

FEBRUARY 2016: TAYLORS MISTAKE SLSC



SOUTHERN WINNER



RESCUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES

In it for life

Date: 27 February 2016

Location: Taylors Mistake Beach

Lifeguards involved: Tisha Bradley-Jamieson, Chris Rossiter, Whitney Coers, Steffan John, Richard Harcourt, Sarah Cook, Malcolm McClurg, Megan Rossiter and Graham Marshall

Club captain Tisha Bradley-Jamieson was based on flag duty on February 27 when she observed a large group of people, who had been drinking, enter the rip at the eastern end of the beach.

Knowing the conditions and potential for danger, she indicated for a replacement and moved towards the rip. Three swimmers were quickly swept out and another nine people became caught in the outward movement. By the time Tisha made it out, all three were struggling

Tisha secured the two most at risk with a rescue tube and went to help the next patient who was underwater. Tisha held her up until 12 year-old William Jamieson swam out with another rescue tube to assist.

Off-duty Sumner lifeguard Walt Robbards was out surfing at the time and used his board to assist, along with another off-duty lifeguard.

An IRB had been launched and it came around to pick up another five patients while others made it back to shore with the assistance of lifeguards.

Lifeguard (and fire fighter) Sarah Cook assisted Tisha with treating the patients. Three were in distress and required oxygen and were transported to hospital for possible secondary drowning. Another patient was kept overnight.

The remaining lifeguards managed the beach and assisted the two arriving ambulances. Rookie lifeguard Megan Rossiter completed the paperwork while Surf Coach Graham Marshall joined in to help keep the environment safe due to the number of guards involved. Roz Rossiter, a parent, comforted everyone and got water to the lifeguards and Junior Surf member Sam went about feeding the lifeguards as nobody had stopped to eat.

The lifeguards worked together making use of all available equipment and utilising their individual skills.

The patients contacted the club afterwards to thank them for saving their lives that day.