

DECEMBER 2015: TAYLORS MISTAKE SLSC



SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW ZEALAND



# RESCUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

SOUTHERN WINNER

*In it for life*

**Date: 21 December 2015**

**Location: Taylors Mistake**

**Lifeguards involved: Tisha Bradley, Craig Jamieson, Patrice De Beer, Georgia Stroud, William Jamieson and Lucy Stroud**

Following a club training session on December 21, a group of off-duty lifeguards, rookies, juniors and parents were having dinner at around 8pm on the front deck of the club house when they noticed five females being taken out in a regular rip zone.

The lifeguards and juniors quickly entered the water with rescue tubes to secure all five patients. A further two rescue boards were utilised and some nearby surfers assisted, bringing them all back to shore.

The girls were in significant trouble and, without intervention, would have been at great risk of a fatality.

Only half an hour later, four young males entered the same rip.

The same crew of lifeguards entered the water at speed with their fins to quickly secure the patients in rescue tubes and swim them out to the side of the rip. More lifeguards brought two rescue boards to help manage the patients and prevent them from struggling.

Both groups of swimmers were extremely lucky that the lifeguards stayed on at the club after their training that night.

Some of the rescuers were young junior surf members who had the ability to manage this rescue due to their tube rescue training alongside their local knowledge of the beach and currents.

It's entirely likely that multiple fatalities were prevented that day.