

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



APRIL 2025

Club/Service: Avoca Beach SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Jackson English, Chris Parker, Nigel Tebb

Just before 7am on Good Friday, 18 April 2025, an incident began to unfold off the point at Avoca Beach where a group of surfers had gathered to make the most of the large swell.

With waves of 8-10 foot in size barrelling in, approximately seven locals had gathered out the back to make the most of the conditions before a rip current began to create problems.

Swimming against the rip quickly became difficult and while some were able to paddle to safely, two were left stranded and beginning to tire.

Three long-time surf club members acted immediately once the alarm was raised, with Jackson English and Chris Parker jumping in the IRB and Nigel Tebb taking a rescue tube to the point.

While Jackson and Chris initially struggled to get the IRB out through the surf, they eventually managed to get to the surfers and pull them onto the boat, along with their boards.

Navigating more treacherous conditions, the IRB and stranded surfers were returned to shore safely.



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
President
Surf Life Saving NSW