

DECEMBER 2015: HAWKES BAY REGIONAL GUARDS



SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW ZEALAND



# RESCUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

CENTRAL WINNER

*In it for life*

**Date: 25 December 2015**

**Location: Ocean Beach, Hastings**

**Lifeguards involved: Andrew Callinicos, John Callinicos, Emily Mackie, Jaspar Marra and Ben Doggett**

On Christmas Day, a toddler was discovered in the lagoon, 450m south west of the patrol location. Members of the public had found the child in the water, unconscious and not breathing.

Regional Lifeguards Andrew Callinicos and John Callinicos responded with a defibrillator and, upon arrive at the scene; Andrew took over CPR from a member of the public while John set up the equipment.

Andrew, along with members of the public who were trained health professionals, carried out rotations of CPR for 30 minutes before the fire service arrived and joined the rotations.

Meanwhile, John and Ben Doggett were making sure the large gathering crowd were kept back from the scene. Emily Mackie and Jaspar Marra continued to maintain the patrolled area where there was around 80 swimmers.

The lifeguards coordinated with the fire service and an off-duty police officer to establish a landing zone for the rescue helicopter, who then took over from Andrew.

Andrew's Level 3 first aid training was invaluable in this incident. While it was an unsuccessful outcome, the lifeguards were able to give the child every possible chance to survive.

They took charge of the situation and were able to coordinate multiple resources with a good chain of command to provide the necessary support.