

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SEPTEMBER 2022



Club: LNC RWC Team / Pacific Palms SLSC Callout Team

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Jeanette Allen, Jerrad Allen, Michelle Ellis, Barry Jones

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6 September 2022, Jerrad and Jeanette Allen, Michelle Ellis and Barry Jones of the Pacific Palms SLSC Call Out Team were tasked to a report of multiple men in distress off the rocks at Booti Booti National Park.

The two men, aged 22 and 20, were part of a group of four who had travelled north from Maitland before being swept off the rocks at 3.30pm in what was described as 3 to 3.5 metre surf.

Lower North Coast Support Ski 3 launched from Pacific Palms SLSC and navigated the tricky conditions to retrieve the two men, who were found floating on an esky.

Both men were in very poor condition, suffering from hypothermia, scratches and bruises and could not get themselves onto the ski so Jeanette

single-handedly pulled both onto the sled and returned them back to waiting paramedics at Elizabeth Beach.

The Inflatable Rescue Boat was launched to conduct a welfare check on two remaining men on the rocks at Charlotte Head, but no further action was required and the vessel returned to shore.

While the rescue was successful, it's a sage reminder that the proper safety equipment can ultimately save lives and to check conditions before participating in activities like rock fishing.

At the time, a Bureau of Meteorology warning was in place for hazardous surf, making the rescue all the more impressive.

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 'George Shales'.

George Shales OAM
President
Surf Life Saving NSW