

# RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



## SEPTEMBER 2024

**Club/Service:** South Curl Curl

**Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved:** Robert Lowery, Angus Campbell

At around 8.45am on Sunday 15 September 2024, a routine surf boat training session went awry at North Curl Curl beach when a crew was overthrown from their vessel by a rogue wave around 400m offshore.

The boat was shunted into shore by the oncoming set while the four rowers and the boat's sweep were left stranded in the big surf.

With tricky conditions denoted by three metre waves and limited visibility between sets, an IRB which was on standby in the wave zone – crewed by Robert Lowery and Angus Campbell.

Without hesitation, the pair braved the treacherous surf and immediately acted to ferry each of the stranded people back to shore.

Thanks to the excellent judgement and skills of the IRB crew – testament to the prior training made available to them as well as the safety pre-checks made on-the-spot to ensure the rescue would be pulled off with as little risk as possible, the incident was quickly nullified and all members returned to shore safely.



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