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1. CLUB/SERVICE \*

burning palms

2. BRANCH \*

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- ☐ Sydney Northern Beaches
- ☒ Sydney
- ☐ Illawarra
- ☐ South Coast
- ☐ Far South Coast

3. DATE OF INCIDENT \*

25/12/2023

4. TIME OF INCIDENT \*

3.40pm

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

Klaus Dieter Liss, Kyoko Cooper, Eri Shimamoto, Eloise Cooper & Paul Cooper

## 6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT \*

Burning Palms Beach

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

## 8. NOMINATING PERSON NAME \*

Paul Cooper PC for the day

## 9. NOMINATING PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS \*

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## 10. NOMINATING PERSON CONTACT NUMBER \*

0412532863

## 11. NOMINATING PERSON CLUB/ORGANISATION \*

Burning Palms SLSC

## 12. OVERVIEW OF THE INCIDENT \*

A small group of 4 Pakistani males, at the northern edge of the flagged area, mostly still clothed, standing knee deep, one decided to have a go at swimming and was quickly swept away by the rip. Klaus armed with rescue board paddled out to patient some 30m offshore at time he made contact. A second male turned, saw his friend being dragged away, commenced to swim towards his friend then realised he too was in trouble. Eloise and Eri with tube left the beach, made contact before he had drifted 15m. In the space of no more than 30seconds, they had him under control and moving towards a sand bar to the north. By this time, Klaus and his patient who was fully clothed had been taken further out to sea and were now 90m from shore but in an area that wave action pushed towards the beach and the rip took them back out to spilling waves north of the rip Chanel. The patient, being fully clothed, repeatedly slid off the board and as his panic increased Klaus realised it would be best to signal for assistance which he did and ensure the patient maintained contact with the rescue board. Kyoko was directed to organise a group of young men who had been playing beach soccer to position the IRB at the water's edge so that when Eloise and Eri returned to shore they could use it to provide assistance to Klaus and his patient. By now the rescue had been in progress for approximately 90 secs and using the IRB the patient was loaded into the boat and returned to shore. Klaus swam back whilst this was occurring. Rescues concluded in approximately 4 minutes from beginning to end. (6 minutes if you include when Klaus made it back to shore)

## 13. SKILL &amp; 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? \*

- rescue board used as patient required support and was further out to sea;
- second patient was in an area that use of rescue tube was warranted;
- on escalation of danger to patient and rescuer, IRB launched;
- ART support was ready to provide increased level of patient support if required;
- people in vicinity of the initial rescue required group were directed from the water to avoid an escalation of the problem;
- the rescue required use of IRB a higher order rescue tool;
- people and equipment used were as per tool box session at start of patrol;
- use of board was best given the rescuer had used the rip for swimming breaks during patrol;
- patrol had multiple drivers and crew capable personnel and were used accordingly;
- strongest board paddler was used as was the strongest swimmer with tube.

## 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? \*

- SOPs followed;  
- safety of rescuers was monitored throughout as from beach PC had clear visibility of all in water and use of gear and equipment relevant to user skill sets;  
- team action throughout was unhesitatingly performed, key competencies not pushed beyond rescuer capability or proficiency, debrief was conducted post patrol;  
- all equipment was used to specification and purpose

## 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? \*

- the incident requiring use of IRB ended up in an area that the use of board to return to shore would have been challenging due to wave angle and proximity of rock ledge;  
- surf had pulsed from around 0.5m to 1.5m throughout the rescue and as had been observed throughout the patrol;  
- water temp approx 21.5C, outside temp approx 28C, visibility clear, weather clear sky by this time of the day, all in all a typical beach day

## 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](mailto:ROTMNOMINATION@surflifesaving.com.au) or please paste url in box below \*

- intra net publication of the rescue was made on club website for information for following patrols