



BERMAGUI SLSC COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Presentation Night

Congrats to all for a great season!

We recently celebrated the end of another great season with everyone getting together for our Annual Presentation Night. We had over 120 people join us and it was a lovely evening. As a small club we have a unique opportunity to get everyone together - both juniors and seniors.

It's heartwarming for all the adults to see the achievements and excitement of the young Nippers and Same Wavers and the young kids love sharing the room with all the adults, many of whom they know from joining patrol with Patrol Buddies.

The following were among those recognised for their outstanding achievements over the past year:

Club Person of the Year
Robert Johnson

Cadet Club Person of the Year
Liam Russell

Junior Club Person of the Year
Brodie Rixon

President's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Club
Rachel Wallbank

Maggi Shield
Jack O'Sullivan

Athletes of the Year
Ruth Burgess (Senior)
Sam Glasson (Junior Male)
Faith Matthews (Junior Female)



New Training Awards

RWC Operator

7 FSC Branch members recently undertook a 3-month training course to receive their RWC Operator Certificate (jet ski). 6 from Bermagui and 1 from Narooma completed the course and our thanks to our trainer Tony Vella who travelled down to Bermi for each session. The new operators are:

Rowan Blake
Andrew Curven
Warren Marshall
Cheryl McCarthy
Andrew McCaughtrie
Euan McKenzie
Steve O'Sullivan



One of our Same Wavers, Michael Minett, keeping the jet ski warm before training.

Advanced Resuscitation

We had 11 Bermagui patrollers complete their ART Award in April bringing us to over 70% of our active patrollers with that qual.

Brett Guthrie
Nathan Hawker
Mark Huxley
Robert Johnson
Poppy Logue
Paul McCarthy
Jen O'Connor
Van Osgood
Steve O'Sullivan
Liam Russell
Hannah Vaughan-Smith

5 members from other clubs in Branch joined us and Bruce McAslan also got signed off as a facilitator to run this award in the future. Congrats to all.

THE SUNKEN ANCHOR QUIZ

1. What country would you visit to see the Panama Canal?
2. How many women go out with the men on an episode of Studs?
3. Who was known as "The Young Pretender" – Paul Keating, Bonnie Prince Charlie or Napoleon Bonaparte?
4. What is Swan Lake – a ballet, a painting or a wildlife park?
5. What large dangerous fish has a head resembling a carpenter's tool?
6. What country always leads the march at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games?
7. What is the official language of West Irian?
8. Who wears the beanie – Snap, Crackle or Pop?
9. Which British coin was minted from silver until 1672?
10. What was Miranda commenting on when she observed: "O brave new world"?
11. Which chemical element has the shortest name?
12. What sport has dock starts, beach starts and scooter starts?

End of a Successful Season

It was a great end to a successful season as the flags came down on 29th April. We had to rug up a little for that final patrol but it was still a pretty perfect day at the beach.

It was a huge season at Bermi with lots of new members, and 48 new training awards. Not bad for a club with 43 active patrollers with a number of people upskilling in more than one qualification over the course of the season.



We finished the season with 5 rescues and two emergency call outs.

One of the rescues - a triple-rescue of three young boys caught in a rip - received "Rescue of the Year". Patrol Captain, Van Osgood, was on hand at the Presentation Night to present Liam Russell, Ben Burgess and Rowan Blake (not in picture) with their award. Along with their awards they received copies of the beautiful cards that two of the youngsters delivered to the team the next day to say thank you.



Great effort by all keeping all of the visitors to our beach safe this season.

AROUND THE CLUB

Annual General Meeting

The Bermagui SLSC Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, 5th August, 2018. It will be held at the club house starting at 3:00 pm.

We'll be sending a formal notice shortly but please mark it in your calendars. The AGM is not just about electing people to positions for the coming year, it's about celebrating the season we've just had and recognising the outstanding work the whole team does. We'd love to see as many people there as possible.



Congratulations Holly

Our congratulations to Holly Abbey who won gold in the recent Aussie Championships in Perth in the U15 Flags.

Holly generously donated her time to come down to Bermi last November with her coach, Sean Hendry, to give our Nippers a Beach Masterclass.

Our kids loved the session and it's exciting to know they were coached by an Aussie Champ. Well done Holly, so glad to see all the hard work paying off. And nice work to coach Sean too!

Club Working Bee

We'll be holding a Club Working Bee on Saturday, 2nd June. We'll start at 9 am and will provide lunch and some beverages.

This is a chance to get a lot of those niggly little jobs done that we don't get a chance to cover during the season. There's a huge range of things to do, from tidying up to some building and maintenance work.

We'll have the jobs, tools and supplies lined up, we just need some willing helpers. Even if you can only come for an hour or two we'd really love the support.

Email us at bermisurfclub@gmail.com if you're planning to come down so we can get the catering numbers right.

Port Macquarie Ironman

Eight incredible competitors from Bermagui took part in the recent Port Macquarie Ironman race. We've seen you all out training and have enjoyed doing water safety for some of your ocean training sessions but it was just amazing to watch the effort you all put in, finishing between 10.5 hours and 15 hours. What a race!

Bermagui SLSC patroller, Mick Butterfield, was one of the competitors with the full list of Bermi athletes being:

Kate Butterfield
Mick Butterfield
Paul Callaghan
Jess Caves
Barb Phillips
Kate Power
Ross Scott
Michael Whalen

Well done to all, our hats off to you. Maybe a George Bass Marathon somewhere in your future as the next challenge???

Bonus Quiz Question

General Sir John Monash has been in the news recently and our resident history buff, 2017-18 Club Person of the Year, Robert Johnson, has sent in a bonus quiz question.

Question:

General Sir John Monash, Australia's most accomplished military commander, had a conversation with a notable Australian when he was just 14 years old. He later recounted, "A Sunday school superintendent couldn't have given me better advice as to human conduct." Monash later recounted the two greatest moments of his life were cracking the Hindenburg Line in 1918 and that conversation he had as a 14 year old.

Who was the conversation with and where did it take place?

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Bonus Answer:
Ned Kelly during the siege of Jerilderie on
10 February, 1879. (Source and quotes
from "True Grit" by David Hunt)
1. Panama, 2. Three, 3. Bonnie Prince
Charlie, 4. A ballet, 5. The Hammerhead
shark, 6. Greece, 7. Bahasa Indonesia,
8. Crackle, 9. The halfpenny,
10. "Mankind", 11. Tin, 12. Water-skiing