

DECEMBER 2013: SOUTH BRIGHTON SLSC



SOUTHERN WINNER



# RESCUE OF THE MONTH

## RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

**Date/time:** Saturday 7 December 2013 at 3.45pm  
**Location:** South Brighton Beach  
**Lifeguards involved:** Brad Wilson, John Creighton, Rochelle Creighton, Sol Somerville, Millie Johnston, Ben Keys, Quinn McNaughtan and Rohan McNaughtan

*In it for life*

Tragedy was averted thanks to the lifeguards at South Brighton Beach one late afternoon in December.

At 3.45pm on December 7, lifeguards were alerted to a group of five girls who looked to be in trouble in an area between the flags.

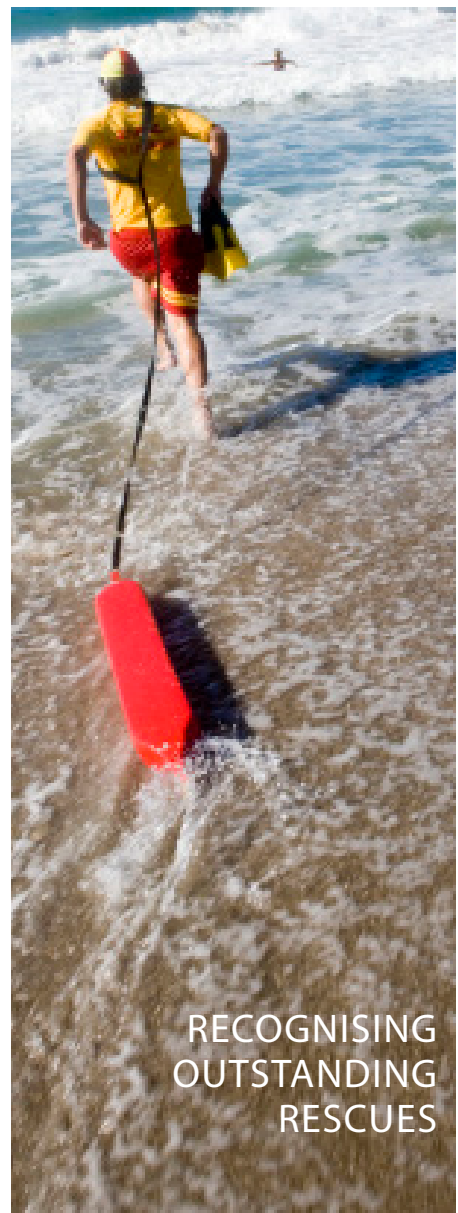
Conditions that day were rough with a strong, southerly drift feeding into a rip.

Brad Wilson, a former national surf swim champion was the first lifeguard off the beach. When he reached the scene, he realised that the five girls were in a distressed state and unable to return to shore themselves so he signalled for more help.

The next two lifeguards to assist were former national surf ski champion John Creighton and former national Surf Life Saving Iron Woman champion Rochelle Creighton, closely followed by junior lifeguards Sol Somerville and Millie Johnston.

The five girls were in a very distressed state when the lifeguards reached them. They were taken back to shore and monitored for shock and excessive water intake by more former national surf lifesaving champions Ben Keys, Quinn McNaughtan, and Rohan McNaughtan.

The girls, who went out beyond their capabilities and got caught in a strong southerly drift, were extremely lucky. With the conditions on the day, the lifeguards prevented certain multiple fatalities.



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