



BERMAGUI SLSC COMMUNITY NEWS

SLSNSW Club of the Year

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Celebration Sippers

It seems like so long ago now but this is the first newsletter since Bermagui SLSC took out the SLSNSW Club of the Year Award in early August.

It was quite an accomplishment for our small club and we're grateful to all our members and everyone in our community for all the support we've received along the way. It's a genuine team effort that everyone who's been involved in our club over the years has played a huge part in.

We've had a lot of questions about what the award was based on and how we managed to pull it off being such a small club.

The award criteria was based primarily on progress and new initiatives over the 2016/2017 season and plans for ongoing improvement moving forward. Based on the feedback we've received here are some of the things that stood out:

- Our most successful training year on record with a 55% increase in the number of actively engaged patrollers, 6 new IRB Drivers, 60% of patrollers took at least 1 additional award during the season.
- Our first season in many years with 100% compliance with our patrol agreement, ensuring our beach was fully staffed at all our patrols.
- Innovations such as the introduction of a first-of-its-kind "self-select" patrol rostering system to replace the traditional "Patrol Group" model and the pilot of "Patrol Buddies" where young Nippers can join patrols to help out and learn.
- New initiatives such as the Same Wave Disability Program and the new water trampoline

Overall it was a great team effort with lots of hard work but, more importantly, lots of fun along the way.

Now we're off to represent NSW at the SLSA National Awards of Excellence on 4th November. Go Bermi!



Bronze Medallion

Join Bermagui Patrols or Nippers Water Safety

A new combined Bronze Medallion (15+ years old)/Surf Rescue Certificate (for those aged 13 & 14) is starting in October. See the dates below and email bermisurfclub@gmail.com if you'd like to register or for more information.



BRONZE MEDALLION/SRC DATES

Thursday, 26 October: 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Sunday, 29 October: 9:30 am to Noon
 Thursday, 2 November: 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Sunday, 5 November: 9:30 am to Noon
 Thursday, 9 November: 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Sunday, 12 November: 9:30 am to Noon
 Thursday, 16 November: 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 Sunday, 19 November: 9:30 am to Noon

Patrols

Patrol roster selections open

Remember to get your patrol selections in for the coming season. Spots are filling up so let us know if you'd like to choose your own dates or just run with whatever we select for you.

Email choices to bermisurfclub@gmail.com

THE SUNKEN ANCHOR QUIZ

GUEST QUIZMASTER THIS WEEK

1. What year was Wallaga Lake bridge opened?
2. Which film, directed by Angelina Jolie, featured the Wallaga Lake bridge in two scenes?
3. Who are the traditional owners of the land and water around Bermagui?
4. When was gold discovered at the Montreal Goldfield?
5. Which club was the NSW Surf Life Saving Club of the year for the 2016/17 season?
6. Who named Camel Rock?
7. Which American author helped establish deep-sea sport fishing in Bermagui?
8. How high above sea level is Gulaga?
9. How did Mystery Bay get its name?
10. Which movie, starring Billy Connolly, was filmed at Bermagui in 2001?

BONUS:

James Cook had three voyages of discovery in the late 18th century. Alas he was fatally speared when he stepped ashore at what we now know as Hawaii. On which voyage did this occur?

Member Rego Open

Join the team for 2017-18

The 2017/2018 season is shaping up to be a great one with lots of activities to look forward to such as Nippers carnivals, competition masterclasses, Bronze Medallion training, the Same Wave program and, of course, the popular Friday Night Sippers.

Our membership fees are the same as last year and the quickest and easiest way to sign up is online. Just visit: <https://sls.com.au/join/>

For renewing members, just click on "Create an Account" and it will take you to the members portal. From there you can either enter your login details from last year or create an account if you don't already have one.

For new members just hit the "Join" button and follow the prompts from there.

We'll also be holding our annual REGO Day and Welcome BBQ on Sunday, 15th October. It will be from Noon to 2:00 pm and we'll have uniform pickup, a BBQ, and clubhouse tours. We'd love to have as many people as possible sign up online in the meantime. Then you just come along to the BBQ and not have to worry about lineups to join or renew your membership.

The 15th October is also Surf Club Open Day across NSW so bring your friends down too.

AROUND THE CLUB

Thanks to JTM Photography & Media

Our thanks to Josh McCue for coming down to do a drone shoot at Horseshoe Bay to profile our beautiful beach. Thanks Josh, you do great work.

You can check out JTM Photography and Media on Facebook at: @JTMPHOTOGRAPHY.MEDIA

ABC Me to feature a series on Nippers

Tune in to ABC ME to check out their brand new series "Nippers".

Follow the South Maroubra Nippers over 13 episodes. running Wednesday and Thursday at 4:35 pm starting today.



Tree Works

Bega Valley Shire Council will be removing three trees in town next week (13th/14th September) due to safety concerns. Two are in the vicinity of the Surf Club and outdoor gym facility.

New plantings will be undertaken to compensate for the losses near the outdoor gym. The toilets located near the Surf Club and outdoor gym will be closed to allow access and maintain safety for all.

Patrols start on 24th

The start of our patrol season is coming around quickly with our first patrol scheduled for Sunday, 24th September. Come down to the beach and visit us between noon and 4:00 pm.

We'll be patrolling every Sunday and Public Holiday between 19th November and 29th April 2018 with 4 shifts over the coming school holidays as well. During the busy summer period from 16th December to 28th January we'll be at the beach on Saturdays as well.

ReBoot in Bermagui

ReBoot is back! Coming to Bermagui on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th September, the program has something for everyone. Make sure you check out the program and register at:

<http://www.rebootinbermagui.com.au/>

Bermagui SLSC will be doing water safety for the Ocean Swim on Sunday morning and we're excited to see you all there. If you're not swimming come on down to Horseshoe Bay to cheer on those who are.



Junior Carnival in Bermi

We're excited to be hosting the first FSC Branch junior carnival for the season. The carnival will be held on Sunday, 3rd December. This is a great opportunity for our Nippers to try out competition on their home beach and we'd love to have as many people as possible lend a hand & cheer them on.

If you're able to help out in any way, even for a couple of hours, please email us at bermisurfclub@gmail.com.

FSC rescue off Moruya

Last Sunday saw the rescue of a paddleboarder about 1 km off the coast near Moruya. Well done to the member of the public who called in what he thought was someone in trouble. Turns out he saved a life with the paddleboarder winched aboard Lifesaver 23. Nice work also to Moruya and Broulee Call Out Teams.

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To submit information and/or photos for an upcoming newsletter email Cheryl at bermisurfclub@gmail.com

1. 1894, 2. Unbroken, 3. The Yui'n people, 4. 1880, 5. Bermagui SLSC, 6. Bass and Flinders, 7. Zane Grey, 8. Approximately 800 metres, 9. In 1880, a young geologist (Lamont Young) and four others disappeared never to be seen again; their boat was found at Mystery Bay, 10. The Man Who Sued God.
BONUS Q: His Last