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Respondent

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Anonymous

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1. CLUB/SERVICE *

Cronulla

2. BRANCH *

Sydney

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3. DATE OF INCIDENT *

6 march

4. TIME OF INCIDENT *

7:15pm

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

Brandon Leelong

6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT *

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

8. NOMINATING PERSON NAME *

9. NOMINATING PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS *

10. NOMINATING PERSON CONTACT NUMBER *

11. NOMINATING PERSON CLUB/ORGANISATION *

12. OVERVIEW OF THE INCIDENT *

At around 7:15pm a lady in her mids 40s went in the water on her own but outside of the rip (middle north end of the beach) she looked confident entering the water and looked like she could swim so I personally thought she would be ok.

Few minutes later she gets caught in the rip and within seconds dragged about 70 mts out to sea.

While members of the public started to seek help, One of ours newest patrolling Members Brandon Leelong picked up the club Rescue board he had left on the sand and paddled out .

Brandon was not just able to get to the patient on time. He was also the first one to notice the lady had been taken further out to sea. He also paddle back and caught a wave in with the lady that at the time looked to be not responsive.

Club member George Ordenes assisted the the lady from the board who was in shock and exhausted.

The lady said that had not swallowed water and that she felt perfectly fine.

If Brandon hadn't spotted the lady in distress and had not gone to her rescue. Due to the late hours of the day, Surf conditions and conditions of the patient, there is no doubt that it would have been hard to back out back to shore by herself and would have required after hour emergency services.

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

- Were the skills used correctly and appropriately as per SOP's?
- Did the rescue/incident require advanced technical skills?
- Was the equipment chosen best for the conditions and skill level of the personnel?
- Was there optimal use of skills within the available personnel? *

- branden identified that a lady would need assistance before the incident escalated
- branden used a rescue board appropriate for the rescue

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

- Were SOP's followed?
- Was the safety of the rescuers involved appropriately assessed?
- Was there appropriate leadership, chain of command, good scene mgmt, paperwork, follow-ups, etc?
- Was the equipment utilised appropriately? *

- this was an after hours rescue and was performed
- the appropriate club equipment was utilised (a rescue board) for the incident.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (15%) (please use brief bullet point format)

- Was the incident around rocks, cliffs, or other precarious situations?
- What was the size of the surf, temperature, time, visibility, weather, and other environmental conditions at land or sea? *

It was a warm day temperature topped 37 degrees.
there was a very strong rip on the southern end of the beach.
Council Lifeguards had performed several rescues during the day, and in the afternoon they were often making Public announcements aware of the dangerous Rip.
When flags came down. Lifeguards were concerned so sounded the alarm and managed to get everyone out of the water.
About 30min later new people started to arrive and went back in the water.

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 *

There was no media opportunities.