

**MARCH 2016: ST CLAIR SLSC**



**SURF LIFE SAVING**  
NEW ZEALAND



# **RESCUE OF THE MONTH**

## **RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES**

**SOUTHERN WINNER**

*In it for life*

**Date: 12 March 2016**

**Location: St Clair Beach**

**Lifeguards involved: Rob Creasy and Brent Matehaere**

Two members of the public were out surfing at St Clair on March 12 when one of them dislocated their shoulder and was unable to return to shore.

Lifeguards Brent Matehaere and Rob Creasy were at the club for training and spotted the surfer. They immediately set up the IRB, ready to perform a rescue.

Because of the high tide and strong surf conditions, the IRB had to be carried over a rock bed approximately five metres long in order to be launched.

The large surf made it difficult to return to the beach and, once picked up, the patient had to be driven in the IRB to St Kilda where he was transferred to hospital.

If it wasn't for Brent and Rob being on site that day, the surfer would have struggled in the surf with their injury and also had trouble returning to shore at St Clair.