



BERMAGUI SLSC COMMUNITY NEWS



Joint Same Wave was a hit

Moruya, Bermagui and Pambula join forces

Last Saturday morning was chock full of laughs, smiles and fun as the disability programs from Moruya, Pambula and Bermagui joined forces in Bermagui.

With participants, helpers and families there were well over 120 people at the beach and it was smiles all around. While the NE wind didn't cooperate enough to get out the water trampoline, the participants had a ball with all of the other activities on hand.

Fun on the beach and in the water was followed by a BBQ and our thanks to

Rachel Wallbank who did an amazing job of organising such a big day.

Thanks also to Mike Hallahan of Moruya and Michele and Peter Bootes of Pambula who lead their respective programs. It's no easy task to get all of the participants, families and equipment packed up and on the road and we appreciate the effort.

All the hard work definitely seems worthwhile when you see everyone having so much fun!



Training

Congrats to our new IRB Drivers and Crewies

We have a number of patrollers who have been training for their Silver Medallion IRB Driver award and the IRB Crew Certificate.

After an initial full day team session, participants get to practice their skills over patrols or other training days before being signed off.

The last weekend in February saw Jai Curven receive his IRB Driver award and Robert Johnson and Brett Guthrie join the team of qualified IRB crew.

We have several others in training with a goal of being signed off before the end of the season.

Some got more than they bargained for at the 24th February training session when a real emergency call came in requesting support for Marine Rescue Bermagui. A boat with 5 people, including 3 children, was in trouble near the surf zone off Moorhead Beach.

What the crews initially suspected was a training scenario became real as soon as they got around the point and saw the smoke from the flare. The whole team responded quickly and professionally. Well done to all involved.



THE SUNKEN ANCHOR QUIZ

1. The Sir John Monash Centre, opened on Anzac Day 2018, is located where?
2. How many dots are there on a dice?
3. What is the main airport in London?
4. Which country sold Alaska to the United States of America?
5. In which city did Australia's first Federal Parliament sit?
6. What is the capital of Luxembourg?
7. In what year did the Vietnam War end?
8. Which mountain range separates France and Spain?
9. How many bytes in a kilo byte?
10. Approximately what latitude south of the equator is the tropic of capricorn?
11. What is a desalination plant used for?
12. Which river flows through Melbourne?

Bermagui hosts SMAR

24 FSC Lifesavers hone their skills

Last weekend saw 24 lifesavers, representing every club in FSC Branch, come together in Bermagui to hone their skills as part of the Silver Medallion Aquatics Rescue course.

The intense weekend saw the team learning and working on a number of skills including search patterns, water entries from rocks, underwater patient retrieval, deep water entries (yes, that was us jumping off the Bermagui bridge on Sunday morning) and we even conducted a night time land search.



Bermi participants were:

Ben Burgess
Owen Burgess
Ruth Burgess
Andrew Curven
Cheryl McCarthy
Liam Russell

Congrats to all and thanks to Sue Hunt for organising and Tony Vella for training us.

AROUND THE CLUB

Bermi Patrollers Impress

Two Bermi surfski paddlers have had some impressive results over the summer with the most recent race being the Makai Cup and Mini Makai races in Ulladulla on 9th February.

Steve Bunney placed third in the 50+ SS1 category and Ruth Burgess continued her string of impressive results with a 2nd place in the 40+SS1 Female Category and 10th Overall.

The George Bass Marathon is coming up ... you guys just might have to sign up!



While Dad, Steve, was out on the water, Emma Bunney was taking on the Spartan race in Sydney. With 22 obstacles over a 5km course, the Spartan race is renowned for its toughness. Emma came 4th in her age group ... amazing effort!



Nice Rescue

Same Wave volunteer Liam Russell teamed up with Ruth Burgess, who was out on her ski for a training run, to rescue one of Same Wave's most prized pieces of equipment. With a little nudge from one of the Same Wavers the beach ball was off and with a little (actually a lot) help from a stiff southerly was making its way to Camel Rock.

Ruth swung into action and paddled across the bay to block the path of the ball while Liam grabbed a board and went for a longer paddle than planned. Deflating the ball was the only way to get it back and Liam was assisted by Same Wave volunteer, Steve Rutland. Nice team work guys and great rescue. Your skills were appreciated by all those having a chuckle on the beach!



Nippers Update

Our last regular Nippers will be on 17th March with the following Sunday, 24th, being a Nippers carnival in Tathra.

We'll then have competition training only for the couple of weeks leading into the final carnival of the season in Broulee on 14th April.

We'd love to get as many kids as possible down to the Tathra carnival so make sure you come down to Nippers the next couple of weekends to get some final practice in. See you at the beach on Sunday at 10:15 am for a 10:30 start.

Development Camps

Five Bermagui youth patrollers are off to leadership development camps over the next month.

Tasman McKenzie, Bohdi Moffat-Turner and Heidi Osgood are heading to the FSC Branch Wambiri camp in Pambula on 16/17 March. It's a great weekend of developing skills and friendships and this trio of young ladies are wonderful representatives for Bermagui.

We're also thrilled to announce that two Bermagui members are among the four chosen across FSC Branch to represent the Branch at the Youth Opportunity Makers leadership development camp in Sydney in April.

Congratulations to Jai Curven and Liam Russell. We can't wait to hear all about it.

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1. Villers-Bretonneux, France. 2. 21.
3. Heathrow. 4. Russia. 5. Melbourne.
6. Luxembourg City. 7. 1975.
8. The Pyrenees. 9. 1,000. 10. 23 degrees.
11. Removing salt from seawater.
12. The Yarra River.