

# RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



## JULY 2023

**Club/Service: Manly LSC**

**Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Peter Ingle, Anthony Viecei, Melissa Pye, Joseph Badaoui**

At approximately 6.45AM on Saturday 29 July, Manly LSC members, Peter Ingle and Anthony Viecei were returning to shore from board training when they were alerted by a member of the public to a potential swimmer in distress.

The person's friend was suffering an asthma attack and struggling to stay above the water.

Upon reaching the distressed swimmer, Peter found a fellow member, Melissa Pye, supporting the person to stay above water. Using his board, Peter pulled the person from the water and ferried them to shore.

By this stage it had become evident that the person was unconscious and not breathing, with no pulse detected. This prompted Peter to begin CPR with aid from Anthony and a local anaesthetist who was on scene. The pair would

also call on the defibrillator, but the person remained unresponsive.

Despite this, they continued providing CPR for a period of around 15-20 minutes, determined to continue lifesaving efforts until professional medical help arrived.

Once paramedics were on scene, the LUCAS Chest Compression System was utilised, and a normal heart rhythm was eventually detected. The person was then taken from the scene by ambulance.

Peter and Anthony remained calm under pressure, followed all standard operating procedures, and called on their lifesaving training to ensure a quick response. Their efforts played a significant part in ensuring the distressed swimmer left the beach breathing.



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**Joel Wiseman**  
Director of Lifesaving  
Surf Life Saving NSW

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**Peter Agnew**  
President  
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