

# RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

## MARCH 2022

SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



**Club: Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC**

**Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved:** Phillip Everett, Anthony Logue, Phillip Daniel, Stuart Daniel, Carolyn Jeffries, Sharon Taylor

A daring after-hours rescue in the Hunter proved that surf lifesaving skills don't work to a schedule, after Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC members acted quickly to pull a lady from the ocean after she was caught in a rip.

Just after 5pm on Sunday 20 March, Patrol members were sharing a drink in the clubhouse when they were alerted to a female caught in a dangerous rip current some 80m offshore and 100m north of the clubhouse.

Acting quickly, Phillip Everett, Stuart Daniel, Carolyn Jeffries, Anthony Logue and Sharon Taylor leapt to attention and worked together to enact a rescue – Stuart making his way out to the patient on the rescue board while the others secured the IRB for deployment.

Despite a tricky shore break and choppy conditions creating difficulty securing the woman on the rescue board, the IRB was launched successfully and reached Stuart and the woman in short time. Exhaustion playing a part but never stopping them, the team would eventually secure the patient on board and safely return her to shore, breathing comfortably.

It was almost at the loss of the rescue board, which was swept away in the aftermath of boarding the IRB, but that was retrieved by Sharon as Carolyn advised the IRB driver and crew of how to navigate the waves on their way to shore.

Without the efforts of the six Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC members – in their own time – the incident could have played out very differently.



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