

blue, black and white painting of a goddess sitting cross-legged and holding a gun to her head.

"It's a blue Tara, the goddess of hope, and she is blowing her brains out."

Mr Raby first arrived in China in the mid-1980s as the People's Republic was beginning to open to the West. He and other diplomats started to mix with local artists and discovered that their work

Australia in March next year and then travel to the state

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Yully taught to paint at Kerobokan Prison.

was responding to the rapid changes happening in China.

When he returned to China in 2007 as ambassador, Mr Raby continued his art buying with a larger chequebook.

His collection includes red elongated sculptural figures by

Chen Wenling and a dramatic photo by Chen Man of a young woman on a bicycle pedalling past the Forbidden City with a designer handbag.

It includes works by Chinese-Australian artist Guo Jian, a promoter in the Tiananmen Square

tragedy of June 1989, whose artworks inspired by the massacre led to his expulsion from China.

The catalogue was inspired by an American art expert who declared the collection reflected Mr Raby's character.

"I had never thought a collec-

Last-gasp effort saves woman from death



JENNY EVANS/GETTY IMAGES

'Suzy' caught in dangerous waves, left, before being taken to shore by Anthony Carroll and helped back onshore

ELIAS VISONTAY

Photos of a woman being rescued moments from drowning at a beach in Sydney's east have captured her "extremely lucky" escape from death.

The series of pictures show the woman being crushed by dangerous waves at Bronte, as she threw her hands in the air in between waves in an attempt to alert on-lookers for help.

"I reckon she had one breath left in her before she was gone," said Andrew Reid, one of the

three surf lifesavers involved. The woman, a Sydney'sider her rescuers identified only as "Suzy", had been swimming in hazardous conditions before lifeguards began their shift at 7am.

Mr Reid told *The Australian* he noticed the woman struggling minutes after he arrived at the beach about 6:55am.

He had been looking out at the conditions with a colleague, Troy Stewart, to plan how the beach would be set up for the day when they noticed the swimmer in a "precarious" position.

The pair immediately ran to

the water and began swimming to her, dodging rocks in the process where she appeared to have been sucked out from the beach's "Bogey Hole" rock pool — an area Mr Reid said was "normally the safest part of the beach".

Mr Stewart reached her first, pulling her to safety from where she had sunk below the surface.

A third lifeguard, Anthony Carroll of *Bondi Rescue* television fame, then swam out to her with a paddle board which he used to bring the woman back to shore.

The woman was heard saying "Thank you so much" as she was

carried up the beach for further medical attention.

"She was extremely grateful to the lifeguards," Mr Reid said.

She was taken to hospital because of possible salt water remaining in her lungs, which can cause sufferers to drown in their sleep if not properly cleared.

The Bureau of Meteorology described swell conditions along the Sydney coastline yesterday as "hazardous".

"Wave heights were at their peak during the morning at 4m," a Bureau of Meteorology spokesman said.

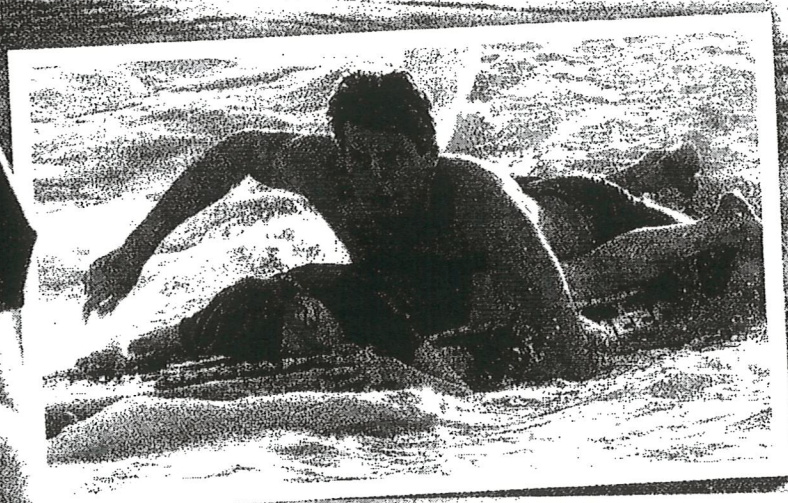
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Woman 'taking last breath'

**DERRICK
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THIS is the dramatic moment a woman was saved from drowning in a raging surf after being sucked out by a rip at Bronte Beach early yesterday.

