruce McAslan
Cheryl McCarthy
William Vaughan-Smith

PATROL EFFICIENCY (INDIVIDUAL) – 100% PATROL ATTENDANCE

Rob Shaw
Luke Kingston
Cheryl McCarthy
Bruce McAslan

PATROL – SENIOR

William Vaughan-Smith

PATROL – CADET

Jesse Rudneski

JUNIOR CLUB AWARDS

SLSC COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Male: Thomas Hills
 Female: Sophie Potts



MOST CONSISTENT

Under 6: Cate Allery
 Under 7: Lexi Allen
 Under 8: James Allery
 Under 9: Phoebe Coxon
 Under 10: Jack O'Sullivan
 Under 11: Lucy Allen
 Under 12: Rebecca Merlino
 Under 13/14: Sarah Lingard



ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Under 6: Tane Matthews
 Under 7: Jarvis Malin
 Under 8: Levi Coxon
 Under 9: Ella Marshall
 Under 10: Xaviar Hamilton
 Under 11: Matthew O'Meara
 Under 12: Tom Blackwood



MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS

Julie Blacka
Vikki Marshall
Warren Marshall
Peter McCabe
Peter Mercieca
Paul Morgan
Peta Shaw
Rob Shaw

ACTIVE SENIOR

Stephen Bunney
Ruth Burgess
Ben Burgess
Andrew Curven
Graham Day
Brett Guthrie
James Kelly
Ashley King
Luke Kingston
Bradley Kingston
Brian Logue
Bruce McAslan
Olivia McCabe
Cheryl McCarthy
Van Osgood
Stephen O'Sullivan
Jennifer Tedesco
William Vaughan-Smith
Rachel Wallbank

CADET

Millie Boyle
Harrison Bunney
Daniel Burgess
Jack Dobell
Jacinta Dummett
Olivia Dummett
Fred Hannebery
Sebastian Hannebery
Tommy Hawken
Eric Hills
Dayna Lingard
Maximilian Logue
Finn McGrory-Ramsey
Mackenzie O'Neill
Jesse Rudneski
Ryan Shaw

GENERAL

Louise Allery
Rhonda Ayliffe
Vanessa Ballard
Martin Blackwood
Rosie Chapman
Jody Collins
Cassy Dowd
Peter Dowd
Phillip Dummett
Lee-Anne Eddie
Isabel Haida
Iain Hamilton
Jo Hemming
Scott Hemsted
Edward Hills
Nadine Hills

Patrick Hoack
 Clay Hunt
 Mark Huxley
 Rhonda Kerr
 Emma Maratea
 Karen Matthews
 Sally Mead
 Lucy Merlino
 Sonya Minett-Went
 Carina New
 Matthew O'Neill
 Sam Patmore
 Christina Potts
 David Richard-Preston
 Christine Richard-Preston
 Neil Rutherford
 Julie Rutherford
 Elena Sanchenko-Belsky
 Kirsty Sunderland
 Warren Sunderland
 Zac Tarlinton

ASSOCIATES

Maree Day
 Jeanette Reid

UNDER 13/14

Coco Bradley
 Aleesha Dummett
 Grace Gowing
 Poppy Logue
 Sarah Lingard
 Natalia Minett-Went
 Jorja Moore
 Alexander Norris
 Luka Potts
 Megan Rutherford
 Mikayla Shaw
 Maddison Thornton

UNDER 12

Tom Blackwood
 Felicity Dowd
 Alanna Dummett
 Tyler Franks
 John Gowing
 Jake Hemsted
 Jonathan McMahon
 Rebecca Merlino
 Thomas O'Meara

UNDER 11

Lucy Allen
 Ella Hemsted
 Mackenzie Moore
 Ryan New
 Eliza-Jane Norris
 Matthew O'Meara

UNDER 10

Clancy Ballard
 Loghan Camilleri
 Jordy Cunningham
 Heath Dummett
 Xaviar Hamilton
 Thomas Hills
 Rachel Huxley
 Amber Matthews
 Gracie Sunderland
 Jack O'Sullivan
 Lachlan Watson

UNDER 9

Angus Blackwood
 Phoebe Coxon
 Shakira Dummett

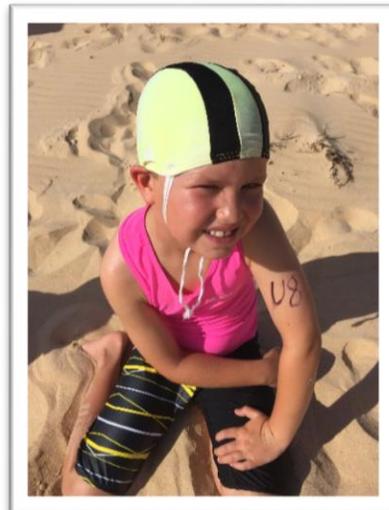
Ella Marshall
 Natalia New
 Sienna Patmore
 Noah Went

UNDER 8

James Allery
 Neave Ballard
 Levi Coxon
 Kobi Hemsted
 Flynn Kelly
 Chloe Lucas
 Faith Matthews
 Aaron Merlino
 Sophie Potts
 Annabel Sunderland
 Ned Sunderland

UNDER 6/7

Lexi Allen
 Cate Allery
 Julion Austin
 Cody Eddie
 Zan Haida
 Barra Hunt
 Jarvis Malin
 Drew Marshall
 Tane Matthews
 Maxim Sanchenko-Ray
 Mack Sunderland
 Nicholas Watson



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