

RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES



FEBRUARY 2021

Club: Shelly Beach SLSC, members Toowoon Bay SLSC, Central Coast Council Lifeguards

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Maoiu La Gavia, Angel La Gavia, Jazzmyn Fillingham, Huxely Luntungan, Riley Wait, Aston Walters, Jeremie Camgrand, Keaton Watts, Christain Wait, Chris Fillingham, Julie-Ann Fillingham, Rob Coote, Saxon Lumsden, Wade Clemens

At approximately 5.45pm on 22 February 2021 at Toowoon Bay Beach, a local kite boarder spotted a group of swimmers in a large rip over 400m out to sea.

Two young members of Shelly Beach SLSC who were in the water were notified. Maoiu and Angel La Gavia immediately headed out to the 3 swimmers to assist, a paddle of over 500m in very large surf and rips. Maoiu assessed that the swimmers needed more assistance and sent Angel for more help. Maoiu stayed with the swimmers and reassured them until help arrived.

Julie-Ann and Chris Fillingham instructed members of the Shelly Beach Senior Training Group to head out and provide assistance. Jazzmyn Fillingham, Huxely Luntungan, Riley Wait, Aston Walters and Jeremie Camgrand without hesitation commenced paddling out thru large surf to the POI's.

Chris and Julie-Ann were informed that the original group of 4 had been separated and another POI was still missing. A call to 000 to engage further rescue services was made.

Chris and Julie-ann then procured more rescue resources and requested 2 off Duty Lifeguards to provide assistance. The missing swimmer was located via binoculars, approx 400m north and Keaton Watts and Christain Wait commenced paddling out. The ski was launched and went to the aid of the single swimmer.

The Shelly Beach SLS Members Jazzmyn, Huxely, Riley, Aston, Maoiu and Jeremie paddled all 3 patients back through large surf and rips to the get them back to the safety of the beach and placed all POI's in the hands of Ambulance for medical assessment and treatment.

All POI's were transported to local Hospital.

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

Joel Wiseman
Director of Lifesaving
Surf Life Saving NSW

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'George Shales'.

George Shales
President
Surf Life Saving NSW