

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

APRIL 2023

Club: The Entrance SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Patrick Jacob

In the early afternoon on Monday 17 April, The Entrance SLSC member, Patrick Jacob was working from home when he received a call from a neighbour about an incident unfolding at nearby North Entrance Beach.

It was a relatively overcast day, but a group of friends had visited the beach and a 14-year-old boy was caught in a rip and struggling to stay afloat.

Living nearby to North Entrance Beach, Patrick grabbed the rescue tube he keeps at home and ran to the shore. He passed his neighbour, who he told to call Triple Zero, before running towards the friends who were frantically pointing at the boy in the water.

Though he couldn't see the boy yet, Patrick swam out through the 6ft surf and took directions from the boy's friends until he found him. At this time, Patrick extended the rescue tube and kept a safe distance as the teenager was panicking.

The rip had carried them into a precarious position, with Patrick and the boy now right where the waves break and struggling to find a way to shore. Instead, Patrick paddled the pair further out to sea and flagged down assistance from Lifeguards who were already on scene and coordinating Rescue Water Craft to assist.

In short time, the jet ski collected them from the water exhausted but okay and delivered them back to the beach where the young boy was assessed by paramedics.

Without doubt, Patrick's actions and quick thinking saved the boy's life.



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