

# RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



## SEPTEMBER 2020

**Club: Umina SLSC**

**Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Lachlan Muldrock**

On the 29th September 2020, 11 year old Nipper Lachlan Muldrock was enjoying an early morning surf at Umina Beach with his father and uncle, when he noticed two boys 150m off shore, caught in a rip. One boy was about his own age, and the other boy, approximately 9 years old.

Lachlan immediately paddled his nipper board out to the 9 year old who was furthest out and looked in real trouble, "climbing the ladder" and starting to go under. Lachlan's uncle got to the older boy who was closer to shore.

Lachlan reassured the boy and gave him instructions as to how to climb on his nipper board, and assisting him on. The boy had very little water skills and it took a few attempts from Lachlan to get him securely on his board.

Lachlan then navigated the boy into shore through very heavy and tricky conditions, managing to keep the boy on his board and paddle in between the sets, safely returning the child to shore. Lachlan's uncle was able to do assist the other child using his surfboard.

The two boys were pale and very shaken when reunited with their parents.

Without the awareness and skills of this amazing young Nipper, one families holiday may have had a different outcome.



A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Joel Wiseman'.

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

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**George Shales**  
President  
Surf Life Saving NSW