One of the 34-year-old local woman's rescuers said "she was taking her last breath and going under" when she was pulled out of serious trouble at the Bogey Hole, a popular but treacherous rock pool.

She was already struggling in the 4.5m swell when Waverley Council lifeguard and Bondi Rescue star Andrew Reid clocked on at 7am.

Personal trainer Troy Stewart ran over from a class he was taking and yelled out, "Reidy, someone's out the back of the Bogey Hole".

Startling pictures taken by photographer Jenny Evans show the woman disappearing under the water with only one arm visible waving for help.

Racing into the breakers, Mr Stewart, a champion swimmer who has competed as an ironman, reached the distraught swimmer first, holding her up until lifeguards

Wally Eggleton and Anthony Carroll arrived. With the help of a rescue board they brought her to shore and Mr Reid plucked her out of the ocean.

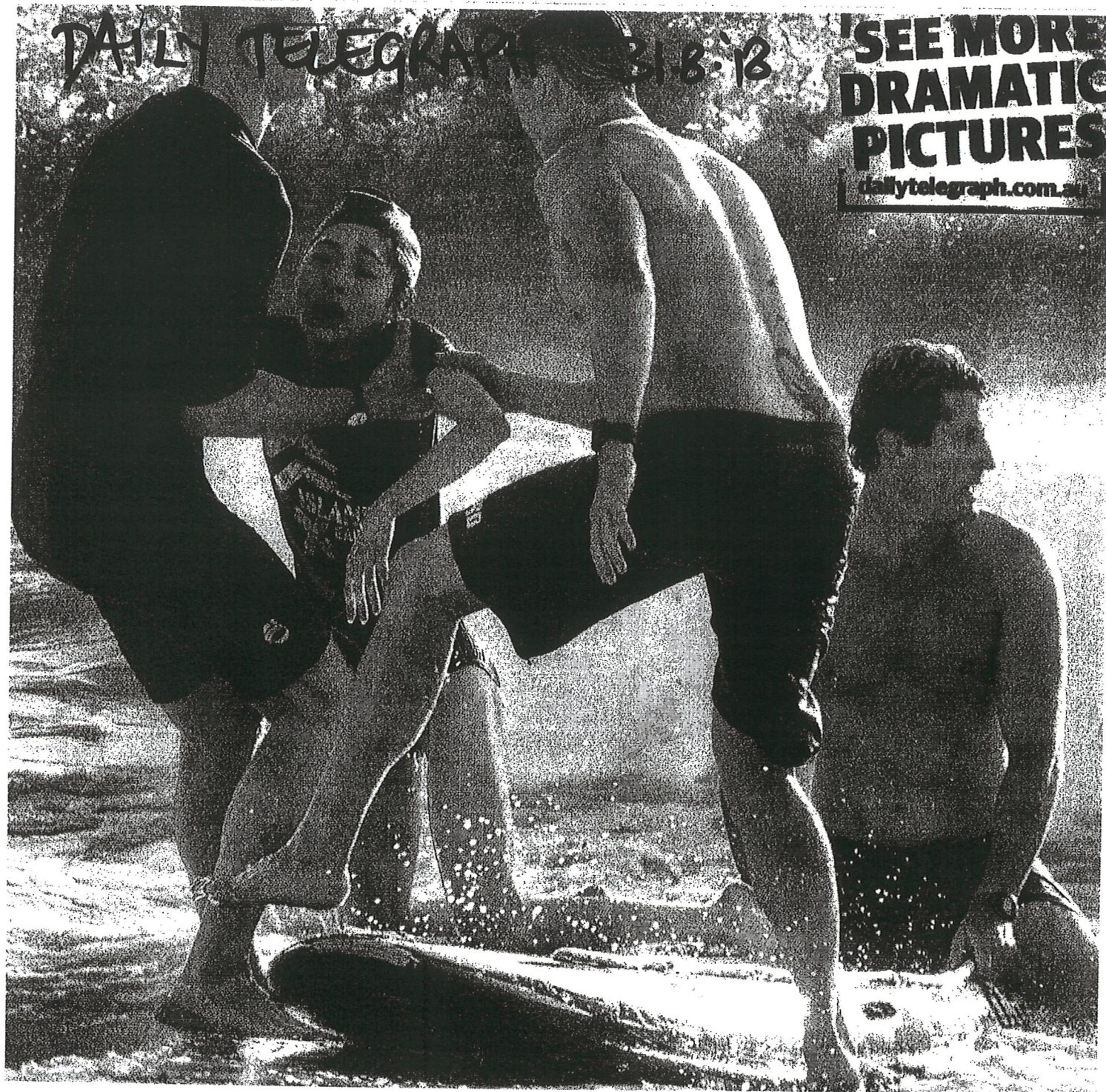
"I reckon she was taking her last breath and going under — she is so lucky," Mr Reid told 2GB.

