

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



DECEMBER 2020

Club: Wanda SLSC, SLSS RWC (Support Ski 2), Elouera SLSC, Sutherland Shire Lifeguards, SLSS (Sutherland 20)

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Lachlan Crawford, Cameron Pyett, Jon Hayman, Michael Byrne, Kane Hughes, Elouera Patrol Members

At approximately 15:43 on 27 December, 2020 Lachlan Crawford, supported by members of the public, rescued a 22 year old female and Male in his 40's at Track 15 on Wanda Beach. The female was pulled from the water by Lachlan in semi-conscious state. The male was also assisted by Lachlan out of the water.

For those involved, this was a genuine near-drowning with the female patient placed into the recovery position, administered oxygen and airway cleared of significant amounts of fluid and was vomiting. The female patient was transported to St George Hospital in a critical condition. The male was also transported to St George Hospital as his condition later deteriorated.

If Lachlan had not help hold the two patients above water and helped dragged them in where more assistance was provided, the two patients likely would have drowned. It is important to note the significance of the help provided by Support Ski 2 (Kane Hughes) who beached the jet ski, helped assist the female patient above the high tide line and the prepared the Lifeguards oxygen equipment, as well as the Elouera roving Patrol members who helped assist the male, the two members of the public who assisted Lachlan when he got the patients closer to shore, Sutherland Shire Lifeguards John Hayman and Cameron Pyett (Supervisor) who assisted on scene also.

This was an outstanding rescue, and a deserved winner of Rescue of the Month.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Joel Wiseman'.

Joel Wiseman
Director of Lifesaving
Surf Life Saving NSW

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'George Shales OAM'.

George Shales OAM
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