

# RESCUE OF THE MONTH.

SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



## JUNE 2024

Club: Toowoon Bay SLSC

Lifesavers and Lifeguards involved: Stuart Mangion, Luke Mabey

At around 8am on Sunday 2 June 2024, what began as IRB training quickly turned into a real-life double rescue as members of the Toowoon Bay Surf Life Saving Club responded to two separate incidents in quick succession.

Significant 6–8-foot sets rolling into the bay made for tricky conditions, with the IRB training team having already gone to the assistance of a ski paddler who was thrown overboard by the pulsing surf, but her swimming skills allowed her to return to shore safely herself.

Driver, Stuart Mangion and crewman, Luke Mabey were called to action not 10 minutes later with a teenage surfer knocked off his board and waving for assistance. He was aided by a fellow surfer until the IRB arrived, and quickly brought back to shore.

Not long after this the surfer who had helped to keep the first rescued male afloat came into distress himself, flagging down the IRB and crew.

Exhausted by the large waves and swirling rip currents, the second surfer was grateful to be picked up and brought back to shore with his board.

The IRB training course then continued where it left off, with participants even more aware of the importance of vigilance at all times and proper training to enact a rescue when they're required.



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**Joel Wiseman**  
Director of Lifesaving  
Surf Life Saving NSW

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Peter Agnew'.

**Peter Agnew**  
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