

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



FEBRUARY 2023

Club: Elouera SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Nicole Krite, Andrew McKellar, Tammy Payne, Emily Zytaruk, Tim Grant, Kirron Duncan, Brett Pritchard, David Kowald, Ashton Prowse, Xavier Byrnes, Austin Alexander, Mal Boon, Kaitlyn Byrnes, Paul Byrnes, Tara Collier, Brooke Collins, Bailey Duncan, Holly Edmunds, Lee Edmunds, Greg Gillan, Chris Hall, Madison Hall, Andrew Hay, Amelie Humphries, Robert Humphries, Neill Hunt, Dean McLennan, Mikaela Mead, Steven Mead, Jack Prowse, Kayla Pyett, Ross Pyett, Will Soulos, Joshua Walmsley, Brady Bacon, Jye Collier, Karl Gillan, Ryan Gillan, Charlotte Wisdom, Megan Kessey, Tulley Lane, Layla King, Reagan Boggiss, Annika Freiheit, Kirra Hidge, James Hards, Ashlyn Lloyd, Milly Newton, Jane Lanham, Sarah O'Connor, Michael Bonicci, Louise Skjeime, Mackenzie Hannington, Zachary Roja, Callum Redrup, Chris Iredale, Bede Elphick

At around 3PM on Sunday 5 February, a large group of people were swept off a bank at North Cronulla on the edge of the northernmost patrol flag, initiating a mass rescue operation which involved volunteer lifesavers and lifeguards from across the Bate Bay region.

The multi-club operation with high member involvement began as Sydney Branch jetski operator, Nixy Krite of Bondi SBLSC observed the situation unfolding from her Rescue Water Craft (RWC) and raced to the scene after radioing the incident in to the SLSNSW State Operations Centre.

Noticing first the most critical patient in need of assistance – an unconscious male floating face down in the water – she made her way to him. The RWC already had several people on the sled and as such, the unconscious male was transferred on the water

to the Elouera Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) which had made its way to the scene.

He was taken to shore with CPR commenced in the IRB by Kirron Duncan and Brett Pritchard, and continued on land with the assistance of Sutherland Shire lifeguards. The man would later regain consciousness.

After the transfer of the critical patient, Nixy then ferried 20 more swimmers in to shore while eight others were assisted from the water by lifeguards. Patrol members from Elouera SLSC and North Cronulla SLSC assisted in coordinating the critical care of patients.

The incident serves as a strong example of collaboration between volunteer lifesavers and lifeguards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Wiseman'.

Joel Wiseman
Director of Lifesaving
Surf Life Saving NSW

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George Shales OAM
President
Surf Life Saving NSW