

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



MAY 2025

Club/Service: Sawtell SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Scott Rayson, Glynis Kirby, Fiona Lane, Michael Easman, Shane Golden, Billy Rawling, Oki Clifford, Andrew Martin, Neil Robertson, Matt Ryan, Carney Peters, George Haynes, Isaac Ryan, Saul Easman

At around 10.30am on Sunday 25 May, members of Sawtell SLSC were finishing a Bronze Medallion exam when an incident began to unfold in the water, where a swimmer appeared to be in distress.

Three junior members of the club, Saul Easman, George Haynes and Isaac Ryan reacted quickly, grabbing rescue boards and following instructions from Fiona Lane on the beach to help locate the swimmer.

Meanwhile, Andrew Martin and Neil Robertson prepared and launched the Inflatable Rescue Boat to assist, and Oakley Clifford and Billy Rawling retrieved a defibrillator and first aid kit from the surf club and came to the shoreline to be on standby.

Once on site, Neil and Andrew told the boys to return to shore on their boards and worked to build a rapport with the swimmer, before attempting to bring them back to shore.

Eventually, a second IRB was sought and with the assistance of Carney Peters, Matt Ryan, and a police officer, the swimmer was brought back to shore to be taken to hospital.

Duty Officer, Scott Rayson, Glynis Kirby and Michael Easman all also played a part in a tricky rescue, following Standard Operating Procedures to produce a positive result.



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 'Peter Agnew'.

Peter Agnew AM
President
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