



THE SUNKEN ANCHOR

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BERMAGUI SLSC COMMUNITY NEWS

What a find - it's our anniversary!

Founded in 1909

One of our members, Paul McCarthy, has been working hard on piecing together the details of our club history. While we originally thought we were founded in the 1920's, we recently learned that Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club was actually founded much earlier than we thought ... in November 1909!

That makes this month our 110th anniversary. While we've had the odd break in between years we think this is a milestone worth celebrating and we'd love you all to join us.

We'll be having a BBQ, cake and the bar will be open. We'd love to get as many past and present members there as possible so if you know someone who was part of the club over the years please let them know they're welcome and we'd love to see them. We also can't wait to hear their stories and see any photos they're willing to share!

110th Anniversary Party

Sunday, 17th November 2019

Noon onwards

At the surf club - 1 Lamont Street, Bermagui

Our fantastic community volunteers at the Men's Shed are going to help us with the BBQ and we need to know numbers.

Please RSVP to bermisurfclub@gmail.com or phone Cheryl at 0459-238-442



Bermagui Surf Club members participating in a carnival march past in 1954.

Member at the time, Mal Dibden, tells us some of the club members that year were Joe Mead, the two Blacka boys, Pat McCabe, the Jones boys (Clarie, Les, Cecil and Vene), Jim Dixon, Billy Hughes, Les Darcy, Les Turner, Frank Broder and Bernie McCabe. Do you know of any others?

Nippers Notes

Nippers on the beach

Our first Nippers beach session is this Sunday, 3rd November. We start at 10:30 am so please make sure you're a little early as the first session for the year is always an adventure!

Being on time will help our volunteer team get everyone organised and into activities as soon as possible.

We're always looking for parents to lend a hand so if you can pitch in on Sunday in any way it would be very much appreciated.

If you haven't joined up yet but still want to please let us know via email at bermisurfclub@gmail.com.

Rashies & Wetties

Pink rash vests are provided free for all new Nippers. If you're returning and need a new one you can purchase one for \$15.

The wet suit exchange is also available because kids are growing so quickly. We have some loaner wetties available for those who don't have one and if you contribute a wettie in good condition you can take a new size from the exchange.

New this year we also have some Bermagui long sleeve rash vests available for purchase.

Parent Support Sign Up List

In order to make sure everything runs smoothly, every year we ask each Nippers family to commit to assisting in at least one area during the year. There will be a sign up list at Rego Day and also at the first Nippers session. Opportunities available include:

- Water safety (for those who hold their Bronze Medallion)
- Age manager
- Beach helper
- Coaching
- Nippers BBQ
- Fundraising
- Carnival helper

Have a think about how best you'd like to make a contribution this year.

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1. When was the Bermagui Surf Club established?
2. What river flows through London?
3. What is a group of whales commonly called?
4. How many degrees does a triangle contain?
5. Do Victoria and Tasmania share a land border?
6. How long did Edward VIII reign?
7. What is an affogato?
8. How many episodes of Fawlty Towers were produced?
9. Who wrote Waltzing Matilda?
10. When did the Sydney Harbour Tunnel open?
11. Who was first to reach the South Pole?
12. Where were the 1988 Winter Olympics held?

History to be proud of

Do you have pictures to share with us?

We'd love to collect as many photos from our past as we can so we can put them on display in our club house. If you have any photos (or copies) that you're willing to part with we'd love to see them. Just let us know at

bermisurfclub@gmail.com or phone Paul at 0435-008-442.

This photo on the right is the award ceremony at the Vice Regal Carnival held in Bermagui in 1953. On hand to present the awards were the NSW Governor, Sir John Northcott, and Walter Bruce "Curly" Annabel from Tathra Surf Club who was the Bega News Editor and Proprietor at the time.

Receiving awards are Bermagui's Mal Dibden and Jim Eadie from Tathra Surf Club.



AROUND THE CLUB

Looking for helpers

We're looking for helpers for George Bass beach support and two fundraising BBQs coming up. These BBQs raise money for our Nippers program so we'd love as many parents as possible to lend a hand. Even an hour or so helps a lot.

Friday, 13th December

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

BBQ for the Community Christmas Carols which are held at the Surf Club

Wednesday, 1st January

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

George Bass Marathon BBQ and presentation.

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8:30 am to 12:30 pm

George Bass Marathon beach support and set up

Thursday, 2nd January

7:30 am to 10:30 am George Bass Marathon beach support and set up

Email bermisurfclub@gmail.com

Bronze Medallion/SRC

We have a full house this year with 24 people signed up for the combined Bronze/Surf Rescue Certificate course.

With 1 week out of 4 under their belts everyone is doing a great job and we can't wait to welcome you all officially to the team.

The SRC group (all 13 and 14 year olds) even challenged the Bronze level run-swim-run last Sunday to see if they could do it. Every single one made the course under the allowed time which was an impressive effort and they were spurred on by the Bronzies cheering them home. Love this team!

2EC Radiothon 2019 - Doing it for the red and yellow



FSC Branch is fortunate to be the recipient of this year's 2EC Radiothon with all funds raised going towards our Branch which covers the 7 clubs from Batemans Bay to Pambula.

The Radiothon will be held on the weekend of 23rd and 24th November and we're looking for volunteers to help man the phones. We'd love to see as many Bermi faces there as possible to support the fundraising efforts. The 2EC station is in Bega and the weekend is broken into the following shifts:

Saturday 23rd November: 6 am to noon

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Sunday 24th November: 6 am to noon

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Email us at bermisurfclub@gmail.com if you can help.

Age Manager Course

We're hoping to run an Age Manager course and it's a great way for Nippers parents to help support the kids and the club. The course takes approximately 2 hours plus some online work and the plan is to run it right after a Nippers session. Email us at

bermisurfclub@gmail.com if you're interested and we'll get more info to you.



Competition cap worn by Bermagui member, Mal Dibden, when competing in the 1950's.

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

1. November 1909 (as the South Bermagui Surf-Bathing Club);
2. The Thames. 3. A pod. 4. 180 degrees.
5. Yes (almost 100 metres long on Boundary Islet in Bass Strait).
6. 10¼ months (from 20 January to 11 December 1936).
7. Ice cream and espresso coffee.
8. 12. 9. Banjo Paterson. 10. August 1992.
11. Raold Amundsen. 12. Calgary, Canada.