



BERMAGUI SLSC COMMUNITY NEWS

# Congratulations Tasman McKenzie

## Junior Lifesavers of the Year Announced

This year's FSC Branch Junior Lifesavers of the Year have been announced and Bermagui's Tasman McKenzie has taken out the award for Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year, FSC Branch. The Male winner is Oliver Meaker from Tathra SLSC.

This year saw a strong field of nominees and the judges were highly impressed with the quality of all candidates. Other nominees from across the Branch were:

Hannah Campbell, Broulee Surfers  
 Emma Cochrane, Broulee/Canberra  
 Ruby Coppin, Moruya SLSC  
 Samuel Jenkins, Moruya SLSC  
 Liam Mahoney, Narooma SLSC  
 Kyarna Boulton, Tathra SLSC  
 Kai Holt, Pambula SLSC  
 Niamh O'Dubhir, Pambula SLSC

Congratulations to all nominees. It's a real honour to be nominated by your club and you all do great work. The award recognises contributions of young lifesavers in the Under 14 age group who've made a strong impact in their club and in their community.

Tasman has been a Bermi Nipper for the past several years before doing her Surf Rescue Certificate and joining our patrol team this season. For the past two seasons she was also part of the "Patrol Buddy" program where she helped out on patrol and learned the ropes.

Tasman approached the Bermi leadership team a couple of months ago with some ideas for taking a more proactive approach to sustainability. She spent time over the summer doing a Sustainability Audit of the club, identifying where we're doing well and what we could do better. She presented her ideas to our January committee meeting and everyone was impressed with her composure, maturity and passion for the project. You'll be hearing more from Tasman in the months ahead as she contributes to *The Sunken Anchor* to let you all know about the initiatives the club will be focusing on.

Tasman and Oliver are now off to a leadership development camp in Sydney in April with JLOTY winners from all 11 Branches. Have a great time guys, can't wait to hear all about it!



# Nippers is Back

## Nippers starts again this Sunday

After a summer break our Nippers hit the beach again this Sunday morning starting at 10:30 am. Make sure you're there by 10:15 to help our Age Managers get everyone organised and marked off.

The next carnival is 7 weeks away on 24th March in Tathra and everyone will be working hard on their skills in the meantime.

Here are some pics of our last Nippers session, the Christmas Twilight Nippers. Thanks to Euan McKenzie for the creative obstacle course, the Nippers had a ball.



## THE SUNKEN ANCHOR QUIZ

1. What currency is used by France?
2. Which cities are connected by the Hume Highway?
3. Where will the next summer Olympics be held?
4. Who was Australia's Prime Minister in 2012?
5. When is Britain's exit from the European Union (Brexit) due to occur?
6. When did Cyclone Tracey destroy Darwin?
7. Which animals are on the Australian coat of arms?
8. Which Agatha Christie novel was made into a movie in 1974 and 2017?
9. How many times has Australia won the Rugby World Cup?
10. Is Sydney north or south relative to Perth?
11. In what year did Tullamarine replace Essendon as Melbourne's main airport?
12. Which train runs from Sydney to Perth?

# Same Wave is on!

## 2nd March will be a big day

Bermagui SLSC's Same Wave program starts this Saturday and we're excited to have some new faces joining our returning Same Wavers.

We also have some new volunteers joining the team but there's always room for more so let us know if you're interested in helping out.

We're excited to welcome our Same Wave friends from Moruya SLSC and Pambula SLSC for the first time for a joint session in Bermagui. We'll get a few weeks under our belts at our own beaches and then all 3 clubs will get together in Bermi on Saturday, 2nd March for a joint Same Wave.

We'll be looking for extra helpers that day to make sure we enough people to get all the kids out and having fun. If the weather cooperates we can even get the water trampoline into the water.

You don't need your Bronze Medallion to volunteer, just a big smile and a willingness to have some fun!

Rachel Wallbank is leading the program this year and has some great new ideas and equipment. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or volunteering just email us at [bermisurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:bermisurfclub@gmail.com).



## AROUND THE CLUB

### 100,000 Cans Deposited

No, that's not a typo. Our amazing member, Robert Johnson, has just deposited the 100,000th can on behalf of the Surf Club. That's an incredible \$10,000 and counting that has come in to the club to help with a number of things including funds towards Same Wave, new Nippers boards and even a contribution towards our new ATV.

A haul like that requires commitment and many early morning starts with 4:00 am runs to beat the garbage trucks! What an effort, we're truly grateful for all of your hard work, Robert'.

### Busy Summer at the Beach

We've had a busy summer holiday period with the number of visitors at the beach and in town appearing much higher than last year.

We've had really strong patrol numbers which has been great to see and everyone seems to be having a good time.

We wanted to send a big thank you to you all for the laughs, fun and professionalism you show on patrol. We're proud of the whole team!

### Thank you letter

While we know lots of people are grateful for the work of our volunteers down at the beach over summer it's always nice to hear it directly. Here's an email we received last week and wanted to share with the whole team to let you know how much you're valued:

Morning,  
After having spent 2 weeks at Bermagui for our holiday and spending many hours at Horseshoe Bay, I wanted to thank your Club and Volunteer Life Savers for doing a great job. Thanks for looking after us all at the beach so far this summer and taking time out from your own families and friends to look after us tourists!!

Regards,  
Stuart Swan  
Morven, NSW

### Wambiri

Wambiri is a youth development and leadership camp aimed at 13 and 14 year old surf club members in FSC Branch. The 2019 camp will be held in Pambula from 15th – 17th March.

Spots are filling quickly so email us at [bermisurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:bermisurfclub@gmail.com) for more information or to request an application form.

### IRB Training

We'll be running some IRB Driver and Crew training sessions over the next few weeks (9th and 24th Feb confirmed). It's open to everyone with the Bronze Medallion so email us at [bermisurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:bermisurfclub@gmail.com) if you're interested.

Once you have your IRB Crew Certificate you're able to start training for the Silver Medallion IRB Driver. Give us a shout if you want more info.

### SMAR Course in Bermi

2nd and 3rd of March will be busy at Bermagui SLSC with FSC Branch holding a Silver Medallion Aquatics Rescue course at our beach. Over 20 participants will spend the weekend learning about search and rescue skills and will also participate in a night-time search on land on the Saturday night. The course has a waiting list but we have a number of members taking part which is great for our club.

# THE SUNKEN ANCHOR

To submit information and/or photos for an upcoming newsletter email Cheryl at [bermisurfclub@gmail.com](mailto:bermisurfclub@gmail.com)



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3. Tokyo. 4. Julia Gillard. 5. 29 March 2019.  
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emu. 8. Murder on the orient express.  
9. Twice (1991 and 1999). 10. South.  
11. 1970. 12. Indian Pacific.