

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



NOVEMBER 2025

Club/Service: Dee Why SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Cameron Read, Megan Read, Cooper Read, Herve Vichemont, James Duguid, Brayden Duguid, Mark Rosenthal, Lachlan Pike, Elio Vezzola, Hassan Haggag, Xavier O'Bryan, Barry Marshall, Harrison White, Cameron Spry, Piero Vezzola, Hamza Haggag, Charlie Hagon, Ayman Haggag, Alexander Pike, Vern Mitchell

At approximately 11.40am on Saturday 29 November 2025, a Dee Why SLSC member and a member of the public were swimming between the flags when they noticed an increase in the size of the sets rolling in.

Almost immediately, two very large waves crashed into the sandbank and while the Dee Why member resurfaced, the other person was observed floating face down.

Council lifeguards and the volunteer lifesaving Patrol Captain both responded, with lifeguards preparing oxygen and the defibrillator while patrol members pulled a man from the water.

CPR was commenced immediately, with the man expelling significant amounts of water during the resuscitation attempts.

Patrol members organised an ambulance through the Surf Life Saving NSW State Operations Centre and provided privacy in the form of sheets and towels, while rotating through CPR rotations with lifeguards.

Paramedics arrived on scene and took over management of the man's vitals, however patrol intervention did not end there – members liaised with emergency services to ensure the safest route off the beach and continue to protect the man's privacy, before he was taken to hospital.

A team effort by Cameron Read, Megan Read, Cooper Read, Herve Vichemont, James Duguid, Brayden Duguid, Mark Rosenthal, Lachlan Pike, Elio Vezzola, Hassan Haggag, Xavier O'Bryan, Barry Marshall, Harrison White, Cameron Spry, Piero Vezzola, Hamza Haggag, Charlie Hagon, Ayman Haggag, Alexander Pike, and Vern Mitchell.



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