

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

NOVEMBER 2024

Club/Service: Queenscliff SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Matt Aberline, Peter Derrin

At around 6.30pm on Sunday 3 November, members of Queenscliff SLSC were attending a private function at the surf club when two attendees – Matt Aberline and Peter Derrin – observed a pair of swimmers come into trouble by the pool at the northern end of the beach.

Flags had been down for several hours at this time and light was fading. The two swimmers were clearly caught in a rip current and at the time of being spotted were some 50 metres from shore and being sucked further out to sea.

Matt and Peter ran downstairs where one grabbed a rescue board and the other a rescue tube and they made their way out to the two struggling swimmers.

The pair are regular Water Safety providers to the club's Nipper program and were well versed in managing the conditions at their local beach.

Arriving just in time, with one of the men beginning to become submerged underwater, Matt and Peter assisted the swimmers in returning to shore safely, where fellow Queenscliff club members met them to assist with triage.



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