

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

MAY 2022

Club: Australian Lifeguard Service - FNC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Ty McCartney, Cody Bell

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Two Far North Coast lifeguards have illustrated the importance of Emergency Response Beacons (ERBs) in unpatrolled areas, after their rescue of a rock fisherman who had been swept into the ocean off Fingal Headland.

On Sunday 29 May 2022, the State Operations Centre (SOC) was made aware of an incident through the activation of the ERB at Dreamtime Beach in Fingal. It was around 8.45am – just before lifeguards at nearby Kingscliff began their day.

Ty McCartney and Cody Bell had just arrived for the day and heard the radio chatter between the Tweed Duty Officer and the SOC and were tasked to the job. Within minutes, the boys were navigating a tricky 4ft shore break to launch the ski.

While Cody drove the ATV with First Aid kits, Ty arrived on scene to find the rock fisherman struggling to keep his head above water and being repeatedly washed against the rocks.

Recognising that the rescue tube he had, due to the conditions, wouldn't be appropriate, Ty was able to – with the assistance of Water Police who arrived soon after – provide the man with a life ring and used all his experience to wait for the right lull in the tide to pick him up.

Once he had secured the man on the ski, the fisherman was transferred to the Police vessel before being taken into shore for treatment.

In recognition of their quick action, Cody and Ty have been recognised with the Surf Life Saving NSW Rescue of the Month award for May 2022.

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Joel Wiseman
Director of Lifesaving
Surf Life Saving NSW

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