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1. CLUB/SERVICE *

Cronulla

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3. DATE OF INCIDENT *

22nd September 2022

4. TIME OF INCIDENT *

1300 hrs

5. NAME/S OF LIFESAVERS(S)/LIFEGUARD(S) INVOLVED IN RESCUE (check that all nominees are proficient and members on SurfGuard) *

Melissa Halpin

6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT *

Phuket Thailand

7. SURFGUARD INCIDENT NUMBER (if available). *Please note all rescues should be recorded either during or after hours*

N/A

8. NOMINATING PERSON NAME *

Chris Barber

9. NOMINATING PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS *

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10. NOMINATING PERSON CONTACT NUMBER *

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11. NOMINATING PERSON CLUB/ORGANISATION *

Chris Barber

12. OVERVIEW OF THE INCIDENT *

Once a Lifesaver, always rescue ready.

Now this is a great news story. Last week, club member Melissa Halpin was on holiday in Thailand at Karon beach staying at the Centara Grand Hotel and saved 2 people's lives after rescuing them from the water on two separate occasions.

Being a trained Lifesaver, you will probably save someone's life too.

1st rescue

Melissa was sitting poolside watching the surf which was very choppy and a rip. Melissa had just finished 1 hour of laps (as you do on holidays). Melissa was chatting and noticed 3 guests in the rip and one looked like she was drowning.

Without hesitation, Melissa ran out into the surf and swam about 150 metres to grab hold of a female who was struggling to stay above the water. Melissa managed to get hold of her arm and give her instructions to follow her out of the rip

The girl would have drowned if not for Melissa's actions.

2nd rescue

A day or two later, Melissa had been watching all swimmers every day after the first rescue. Melissa was sitting poolside when Melissa heard a man calling out for help. Melissa ran into the surf where there was a strong rip and saw a female further out approximately 100 metres from shore who was drowning.

The man was telling Melissa that the female could swim well. Melissa struggled with only 4 hours sleep after a fun night on holidays, Melissa got hold of the female who was vomiting and trying to stay above water. Melissa managed to bring her close to shore by holding her in a recovery grip under her shoulders. Melissa and her friend carried the girl to shore. Both the female and male were very grateful for Melissa's heroic action. The female was taken to see a doctor however Melissa was ready to perform CPR. The hotel was made aware of Melissa's actions and provided a lovely thank you card and complimentary champagne.

Lesson learnt for everyone and Melissa in the 2nd rescue did get a boogie board to assist with her rescue. Always where possible use rescue equipment. Congratulations and well-done Melissa

13. SKILL & RESOURCES APPLICATION (40%) (please use brief bullet point format)

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- Was the equipment chosen best for the conditions and skill level of the personnel? YES, SECOND RESCUE A BOOGIE BOARD WAS OBTAINED AS THE HOTEL DIDN'T HAVE A RESCUE BOARD AVAILABLE

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14. PROCEDURES FOLLOWED (30%) (please use brief bullet point format)

- Were SOP's followed?
- Was the safety of the rescuers involved appropriately assessed?
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15. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (15%) (please use brief bullet point format)

- Was the incident around rocks, cliffs, or other precarious situations?
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16. MEDIA CAPTURE/COMMUNICATION (5%) (please use brief bullet point format)

- Were opportunities maximised in terms of media exposure? Please give a brief overview of media exposure. Any additional articles or media releases can be emailed to ROTMNOMINATION@surflifesaving.com.au or please paste url in box below *

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