



JANUARY 2016: TAYLORS MISTAKE



SOUTHERN WINNER



RESCUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

In it for life

Date: 1 January 2016

Location: Taylors Mistake Beach

Lifeguards involved: William Jamieson

As 12 year-old club member William Jamieson was returning from board training on the evening of January 1, his attention was grabbed by a person in trouble. A man was indicating that his partner was in struggling in the notorious Taylors’ rip.

He had used the rip for swimming and board training in the past and he was aware of its traits and deciding not to use a rescue board, he immediately grabbed a rescue tube from the gear shed and went to her assistance.

Before entering the water, he had indicted to his peers to wait on shore in case backup was required.

Once he reached the patient, he secured her in the rescue tube and she proceeded to ask if he was old enough to save her. It was in fact his twelfth birthday. He explained to rescue to the patient and continued to reassure her as he returned her to shore.

His peers, who were waiting, helped get the woman to the club where he undertook a patient assessment and filled out an incident report form.

If it wasn’t for William’s quick actions that day, the outcome could have been much worse for the female patient.