

WINTER 2015: TAYLORS MISTAKE SLSC



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND



RESCUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

SOUTHERN WINNER

In it for life

Date: 11 October 2015

Location: Taylors Mistake

Lifeguards involved: Mike Smith plus 21 lifeguards on the PC course

A training scenario quickly became a real life situation during a Senior Lifeguard Patrol Captain's course at Taylor's Mistake on October 11.

A member of the public alerted them that a fisherman had fallen about 5-10m from a track to the rocks below. He was suffering from numbness in his legs, dizzy spells and radiating pain. He was in need of immediate help.

Many of the lifeguards taking part in the training weren't familiar with the club or beach, but they quickly readied two IRBs and assisted St John, Police, the fire service and rescue helicopter in stabilising and transporting the patient.

The patient was in a dangerous, and almost inaccessible, location so the IRB crews transported members of the fire crew, along with their first aid gear, to the site.

They helped secure the patient in a stretcher and moved him into position for evacuation by the rescue helicopter.

All lifeguards demonstrated their training and experience during the rescue and the course facilitator took leadership; facilitating the course candidates according to their skills.

Patient retrieval would have been far more complicated and dangerous for the other rescue services if it wasn't for the lifeguards on site that day.