

FEBRUARY 2015: RIVERSDALE SLSC



RESCUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

CENTRAL WINNER

In it for life

Date: February 21, 2015
Location: Riversdale Beach
Lifeguards involved: Mike Taylor

On February 21, the Riversdale Surf Life Saving Club was advised of a fisherman who had been bitten by a shark out on the water.

Volunteer lifeguard Mike Taylor was advised to meet the boat at the launching bay as it returned to shore.

When the boat arrived, Mike found the patient had been bitten by a grey shark while fishing. He had multiple superficial wounds down the outside right calf along with several deeper cuts.

Mike rinsed and cleaned the wound with saline, covered it with betadine and wrapped it in several non-stick bandages which were taped in place and covered with a compression bandage. He was then advised to go to hospital for a full check-up.

Incidents such as this one help highlight that the skills developed in surf lifesaving have many applications; not just with drowning prevention.