

Club/Service Rescue of the Month Nomination Form

**SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES**



Please complete this nomination form for the Rescue of the Month Award and forward to your **Branch** by the closing date.

To enter, please complete the following overview of the incident and then provide specific details in the five key criteria sections.

Name of Club / Service:	Clovelly Surf Lifesaving Club		
Date of Incident:	7 January 2017	Time of Incident:	1.55pm
Full name of all Lifesaver(s) / Lifeguard(s) Involved:	Patrol 4		
Location of Incident:	Tom Caddy Steps Clovelly (South promenade in front of the lifeguard tower)		
Incident Number in SurfGuard:	#L170116102		

Overview of the incident / rescue (Limit 500 words):

At approximately 1.55pm on the 7 January 2017 a member of the public alerted Patrol Captain Marty La Nauze that a swimmer was in trouble near the Tom Caddy Steps (South Promenade in front of the lifeguard tower). He immediately dispatched a team to the area to assist.

The patient was submerged and George Gordon and Habib Alfassi, members of the public had managed to get the patient to the surface.

First into the water to assist with tubes was "Twiz" (Council Lifeguard) and Bryce Wilde (BM). The pair managed to get the patient to the steps where Andrew Goodieson (SM) assisted by Stewart Wells took the patient up the stairs feet first (to apply downward drainage).

The patient was not breathing and had been submerged for approximately 2 minutes.

As the patient was placed on the concrete by Andrew and Stewart, "Twiz" commenced compressions. Andrew took the head and Bryce was positioned opposite "Twiz", and Stewart provided assistance and direction where required.

As the team got into position, Sarah Stovin-Bradford appeared with the defibrillator (from the red box in front of the hall) and gave it to Bryce who immediately began applying it to the patient. At the same time Nancy Mikhail had retrieved the oxyviva from the patrol room and placed it next to Andrew who immediately applied the the mask, bag and oxygen to the patient while compressions continued.

At approximately 2pm while the defibrillator was analyzing the patient, he showed signs of breathing on his own. He continued to drift in and out of consciousness. When conscious he thrashed around quite frantically. Manfred Fienkle and Stewart placed towels around his head and body to protect him from hurting himself on the concrete.

Nancy contacted Marty to provide an update (a couple of the transmissions on the new Hytera digital radio failed to reach him as they were "playing up"). Both Marty and Fiona (Council Lifeguard) contacted SurfCom. Fiona's call was answered first by SurfCom and an ambulance was dispatched. All the while the team and "Twiz" continued to attend to the patient.

George & Andrew from Randwick Branch (Duty Officers) arrived and helped clear the area above the promenade from all the onlookers while Gordon Manuel (Club Captain) and Nancy provided crowd control and privacy by holding up a large blanket. The team continued to provide support to the patient by reassuring him and administering oxygen.

Ross Edward, Michael Basking and Cameron Dymond helped clear the area and searched for any friends and family.

They met the Paramedics on arrival at 2.10pm and guided them to the incident location, as well as assisting them bring the gurney down the access ramp to the promenade.

On their arrival the patient was again non responsive, they (Paramedics) administered a shot of adrenaline which revived the patient. He was in shock and disorientated. The Paramedics, Lifeguard and Patrol Members were able to calm him down and transferred him from the ground to the gurney. As the patient was leaving the beach he mentioned he needed his bag, no additional information was received with regards to color, size or location.

Marty dispatched a patrol to the Northern Promenade to search for friends or family, while Manfred retrieved a bullhorn and called out on the Southern Promenade to see if friends or family could be located.

The patient appeared to have been in the water on his own, as no friends or relatives came forward.

The patient was transported to Prince of Wales Hospital at approximately 2.19pm.

The remaining Patrol Team, Michael Finlay, Fearghus Newton & Tim Mckidd were stationed at the Patrol tent tasked with surveillance over the rest of the bay, while the rescue was in progress.

Gordon Manuel who had contacted Roslyn Manuel (Assistant Club Captain) took over the Patrol while the team were debriefed in the hall by George & Andrew.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS IN BRIEF BULLET POINT FORMAT:

Section 1	APPLICATION OF SKILLS AND RESOURCE UTILISATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Were the skills used correctly and appropriately as per SOP's?</i> • <i>Did the rescue / incident require advanced technical skills?</i> • <i>Was there optimal use of skills within the available personnel?</i> • <i>Was the correct equipment utilised appropriately?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient was brought up the stairs feet first to provide downward drainage, a skill used at Clovelly in rescues. Rescue did require advance techniques, and the team was appropriately skilled. the knowledge and quick thinking of the Patrol, together with the availability of the equipment on hand saved the patients life. 		
Section 2	ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Was the incident around rocks, cliffs, or other precarious situations?</i> • <i>What was the size of the surf, temperature, time, visibility, weather, and other environmental conditions at land or sea?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The incident happened in the bay at Clovelly,/ The difficulties in rescues at Clovelly is getting the patient out of deep water and up the stairs. This is applicable exclusively to Clovelly and it something that the Trainers at Clovelly teach their Bronzes. The patrol followed all skills taught to them. 		
Section 3	PROCEDURES FOLLOWED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Was the safety of the rescuers involved appropriately assessed?</i> • <i>Was there appropriate leadership, chain of command, good scene management, paperwork completed, follow-ups etc?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rescuers safety was always taken into consideration, the chain of command was well managed, and the team continuously reported back to their Patrol Captain with updates. 		
Section 4	POTENTIAL OUTCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Would the outcome have been the same if the rescuers hadn't intervened?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient would not have survived if trained lifesavers and lifeguards had not been on the scene. The members of the public, could not get the patient out of the water. 		
Section 5	MEDIA CAPTURE/ COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Were opportunities maximised in terms of media exposure? If yes, please attach article or give a brief overview of media exposure.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no media exposure in this instance 		

Checklist – Have you?

Completed the nomination form correctly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that all nominees are proficient and members on SurfGuard?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attached Incident Log or reference incident number in SurfGuard?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attached any/all related media clippings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Forwarded to your Branch by the due date?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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By supplying and completing the above information and forwarding to your Branch, you agree that all information provided is accurate and true and that you have club/service authorisation to submit. You also agree with the terms and conditions of the related SLSNSW Rescue of the Month Program (2015/16) Memorandum and its requirements.

