



BERMAGUI SLSC COMMUNITY NEWS

Umbrellas of Bermagui

On display on Australia Day

The Umbrellas of Bermagui will be on display on Australia Day in the car park of the Country Club. Come on down to check out some of the amazing work by local artists.

As in past years, one of the umbrellas is being raffled and it's a popular one with tickets selling well. Others will be auctioned at the Seaside Fair on Saturday, 10th March.

Bermagui SLSC's Nippers program was the grateful recipient of funds raised by the Umbrellas of Bermagui a couple of years ago which were used to purchase our water trampoline.

This year we'll be helping support other youth clubs in the community and splitting the funds raised with the Bermagui Cricket Club Junior program. The BCC has been working hard to develop a Junior program and since 2016 they've gone from having no kids, to well over 60 involved in their Under 10's development squad, All Ability, Under 12's and Under 14's programs. Great work guys!

The Umbrellas of Bermagui relies on the support of local businesses who sponsor umbrellas. This year's are:

- Bermi Autos
- Bermagui Pharmacy
- Bermagui Surf Shop
- Bermi's Beachside Cafe
- Bluewave Seafood
- The Pineapple House
- Corkies Cafe
- Horse & Camel Wine Bar
- Accounting 4 Business
- River Rock Cafe
- Marshall & Tacheci Real Estate
- 777 Supermarket & Deli
- Frame and Brush
- Stitch Connections

Can you help?

We're looking for some helping hands to assist on Australia Day:

- 9:00 - 10:00 am: Umbrella setup
- 10:00 - 12:30 pm: Raffle ticket sales
- 12:30 to 3:00 pm: Raffle ticket sales
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm: Umbrella take down

If you're available at any of these times your help would be much appreciated. Just let us know at bermisurfclub@gmail.com.



Member Profile - Stephen Bunney

Bermagui George Bass Marathon Competitor

Bermagui Patroller, Steve Bunney, took part in the recent George Bass Marathon. A veteran of 4 GBM races in a surfboat and one on a spec ski, Steve took on the challenge this year on a surf ski. In a testament to his character and perseverance Steve battled through a couple of tough days health-wise early on to take out 4th place overall in an incredible achievement in what can be a long, lonely race for the ski paddlers. The reception he received when coming into his home club beach at Bermagui certainly gave him a lift so thanks to everyone who came down to cheer him home.

Chatting with Steve after the race, he wanted to express his "sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone involved and who gave their time and support to the race". He also made an important comment on something that we sometimes lose sight of when there's a race or competition involved. "I strongly believe that events like the GBM demonstrate the capacity and competency of local people volunteering through their local surf clubs to engage in co-ordinated, complex, multi-day, multi-craft all weather operations in the Pacific and Southern Oceans. This is no small thing and I think that it's just marvellous". Steve's comment was spurred by the realisation that if there were boaters who got into trouble anywhere near the GBM there was certainly no shortage of skill and expertise out there able to respond.

In his long involvement with Surf Life Saving (when Steve renewed his membership with Bermagui three years ago the database said he'd first been a member in 1901 but we're pretty sure he's not quite that old!) spanning over 30 years, Steve has also competed for Narooma and Broulee Surf Clubs (check out his Broulee Member Profile on the right from many years ago).



Introducing: Stephen Bunney.
 Position in Club: Senior active member, boat sweep.
 Occupation: Abalone diver.
 Club history: Six years with Narooma, first season with Broulee.
 Rowing history: George Bass, Bate Bay, Botany Bash, Pier One, two Narooma to Montagu Island marathons.
 Hobbies: Shooting, fishing, all round fitness.

Although still living in Dalmeny, in recent years he and his son, Harrison, found a good fit at Bermagui SLSC and we're thrilled to have him on the team.

Steve's been around the ocean his whole life and his career as an abalone diver is the source of many fascinating stories if you're fortunate to patrol with him. He'll even give you some surf ski tips if you want to get one of the skis out for a practice.