"The boys in the water got to her just in the nick of time.

"It's a credit to Troy, Wally and Anthony because they really put their lives on the line today.

"She was cold, vomiting water and really not well.

"I saw her get hit by three to five 15ft waves — she got smashed. I was worried we would lose her."



As lifeguards race to save her from churning surf

The woman, who suffered a heart attack, was taken by ambulance to Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, and was later discharged.

Observers said Mr Stewart's "pivotal" actions almost certainly saved her life.

Mr Stewart told The Daily Telegraph: "It's not usually so dangerous but when there are waves and water is rushing out, you get a flash rip in the Bogey Hole ... and suddenly it's a danger-lance to be.

Whatever is in there gets washed out. I don't blame her for being deceived."

The official beach season does not open until Septem-

ber 29 but because of their popularity Bronte and Bondi beaches are patrolled all year.

Volunteer surf lifesavers made 4300 rescues statewide last season when there were 39 drownings — up from 31 in 2016-17 but fewer than the record of 53 in 2015-16.

Surf Life Saving NSW chief executive Steve Pearce said yesterday: "Most beaches aren't patrolled until the end of September and it's so easy to get into trouble, even if you're an experienced swimmer or a regular.

"Getting caught in a rip can happen to anyone and can have disastrous consequences. Surf conditions are

pretty powerful at the moment. It's not worth the risk. Swim only at a patrolled beach, between the red and yellow flags."

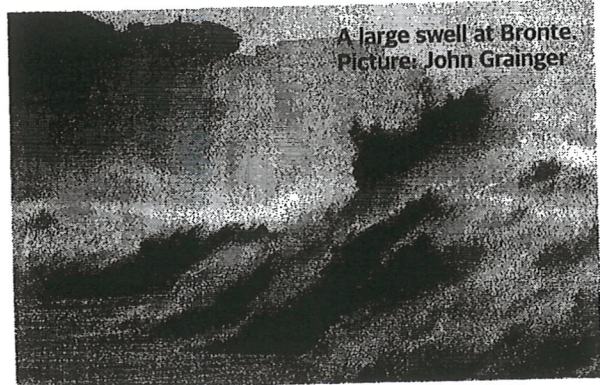
Mr Reid later said it was important for swimmers to never enter the surf in rough conditions and when life-

guards were not on duty. "As lifeguards, we, like her, love the ocean," he said.

"But you've also got to look at the conditions every day and know that the ocean can sometimes win. Sometimes the ocean is that little bit stronger than you. If there are flags, no swim — that's the golden rule."

Of the 10 people who have drowned at Bondi over the past 10 years, three were Chinese background, one Vietnamese, one Japanese, one Latvian, one Indian, one Norwegian, one international tourist, one Australian and one of unknown origin.

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A large swell at Bronte.
Picture: John Grainger