

**APRIL 2016: HOT WATER BEACH**



**SURF LIFE SAVING**  
NEW ZEALAND



# **RESCUE OF THE MONTH**

## **RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING RESCUES**

**EASTERN WINNER**

*In it for life*

**Date: 19 April, 2016**

**Location: South end, Hot Water Beach**

**Lifeguards involved: Jay Piper-Hearlion, Ben Smith (Rookie), Sean Smith (junior Surf member), Nick Mulcahy and Meagan Lowe**

Three boys were out surfing in 1-1.5m surf at the southern end of Hot Water Beach on April 19 when they heard people yelling and screaming for help.

They found three patients who had got themselves into the main rip and they headed over to help them.

They managed to get two of the patients on to their boards and assisted the third to the sandbar towards the side of the rip.

With the two patients on their boards, they made their way through the surf and back to the beach where off-duty lifeguards Nick Mulcahy and Meagan Lowe took over.

They assessed them and decided to call for an ambulance as their conditions were starting to deteriorate. While waiting around 30 minutes for the ambulance, they talked to the patients, continued to monitor them and keep them warm.

One of the patients commented that if it hadn't of been for those three boys and the lifeguards' intervention, they would have likely drowned that day.