Congrats again, Steve, on your effort and results in the George Bass Marathon, Bermagui's proud of you!

THE SUNKEN ANCHOR QUIZ

1. What European country is associated with tulips and windmills?
2. What is mixed with beer to produce a shandy?
3. How many British prime ministers have been assassinated – none, one or five?
4. What popular musical instrument is often strummed with a plectrum?
5. What has happened if you have mal de mer on a ship?
6. What sort of goal has been scored if you've just kicked a soccer ball into your own team's goal?
7. What French phrase describes a dead-end street?
8. What colour is the large M in a McDonald's sign?
9. What Egyptian canal was opened in 1869?
10. What part of a salad might you be said to be as cool as?
11. What part of a coffee plant is used for making coffee?
12. What sort of tennis is being played if a ball hit between the "tramlines" is in play?



AROUND THE CLUB

Training Officer Course

SLSNSW is holding a Trainer Officers course in Bomaderry on the weekend of 10th and 11th February. The 2-day course is the first step towards becoming a trainer at your club. Participants receive 2 nationally recognised units of competency and head back to their club ready to join the training team and be mentored through a couple of courses. If you're interested in taking the course email us at bermisurfclub@gmail.com for details.

Tathra Wharf 2 Waves

The 2018 Tathra Wharf 2 Waves event will be held this weekend. The swims are on Sunday and Rettke Builders was the naming rights winner for this year's Splash for Cash. Tony Rettke and his wife, Judy, are long-time surf life saving volunteers (Tony's currently our Branch President) so it's great to see their business recognised.



Past years have seen lots of competitors and spectators from Bermagui and we hope to see you down there again this Sunday. Wharf 2 Waves is an important fundraiser for the Tathra Surf Club, Tathra Pre-School and the Tathra RFS.

Nippers is back soon

Nippers will be starting back on Sunday, 4th February after the holiday break. We'll have a couple of weeks to practise before the next carnival which is scheduled for Sunday, 18th February in Tathra (mark it in your calendars).

Even if you're not competing it would be great to see people come down to support the kids who are.

Busy Times at the Beach

Bermagui has had a busy holiday period so far and some beautiful weather over the Christmas/New Year break made for some busy times on the beach.

New Year's Day was one of our busiest ever down on the beach with lots of families enjoying the calm, sunny conditions.



Thanks to all of our patrolling members for their time and commitment and professionalism in dealing with incidents. We have a great team and we're proud of the volunteer work you all do!

Same Wave is Coming

Bermagui SLSC's *Same Wave* program is starting up in a couple of weeks. This year we'll be running every Saturday morning in February and March from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

Same Wave is a program for people with additional needs which may include physical or intellectual disabilities and is open to participants of all ages and abilities. Some may never have been in the ocean before while others will be seasoned swimmers. It's our way of making sure that everyone gets to learn about the beach and the surf.

You don't need your Bronze Medallion to volunteer, just a big smile and a willingness to have some fun! If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or volunteering just email us at bermisurfclub@gmail.com.

Wambiri Youth Camp

Wambiri is a youth development and leadership camp aimed at 13 and 14 year old surf club members in FSC Branch (must have turned 13 by 25th February). The 2017 camp will be held in Pambula from 16th – 18th March.

The cost is \$100 per person and Bermagui applications need to be endorsed by the Club. Applications need to be received by 25th February and you can email bermisurfclub@gmail.com for more information or to request an application form.

What's coming up?

Click the following link to view our monthly calendar. You can also find a link on the homepage of the Bermagui SLSC website:

JANUARY CALENDAR

THE SUNKEN ANCHOR

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

1. Holland (The Netherlands)
2. Lemonade, 3. One, 4. The Guitar,
5. You're seasick, 6. An own goal,
7. Cul-de-sac, 8. Yellow, 9. The Suez Canal,
10. A Cucumber, 11. The beans,
12. Doubles.